



## BHUJ

"Ancient temples, tall hills and a deep sense of serenity"

### Bhuj Tourism

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A desert city with long history of kings and empires make Bhuj one of the most interesting and unique historical places to see.

The city has a long history of kings and empires - and hence many historic places to see. The city was left in a state of devastation after the 2001 earthquake and is still in the recovery phase. Bhuj connects you to a range of civilizations and important events in South Asian history through prehistoric archaeological finds, remnants of the Indus Valley Civilization (Harappan), places associated with the Mahabharata and Alexander the Great's march into India and tombs, palaces and other buildings from the rule of the Naga chiefs, the Jadeja Rajputs, the [Gujarat Sultans](#) and the British Raj. . The vibrant and dynamic history of the area gives the area a blend of ethnic cultures. In a walk around Bhuj, you can see the Hall of Mirrors at the Aina Mahal; climb the bell tower of the [Prag Mahal](#) next door; stroll through the produce market; have a famous [Kutchi](#) pau bhaji for lunch; examine the 2000-year-old Kshatrapa inscriptions in the Kutch Museum; admire the sculptures of Ramayana characters at the Ramakund stepwell; walk around [Hamirsar Lake](#) and watch children jumping into it from the lake walls as the hot afternoon sun subsides; and catch the sunset among the chhatardis of the Kutchi royal family in a peaceful field outside the center of town.

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### Commuting in Bhuj

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Tuk-tuks (autorickshaws) are the best way to travel within the city. Its convenient, easy and even cheaper if you know how to bargain. Charges quoted initially by the drivers might be 'exorbitant', so be sure you bargain right.

### Top 10 places to visit in Bhuj

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## 1. Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary



Less than 100 km away from Bhuj, this sanctuary is spread over an area of about 7505.22 sq. km. in the Kutch District of Gujarat. This wildlife sanctuary is considered as one of the largest seasonal saline wetland areas.

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## 2. Mandvi Beach



**Cost :** Free

Mandvi beach in Bhuj is one of those places that one must visit when on the northwestern coast of India for its beautiful, idyllic serenity.

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## 3. Aaina Mahal



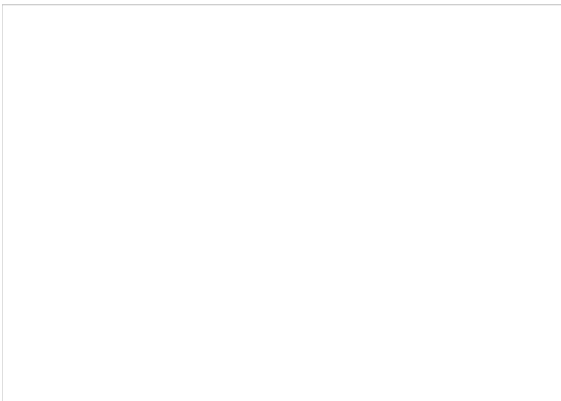
**Open Time :** 9:00am - 11:45am & 3:00pm - 5:45pm

**Cost :** INR 10/- Photography charges: INR 30/-

The Aaina Mahal palace, or 'Hall of Mirrors' was built during the flamboyant rule of Lakhpatji in the middle of the 18th century. This beautiful palace also houses a handicraft museum where the crafts from various parts of Kutch is put.

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## 4. Pirotan Island



**Open Time :** Depends on the tides, as boat services to reach here can be used only during high tides

From the total 42 islands in the Arabian sea on the eastern coast of Jamnagar, only two islands are accessible for tourists. The most famous one from these two islands is, Pirotan islands.

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## 5. City Shopping



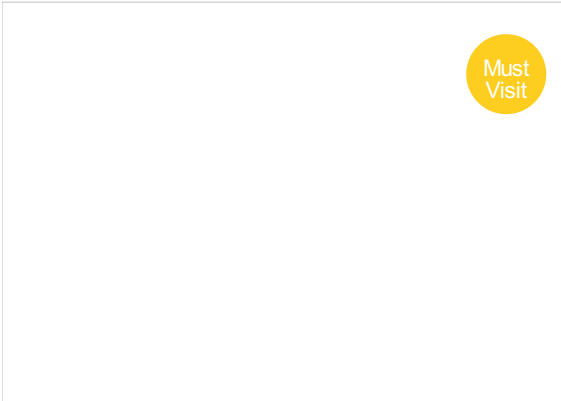
**Open Time** : 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Bhuj is famous for handicrafts, silver jeweler, metal bells and traditional handmade items.

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## 6. Shri Swaminarayan Temple



**Open Time** : 9 am to 3 pm

**Cost** : 4-5 hours

Originally built in the year 1822, it was the first of many Sampradey Swaminarayan temples.

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## 7. Prag Mahal



**Open Time** : 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

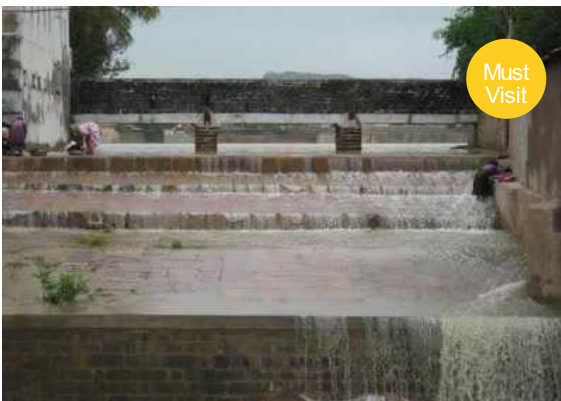
**Cost** : Entry: INR 20,  
Photography: INR 30,  
Videography: INR 100

Prag Mahal is a palace which was built in 19th century. It is located next to the popular Aina Mahal in Bhuj of Gujarat. Situated in the heart of the city, Prag Mahal is easily accessible. The entry fee is also nominal. Visitors are accompanied by one of the staff members as a guide to show them the intricate work at the mahal.

