



# Ahmedabad

Mix and Match the Ancient & Modern Heritage



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'The Manchester of the East'  
has much more to offer than the interesting colonial vestiges. For the modern traveller, Ahmedabad quintessentially holds the vibrant mix of ancient and modern flavours of Gujarat. All conveniently captured at one destination.



## SPIRITUAL TOURISM

Venerable Vistas

### Hutheesing Jain Temple

Dedicated to the 15th Jain Tirthankar, Shri Dharmanatha, this elegant temple is made of white marble. Premchand Salat, member of the renowned architectural community of Salat is attributed to creating this magnificent temple. The temple gets its name from Sheth Hutheesing who commissioned it.

Location : Bardolpura, Madhupura, 3.6 km from Ahmedabad Station



Hutheesing Jain Temple

### Swaminarayan Temple

One of the most important temples of the Swaminarayan cult, founded by Swami Sahajanand, the temple is so considered because it was built during the lifetime of the founder to honour him. The Burma teak carvings and every wooden bracket are lavishly embellished by opulent craftsmanship.

Location : 2.5 km from Ahmedabad Station



Swaminarayan Temple

### Jama Masjid

Muslim and Hindu architectural styles combine at Jama Masjid, renowned as one of the most beautiful mosques of the East. Its fifteen domes are supported by 260 pillars, making Jama Masjid outstanding for its grand scale, magnificent proportions and exquisite workmanship.

Location : The eastern side of Teen Darwaza, Opp. the Mahatma Gandhi Road, 2 km from Ahmedabad Station



Jama Masjid

## HERITAGE

### TOURISM

#### Traditional Detours

##### Jhulta Minar

Jhulta Minar also known as the Sidi Bashir Mosque's shaking minarets are so called because when one of them is shaken, the other, connected with a linking terrace also starts shaking while the link remains vibration-free. This mysterious and marvelous engineering feat has beguiled generations with no logical answer found yet.

Location : Kalupur Road, Near Sarangpur Bridge, 800 m from Ahmedabad Station

##### Walled city and gates

The 5.5km walled city is a UNESCO declared World Heritage City, the inner enclave where Ahmedabad's ancient heritage is carefully preserved. About 4,00,000 people live inside the walled city in centuries-old wooden residences belonging to nearly 600 neighbourhoods. Walled city has 15 beautifully carved gates.

##### Rani no Hajiro

Also known as Mughalai Bibi's Tomb or Tombs of Ahmed Shah's Queens, Rani no Hajiro is a tomb complex near Manek Chowk. The enclosure is high above the ground entered by a lofty gateway and the courtyard surrounded by a trellised cloister.

