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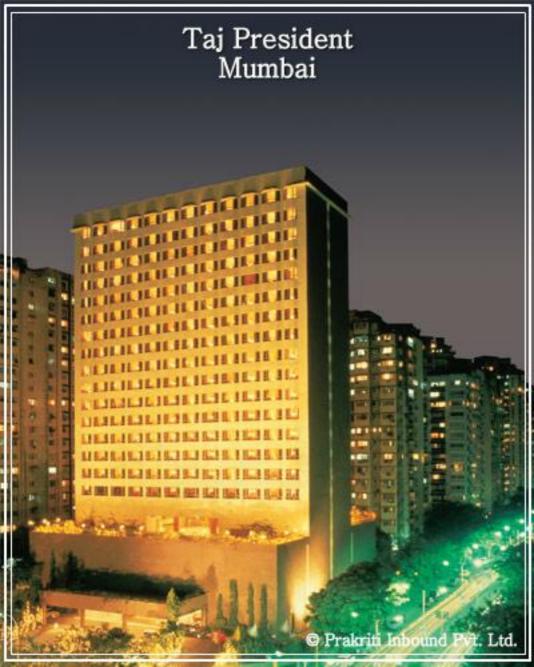
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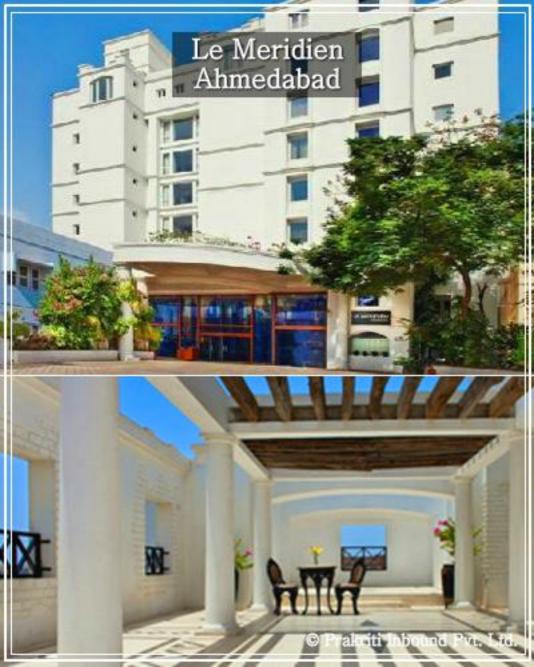
Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

Stay at:- Hotel Taj President, Mumbai

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to the Hotel TAJ PRESIDENT Afternoon visit Mumbai City: The Prince of Wales Museum, (Closed on Monday's) The museum houses rare and ancient exhibits of Indian history as well as objects from foreign lands. Victoria Terminus, A major landmark of Mumbai city is the Victoria Terminus, designed in Italian Gothic style by Architect F. W. Stevens. Recently renamed as Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus. Hanging Gardens: Perched on Malabar Hill, these terraced gardens offer lovely sunset views over the Arabian Sea. Mani Bhavan. Previously the epicenter of Mahatma Gandhi's freedom movement, this building is now a memorial of Gandhi's life and all that he stood for.

Overnight at Hotel.