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## 8. Hamirsar Lake



**Open Time** : Best time to visit : Oct-Mar

**Cost** : No entry fee

Hamirsar Lake is located in the western end of Bhuj. Its water level depends on the time of the year. It might be dry and largely deserted, or full of water, and encircled by merry families. The lake is absolutely stunning in look and has a cheerful outlook. It is a must visit, for a happening and lovely get together.

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## 9. Kutch Bustard Sanctuary



Also known locally as the Lala Prajan Sanctuary, its primary aim is to conserve the Great Indian Bustard. Among many other different varieties of wildlife that can be found within the reserve, there are three different kinds of Bustards themselves in the sanctuary.

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## 10. Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary



A 125km drive away from Bhuj, this sanctuary covers an area of about 444 sq. km. and is one of the distinct eco-system in the Kutch district of Gujarat state.

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## Other places near Bhuj



Kutch



Dwarka



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# Restaurants in Bhuj




## Green Rock Restaurant

-  Indian
-  11AM-3PM & 7-10.30PM
-  INR 400 for two

This popular joint serves tasty lunch-time thalis and also offers an extensive multi-cuisine menu. But the food is restricted to vegetarian dishes.

 Near.S.T. Bus Station, Chhathi Bari, Ring Road,Old Dhatia Falia,Bhuj, Gujarat 370001




## Noorani Mahal Restaurant

-  Indian
-  11AM-3:30PM & 6:30PM-11PM
-  INR 400 for two

Among the few places in Gujarat which serves excellent North Indian, non-vegetarian food. This popular place gets packed with people trying out the various non-vegetarian dishes.

 Near Memon Musafir Khana Old Railway Station Rd,Old Dhatia Falia,Bhuj, Gujarat 370001




## Neelam Restaurant

-  Indian
-  9 AM- 9 PM
-  INR 400 for two


A fine dining restaurant that serves almost everything in the vegetarian options, including North Indian, South Indian, Chinese and Gujarati dishes. The place is famous among the locals as well as the travelers.

 State Highway 45, Next to Hotel KBN, Lal Tekri Bhuj, Gujarat 370001




## Annapurna

-  Gujarati
-  10AM-10PM
-  INR 400 for two

One of the best places to try authentic Kutchi food in Bhuj. This place offers good portions of vegetarian Gujarati dishes at a nominal price.

 Vijay Nagar Bhuj, Gujarat 370001




## Jesal

-  Indian, Chinese
-  7AM-3PM & 7-11PM
-  INR 200 for two

This smart multi-cuisine restaurant located in the Prince Hotel offers good breakfast options, as well as curries and Chinese for lunch and dinner.

 Prince Hotel, Station Road, Bhuj

## Sankalp

-  South-Indian
-  9AM-10PM
-  INR 300 for two

A great place to get a taste of hot dosas and steaming idlis amidst all the Gujarati food. It's a good change for someone who is tired of eating the local food. Cheese toast, Poha, Mini idlis, Dosas and Veg Toast Sandwiches, they have it all on their menu.

 New Station Road, Muvs Complex, Hotel Oasis, Bhuj, 370001, India

# Top Budget Hotels in Bhuj



9.8

**N Villa**  
Mundra - Bhuj Road  
Starting From ₹ 3,500



9.0

**Royal Guest House**  
Opp. Waniawad School Behind Bus Station  
Starting From ₹ 300



8.8

**"Go Desert" Homestay**  
Sanskar Nagar, Limda Street  
Starting From ₹ 1,200



8.1

**Click Hotel Bhuj**  
Near New Railway Station Compound  
Starting From ₹ 2,240



7.8

**Dream Resort**  
Nr. Vandemataram Memorial Bhujodi, Bhuj-Kutch, Gujarat  
Starting From ₹ 1,500



7.4

**Hotel Shyam Palace**  
Bhuj-Anjar Highway, Nr. Kutch Weighbridge, Navavas Madhapar  
Starting From ₹ 1,500



7.3

**Hotel Shilpgram**  
Hotel Shilpgram, Near Sekhpir  
Starting From ₹ 1,000



7.1

**Kutch Safari Lodge**  
Near Rudramata Dam, Khavada Road,  
Starting From ₹ 3,350



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**Viable Residency**  
28 Jyotipark Gada Patia Near SOS children village Bhuj-Kukma Highway  
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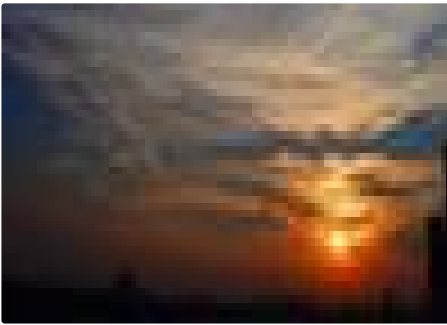
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