



2N/3D Package of Bhavnagar - Diu

Day 1: Ahmedabad – Bhavnagar

Arrival in Ahmedabad – a World Heritage City. Proceed towards Bhavnagar (200 kms/4 Hours). Proceed towards Bhavnagar - the Princely State which was one of the Pioneer to join the Indian Union at the time of Independence. Visit:

Nishkalank Mahadev Temple:

The Nishkalank Shiva Mahadev Temple is famous for being the abode of Lord Shiva concealed inside the sea away from the banks. The temple at Bhavnagar is wavered by the strong sea and can be visited by followers when the water is dry or during low tide periods. The devotees have to wait at the sea shore in order to walk to temple inside the sea when there is a low tide. The sight of humans wading through the fierce sea against nature is a spell bounding gesture. The immortal history of the Nishkalank Temple goes back to the pages of the saga Mahabharata. Mythological tales foretell that after the battle, when the Pandavs slained their brothers Kauravs, they were down with guilt. They looked for help from Lord Krishna who in return gave them a black flag and a black cow. The Lord asked them to follow the cow and position the flag where the cow stopped and to wait till the flag turns white and then start meditation to Lord Shiva. The Pandavs followed the cow wherever it went and waited for the flag to turn white. For days they went behind the cow awaiting their plight till the flag actually turned white at this spot in the Kodyak Beach. Upon this the Pandavs started their chants to Lord Shiva to get redemption to their sins and guilt for killing their blood. Lord Shiva appeared to them in five Lingam forms and thus the temple was established at the very spot that is covered in sea to this day.

Overnight at Bhavnagar.

Day 2: Bhavnagar - Diu

Today morning, Check out and Proceed towards Diu (250Kms/5 Hours) – the erstwhile Portuguese Colony. Check in to Hotel and then explore the town of Diu on your own. This place is a perfect amalgamation of the sea, sun and land. It features some really mesmerizing tourist spots, which are rich in flora, fauna, heritage and culture. Diu has a long historic background as it was ruled by many rulers from different dynasties. Forts and seashore altogether give it spectacular scenic beauty and a quaint charm like nowhere else. It has emerged as a major tourist spot, comprising beautiful beaches, revered temples and colonial edifices.

Visit:

Naida Caves:

Naida caves are natural rock formation which are perfect for the Photographers. A legend says that when the Portuguese were building the fortified walls of their colony, they had quarried the rocks on the side of the walls and with the passage of time and natural factors, these rocks have turned into a natural cave like formation. A visit to these caves is a perfect way to see the beauty of the erstwhile Portuguese colony.

Diu Fort:

Diu Fort, which is a huge stone structure built in the year 1535 and renovated several times later. The fort commands a spectacular view of the adjoining sea, which surrounds it from three sides. Within the fort, there are

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three main churches, Venetian bungalows and stone mansions, which speak of various architectural advancements. Another major seaside citadel is the Fortress of Panikota, which lies right at the mouth of the creek. The lighthouse and chapel inside the fort are quite famous amongst travellers coming here for sightseeing.

Diu Museum:

If you want to know more about this town, this is the best place to visit. This museum was once a part of the beautiful old St. Thomas Church, which was built using the Gothic architectural style in 1598. This museum houses important antiquities related to the town, such as stone inscriptions, wood carvings and idols.

Overnight at Diu.

Day 3: Drop

Today morning, check out and proceed towards Ahmedabad and drop as per schedule.

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