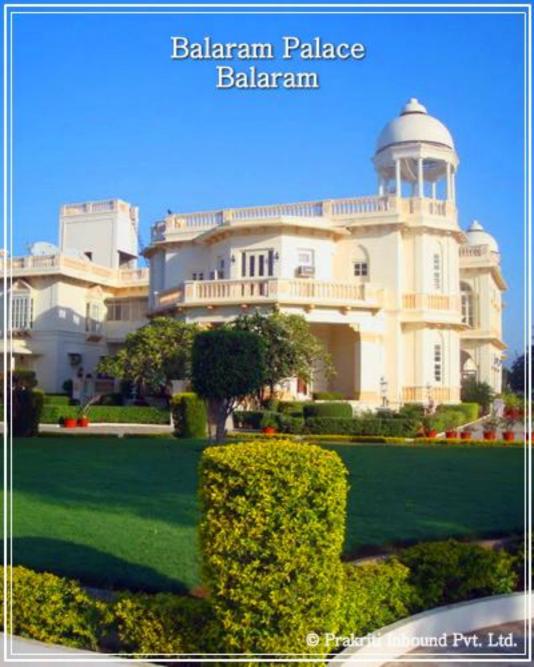


Day 2 : Mumbai - Ahmedabad

Stay at:- Hotel Le Meridien, Ahmedabad

After breakfast, transfer to airport to board flight to Ahmedabad. Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to Hotel MERIDIEN. Afternoon, visit Ahmedabad City: Ahmedabad was founded in the 15th Century by Ahmed shah, the independent Sultan of Gujarat. It is now the capital of the State of Gujarat and a graceful blend of old and new. Visit Sabarmati Ashram, established by mahatma Gandhi on the Sabarmati River in 1915. Hatheesing Jain Temple, Built of pure white marble, it has a paved courtyard surrounded by an imposing row of cloisters containing 52 shrines, each with an image of a Tirthankara. The HAVELIS (wooden Mansions) of Ahmedabad are a window to the lofty life styles of the rich of early 19th century Ahmedabad. Exquisitely worked wooden facaded Havelis jostle for space in the narrow Pols of walled Ahmedabad. But no sooner do you cross the columned verandahs the Havelis open into the Otlo (courtyards), the divankhanu (formal drawing room), the service areas and other rooms.

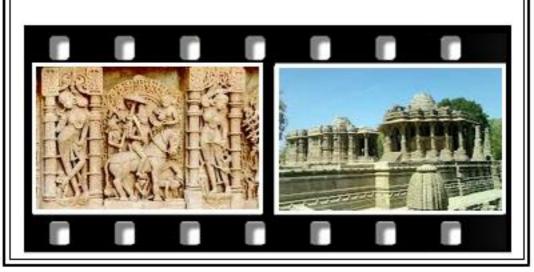


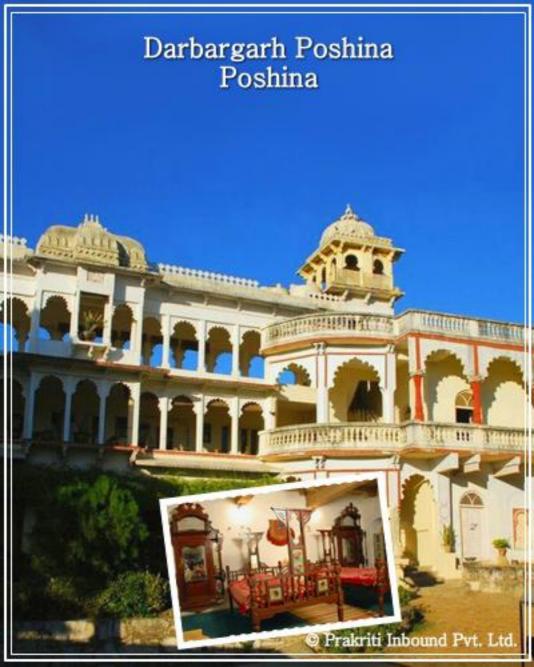


Day 3 : Ahmedabad - Modhera - Patan -Balaram

Stay at:- Hotel Balaram Palace, Balaram

After breakfast, drive to Balaram, enroute visiting Modhera and Patan Modhera: The sun Temple of Modera is one of the finest example of Indian temple architecture of its period. Built in 1026 A.D. the temple is dedicated to the Sun God, Surya and stands high on a plinth overlooking a deep stone- steeped tank. Every inch of the edifice, both inside and outside is magnificently carved with Gods and Goddesses, birds, beasts and flower. Patan: Patan has over 100 beautifully carved Jain temples & many attractive traditional carved wooden houses. Rani Ki Vav is the oldest and the grandest step well in the state of Gujarat. Continue drive to Balaram, on arrival check in at Hotel BALARAM PALACE.