Location : Near Manek Chowk, Khadia, Gandhi Road, 1.8 km from Ahmedabad Station



Jhulta Minar



Walled city and gates

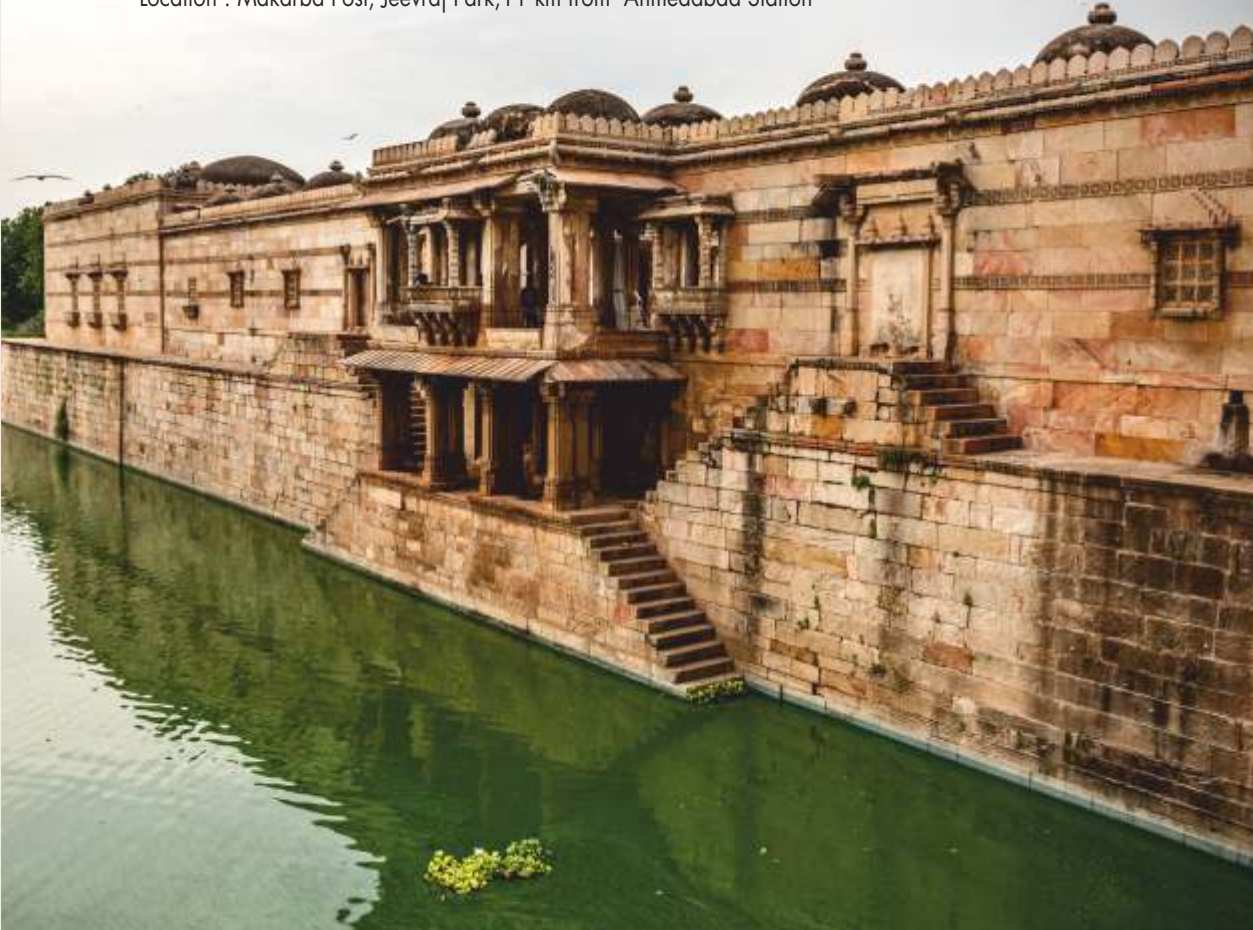


Rani no Hajiro

## Sarkhej Roza

The magnificent mausoleum of Sarkhej Roza, is a marvel of elegant architectural complexity. The series of tombs of Ahmed Khattu Gunj Buksh, Muhammad Begada and his queen Rajabai, palace and pavilions are all grouped around a great stepped tank.

Location : Makarba Post, Jeevraj Park, 11 km from Ahmedabad Station



## Bhadra Fort and Teen Darwaza

Also known as Ark Fort, the royal fort was established by Sultan Ahmed Shah on the Eastern banks of the Sabarmati River. It is an architectural marvel with fourteen Minars, eight gates and two large openings. On the eastern side of this intriguing fort is a royal arched gate called the Teen Darwaza with semicircular windows embellished with Ahmedabad's famous Jali work.

Location : Court Road, Old City, Bhadra, 1 km from Ahmedabad Station



### Sabarmati Ashram

Once the nerve centre of India's freedom struggle and the seat of Gandhi, this hermitage was founded by the Mahatma in 1915. Hriday Kunj, the simple cottage where he lived, is now a national monument. A Gandhi memorial centre and library at the premises give insightful views into Gandhi's life and times.

