

# 3N/4D Package of Gir – Junagadh

# Day 1: Ahmedabad –Sasan Gir

Arrival in Ahmedabad – a World Heritage City. Proceed towards Gir (400Kms/8 Hours) - the only abode of the Asiatic Lions in the world. The Gir National Park, sprawling over 1412 sq km of land, comprises deciduous forests interspersed with rocky terrains of evergreen trees, grasses, shrubs and herbs. It is one of the few places in the world, where wild lions can be seen in their natural habitat. Besides, it has a major concentration of leopards, sambar deer, spotted deers, nilgais, wild boars and Indian gazelles. Other mammals that thrive in Gir are striped hyena, jackal, rusty-spotted cat, langur, porcupine and black-naped hare. Chousingha, the world's only four-horned antelope, is also spotted here. The park has a large population of marsh crocodile as well.

Relax at the resort amidst the forest. Overnight at Gir.

# Day 2 : Sasan Gir - Junagadh

Today morning, Go for Gir Lion Safari (as per availability). Check out and proceeds towards Junagadh (80Kms/ 2 Hours) – city having the one of the oldest forts in Gujarat. Visit:

### Mahabbat Khan Maqbara:

Mohabat Maqbara is historic place of attraction in Gujarat and is mainly known for its splendid domes, towering minarets and arches. The construction of this monument had begun in the year of 1878AD under the supervision of Mahabat Khanji which was completed by his descendant Bahadur Khanji in the year of 1892 AD. Every year tourists from India and around the world come here to see this outstanding specimen of architectural craftsmanship of nineteenth century India which forms the major center piece of attraction in the state. The architecture of this monument represents the perfect fusion of Indo-European-Islamic styles whose appeal is still intact before the visitors all over the world. Each and every corner of this monument bears the testimony of the aristocratic taste and lifestyles of the Junagadh rulers. This historic monument comprises of two complexes and its portals had been ornamented with silver which is worth to watch. This monument comprises of overall four minarets with intricately designed spiral staircases. Each minaret comprises of large doors of silver along with exquisite stone carvings.

#### **Damodar Kund:**

It is actually a revered bathing place in Gujarat where visitors around the world dip their bodies to refresh their mind and body. The chief source of attraction of this holy pond is the prevalence of calm and soothing atmosphere in the surrounding region. Close to this holy water body, is situated the temple of Damodarji and also the holy water body of Revati Kund. This holy water body is the spot where ashes and bones of the cremated dead bodies are immersed with a firm belief that the soul of the deceased shall attain moksha or free from the cycle of life and death. During festive seasons, local people of Junagadh come to this Kund for offering prayer for their loved ones. This Kund serves used to be the bathing spot Narsinh Mehta who was an ardent devotee of Krishna and also a famous poet of Gujarat during the period of 15th century. Near this lake stands a temple dedicated to Narsinh Mehta for commemorating his devotion and poetic works.

## **Bhavnath Temple:**

Bhavnath Mahadev is a temple at the base of Girnar Hills, dedicated to Lord Shiva. This place is a gateway to reach the other temples on the Girnar. Pilgrims ascend to the peaks of Girnar Hills on foot from here. The other notable places around here are Damodar Kund, Mrugi Kund, Sudarshan Lake and the four peaks of Girnar Hills. 'Lili Parikrama' - the five-day pilgrimage consisting of a 36 km trek on foot, encircling the Girnar Hills, also begins here every year. The 'Lili Parikrama' begins after hoisting a flag on the Bhavnath temple. Also, a five-day fair is organized

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on the occasion of 'Maha Shivratri' every year, in which sages and pilgrims from across India take part. Devotees believe that Lord Shiva himself comes to this fair, every year. The fair begins with procession of the 'Naga Bawas' riding the elephants and horses, chanting religious slogans and blowing the conch shells, displaying dance and martial arts. They bathe in the Mrigi Kund before joining the 'Maha Shivratri' procession.

Overnight at Junagadh.

# Day 3: Girnar (Junagadh)

Today morning, after breakfast, visit:

#### Girnar hill:

Girnar, also known as Girinagar ('city-on-the-hill') or Revatak Parvata, is a group of mountains in the Junagadh District of Gujarat, India. The Girnar mountain ranges are considered to be sacred. It is an important pilgrimage site for Hindus and Jains , who gather here during the Girnar Parikrama festival. Girnar is one of the six major 'tirthas' attributed to the 'panchkalyanakas' of various ' tirthankaras'. Mount. Girnar is older than the Himalayas and the Jain temples upon it are amongst the most ancient in the country; it is the Nirvan bhumi of 22nd Tirthankara Lord Neminatha. It is 3666 feet high, and is one of the most remarkable mountains in India. From the city of Junagadh, which is at an altitude of barely 351 feet only the top of Mount Girnar can be seen, as it has in front of it lower hills, of which Jogniya, or Laso Pawadi, 2527 feet; Lakhshman Tekri, Bensla, 2290 feet high; and Datar, 2779 feet high, are the principals. There are around 10,000 steps to reach the highest peak and takes around 4-5 hours for a normal individual to climb.

Overnight at Junagadh.

# Day 4: Drop

Today morning, check out and proceed towards Ahmedabad (400Kms/ 8 Hours) and drop as per schedule.

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