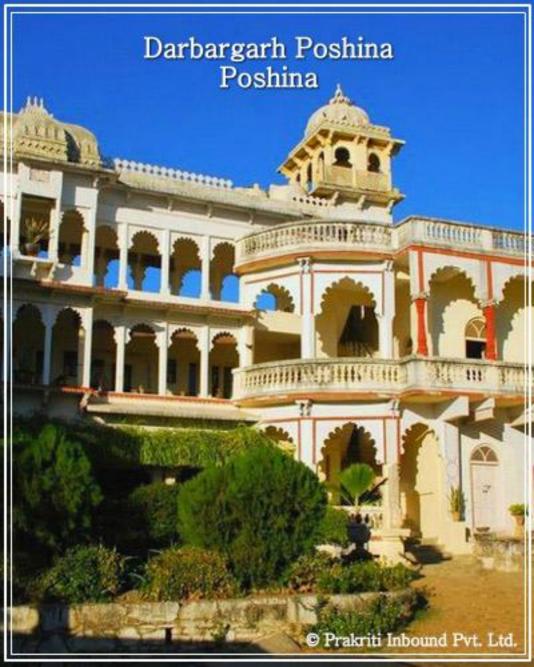
Day 4: Balaram - Poshina

Stay at:- Darbargarh, Poshina

After breakfast, drive to Poshina, enroute visiting Gowala & The Garacia Tribal Villages. Tribes that are second cousins to each other, they differ only in the manner of living; the Gowala are more settled, the Garacia are stillprone to roaming, and their women dress is a manner slightly less ostentatious than the Gowala females. Their tribal home is among the hills that separate Gujarat from Rajasthan, and they are primarily sheepherders. One evening we will enjoy a private performance of tribal dances.

After visit drive to Poshina, on arrival check in at DARBARGARH POSHINA



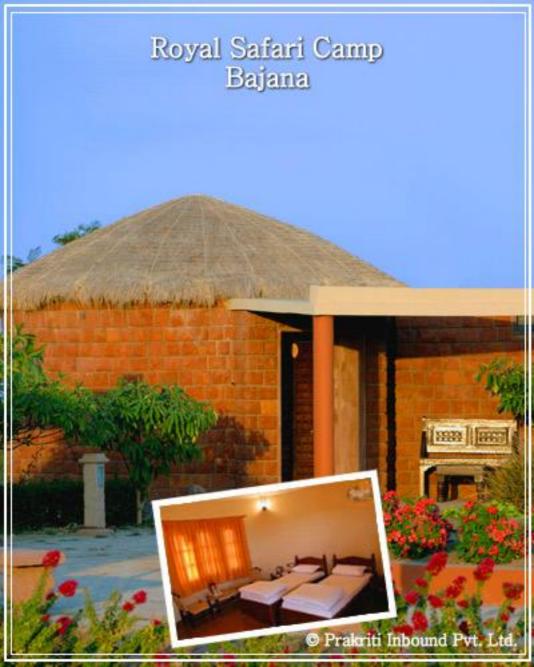


Day 5: Poshina

Stay at: - Darbargarh, Poshina

After breakfast, day excursion to visit Bhawad Tribal Villages: A pastoral people, the Bharwad are shepherds and cattlemen. No longer have wanderers, most Bharwadi lived in villages painting their houses primarily in blues, greens and white. We visit several, wandering the neat lanes, and perhaps visiting one or two homes. Some Bharwadi have turned their talents to different occupations; the polishing and cutting of diamonds is one, and we will be able to photograph the steps that turn a handful of dull looking opaque lumps into sparkling gems. At a local camel-breeding farm, the business of producing the finest stock of camels is explored.





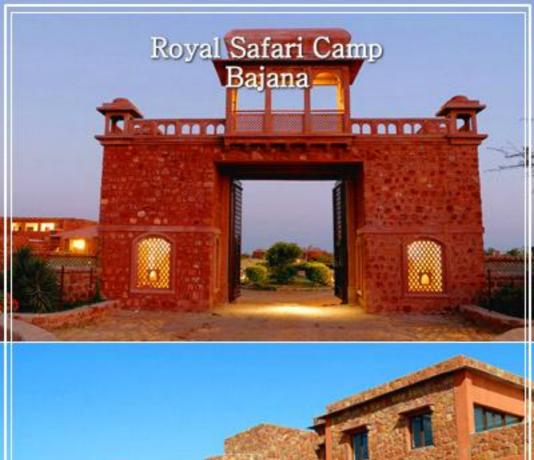
Day 6: Poshina - Bajana

Stay at:- Royal Safari Camp, Bajana

After breakfast, drive to Bajana, on arrival check in at Camp
Afternoon visit Local Tribal villages and Bajana Tribes: Through this
land travel the Bajana, the most nomadic of Gujarat's tribes,
constantly searching for better grazing ground for their camels and
sheep. Other tribes have settled here, including the Banjara, who
make their living from cattle, and whose female members are famous
for their embroidery.

Ovemight at ROYAL SAFARI CAMP.