Location : Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Ashram Road, 5.7 km from Ahmedabad



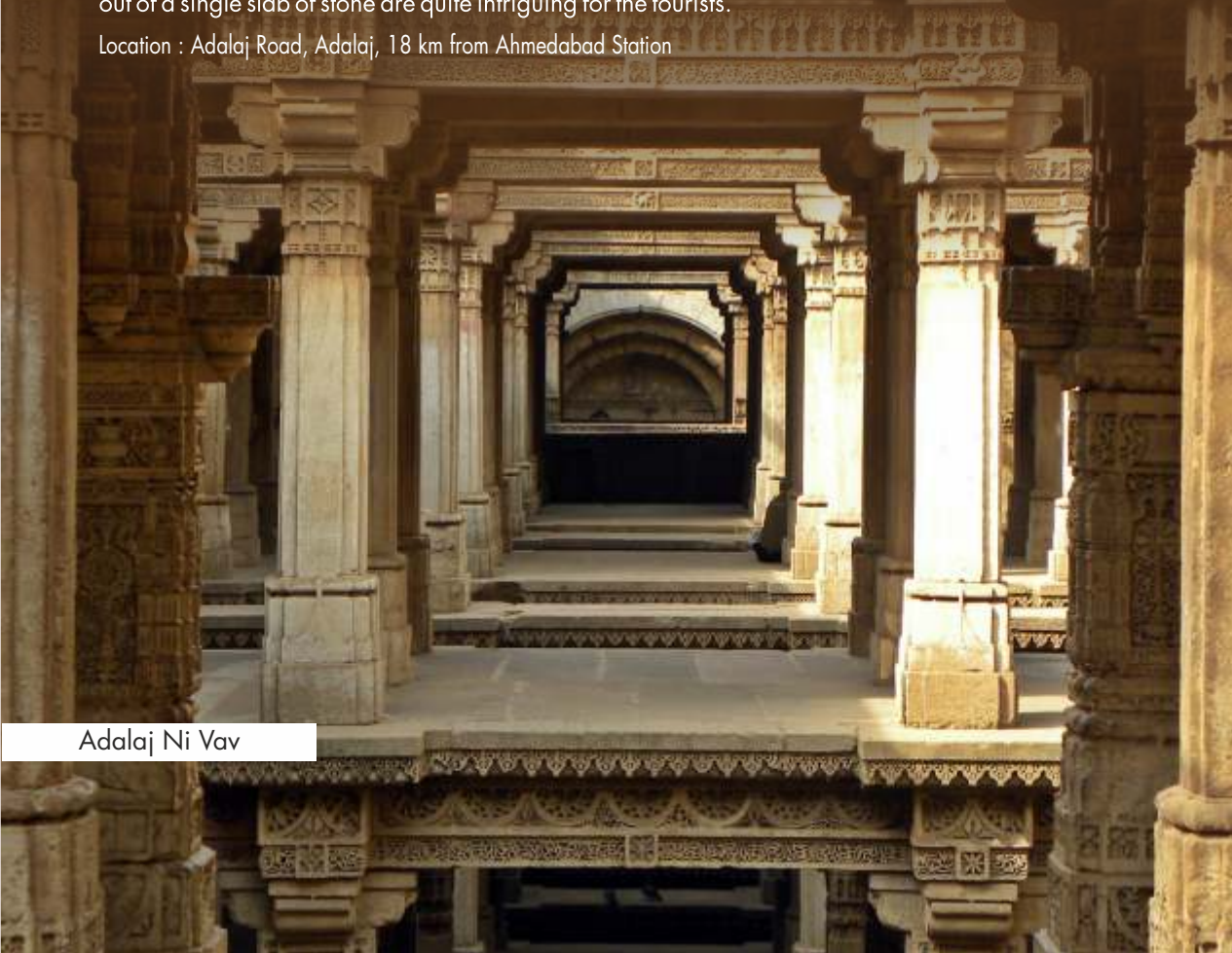
Sabarmati Ashram

### Adalaj Ni Vav

Known for its architectural brilliance, the five storey stepwell was beautifully built by Queen Rudabai, the wife of Veersingh- the chief of Vaghela, in 1499. There are various depictions of daily events, carvings of leaves, flowers, fish, etc. on the walls and pillars of the vav.

The Ami Khumbor (a pot that contains the water of life) and the Kalp Vriksha (a tree of life) carved out of a single slab of stone are quite intriguing for the tourists.

Location : Adalaj Road, Adalaj, 18 km from Ahmedabad Station



Adalaj Ni Vav



Rani Sipri Mosque

### Rani Sipri Mosque

Also known as Masjid-a-Nagina for its astonishingly beautiful sculpture, Rani Sipri Mosque and the tomb are marvelous examples of Ahmedabad's architectural splendour. It has been called as the most exquisite gem of Ahmedabad both in plan and detail.

Location : Astodia, 1 km from Ahmedabad Station

## Sidi Saiyyed Mosque

Mughal rule's last symbol, the Sidi Saiyyed Mosque dates back to 1573. Its carved jaalis in the western walls have become the symbol of the city of Ahmedabad. Mistaken for fine lace work, this depiction of a tree with intertwining branches are actually made from solid stone. The exquisitely brilliant craftsmanship is a subtle spectacle amid the pious atmosphere of the mosque.

Location: Bhadra Road, Lal Darwaja, 3 km from Ahmedabad Station



Sidi Saiyyed Mosque

## Heritage Walk

To explore the beauty and the cultural heritage of Ahmedabad, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation offers to explore the old city, havelis, pols, temples, and the famous Manek Chowk.

Location & Timings : Starts at Swaminayan Temple, Kalupur at 08:00 am and ends at Jama Masjid at 10:30 am. Closed on Monday.



Heritage walk

## MUSEUMS

### Well-kept Memories

#### Sardar Patel National Museum

The 17th century Sardar Patel Museum affords a memorable glimpse of those times when pomp and ceremony ruled in the royal courts. This national museum was built by Emperor Shah Jahan between 1618 and 1622 at Moti Shahi Mahal. However, in 1980 a memorial for Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was founded in the museum to honour his contribution to freedom struggle and are uniting India post-Independence.

Location : Shahibaug, 5.5 km from Ahmedabad Station



Sardar Patel National Museum

#### Auto World

Perhaps India's best vintage car museum, the Auto World has a great collection of vintage cars from around the world, spread over a long time period. The cars are well-maintained and are in good running condition. A fine dining restaurant attached to the museum is an added benefit.

Location : Dastan Estate, Sardar Patel Ring Road, Kathwada, Nikol, 7.2 kms from Ahmedabad Station



Auto World

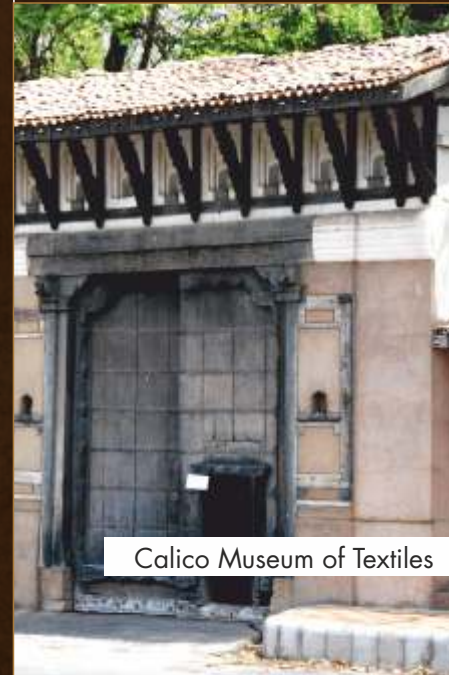


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The Vishalla Environment Centre for Heritage of Art, Architecture and Research (VECHAAR) Utensils Museum exhibits an extensive collection of various receptacles dating back to a thousand years to the present times. An evolution of the utensils over the eras are evident according to the changing needs and environment. Utensils range from leaves to gourd jug, to modern stainless steel and glass varieties.

Location : Inside Vishalla, Opp. APMC Market, Vasna, 6 km from Ahmedabad Station



Calico Museum of Textiles

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Imagine a museum housing a remarkable collection of fabrics, especially handicraft textiles spanning over 500 years. The Calico Museum houses such a collection sourced from many remote corners of India.

A pioneering business family, the Sarabhais, formed a trust and manages the museum. This important museum is regarded as the finest textile museum in the world.

Location : Shahibaug, 5 km from Ahmedabad Station



## LAKES & GARDENS

### Aquatic Sights

#### Kankaria

Originally known as Houje Qutub, built by Sultan Qutubuddin in 1451 A.D., the Kankaria Lake is the second largest manmade lake in Ahmedabad. The area turns into a huge entertainment outlet in the evenings, with packed crowds enjoying a water and light show, a zoo, a natural history museum, a toy train, a special children's garden called Bal Vatika, and an open air theatre surrounding the lake.

Location: Kankaria, Maninagar,  
4 km from Ahmedabad Station

#### Sabarmati Riverfront

Sabarmati Riverfront is a beautiful eleven kilometres of uninterrupted promenade along both banks of the river. The River Front lends a unique character to Ahmedabad city, and has become a new hub for recreational and fitness activities such as cycling, walking, water activities, etc.

Location : Sabarmati Riverfront Walkway East,  
Lal Darwaja, 5.8 km from Ahmedabad Station



Sabarmati Riverfront



## NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS

### Sole Searching

#### Sundarvan

As an antidote to the city's urban skyline and bustling malls, right next to them, in sprawling western Ahmedabad is the nature discovery centre: Sundarvan. Walk serenely amid bamboo groves and banyan trees, and find different kinds of birds and tortoises. Sundarvan also has a reptile centre where various snakes can be seen in safety.

Location : Near ISRO, Surendra Mangaldas Rd, Jodhpur Tekra,  
9.7 km from Ahmedabad Station



Sundarvan

## Thol Lake

A surprisingly varied species of beautiful and rare birds can be sighted at this 7 km man-made lake sanctuary. Geese, flamingos, pelicans, egrets, herons, spoonbills, ducks, whistling teals and many other migratory birds nest and breed in the lap of nature's exuberance, creating magical experiences for all kinds of birders and keen avian photographers.

Location: Around 20 km from Ahmedabad



## Nalsarovar

Nal Sarovar is best for a one-day picnic from Ahmedabad. In just 64 km you will be transported to a water wonderland where everything is dream-like and exotic bird varieties offer eye-catching selfie opportunities. More than that Nal Sarovar is a true bird watcher's delight with countless species of birds thronging the place.

Location : Around 61km from Ahmedabad



## OTHER SIGHTSEEING

### Interesting for Everyone

Ahmedabad is full of fascinating diversions for everyone. For the foodies, out in the bustling open square of Manek Chowk, numerous food stalls come alive around 8 in the night, while during the morning the same place hosts a vegetable market and in the afternoon, India's second largest jewellery market. On Sundays, by the Sabarmati River, Ravivari, the informal market is held under Ellis Bridge where one can buy virtually anything required in daily life.

### Science City

Children and the curious can have many thrilling opportunities to delight themselves at the Science City, which has a 3D theatre with regular shows, musical fountain, life science park, electrodrome and much more.

Location : Science City Road, Off S G Highway



Street Shopping



Science City

## STREET SHOPPING & STREET FOOD

### Tasteful and Tasty

Shopping in Ahmedabad is a soul-stirring affair with lots of street shopping choices available and good bargaining opportunities aplenty. Areas around Lal Darwaja, Rani no Hajiro, and Teen Darwaza offer shoes to clothes to household items, furniture and embroidered goods, sarees, ladies clothes, intricate jewellery, belts and garments for men, etc. Dhalgarwad, another centre is one of the oldest fabric markets in Ahmedabad. Sindhi Market offers bedsheets, curtains, pillow covers, handicrafts and much more. Manek Chowk has gold, traditional Gujarati attire and block printed sarees. Law Garden Bazaar is known for Chaniya and cholis, embroidered wall hangings, costume jewellery, bags, dress materials, skirts, jeans, etc. Raipur Gate Market offers different varieties of famous sweets. Fernandes Bridge market is for the book lovers; they can find both old new and rare books there. Tourists can make the street shopping experience itself into unforgettable travel memories at Ahmedabad.

Ahmedabad is a foodie's delight with most streets offering mouth-watering Gujarati delicacies in the open air. From undhiyu, dhokla, kachori, khakhra, fafda & jalebi to authentic thali meals, aam ras, shrikhand, pedas, the list is endless. Check out Law Garden Street, Manek Chowk areas especially, for street food.

Ahmedabad is worthy for any kind of tourist. It satisfies any travel palate, it fulfils any tourist's dream.



Street Foods

\*Distances mentioned are from Ahmedabad Railway Station