Day 7: Bajana

Stay at:- Royal Safari Camp, Bajana

After breakfast, excursion to The Little Rann of Kutch: which covers an area of roughly 5,000 square km, is primarily known as the Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary. The sanctuary was established in 1972 as the last natural habitat of the Indian Wild Ass (Equus Hemionus Khur). The Rann is a stunning experience. It is a vast expanse of flat sea bed. The drive through the vast Rann offers many visual delights like the wild ass, blue bull, chinkara, jungle and desert cats and a large variety of birds including cranes. Early morning a Jeep safari through the rann of Kutch to see the rare species of the "Indian Wild Ass" and visit nearby villages to see the local tribes such as Rabari, Koli and Banania who still maintain their rich heritage of lifestyle, clothes, Jewellerv and dances.

Overnight at Royal Safari Camp.





Day 8: Bajana - Bhuj

Stay at:- Hotel Ilark, Bhuj

After breakfast, drive to Bhuj, enroute visiting local Tribal villages of Rabaris, Vadiara and Kharapat Rabaris, laths, bajanias, mirs and other semi-nomadic communities in and around the rann.

Upon arrival check in at Hotel

(And transfer to OBTAIN PERMIT from DSP and COLLECTOR office Sunday, Second Saturday's and Bank Holidays Closed)

Overnight at Hotel ILARK





Day 9: Bhuj

Stay at: - Hotel Ilark, Bhuj

After breakfast, drive to Hodka, (65 Kms. from Bhuj), enroute visiting Banny Villages: (North Region)The last village on the border is a Desertland of infinite dimensions, and in its midst, quaint little villages suspended in Time. Here you will come across master craft people' expositioning their traditional art, turning our master pieces everyday. Their ornaments, clothes, utensils, everything they use - will make you feel as if you have stepped into lifestyle museum leaving you spellbound the tribal villages, specializing in different forms of handicraft including ahir embroidery, block printing and tie and dye. Colour and eye for design is the keynote of Gujarat handicrafts, and is an expression of their rich traditional heritage and personal artistic talent. Visits continue today to villages to see first hand the production of these treasures. Tie and dye using wool and silk is especially popular.



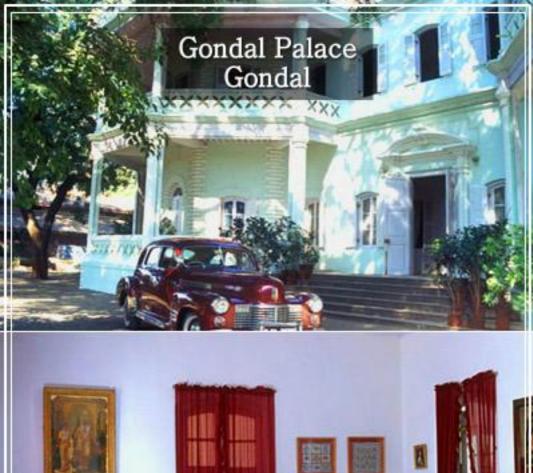


Day 10: Bhuj

Stay at: - Hotel Illark, Bhuj

After breakfast, day excursion to visit Hodka Area: Hodka Artists Village -You will explore its typical village houses, meet different artisan families and admire the finest embroidery styles and leather crafts. You will explore the artisans families to see their nicely decorated and painted traditional houses, learn about their livelihoods and customs and admire their fine Embroideries (Pakko, Neran, Kambhiro, Applique, etc) and Leather work which you can also buy directly from artisans. Dhordo village - You will see beautiful traditional mud houses (Bhungas) with Mirror Work and fine Mutwa (Community) embroidery with tiny mirrors. Karo Dungar (Black Hill) - for the sunset, drive to the "Dattatray Temple" at the top of the karo dungar, from where you will have the best views of the Great Rann. Overnight at Hotel.







Day 11 : Bhuj - Wankaner - Gondal

Stay at: - Gondal Palace, Gondal

After early breakfast, drive to Gondal, enroute visiting Wankener: Ranjit Vilas Palace is a very eclectic building, a bold attempt to synthesize various architectural styles. The front and back facades are appropriately designed in response to its location. A double staircase is the unique feature of the interior of this palace, where the royal ladies could ascend and descend without being seen by men. After visit drive to Gondal, on arrival check in at Hotel GONDAL PALACE Afternoon visit Gondal: Gondal, the capital of the former princely State of Gondal, was ruled by the Jadeja Rajput clan, till the independence of India. Visiting the Naulakha Palace built of 17th century. By Bhakumbhaj is the founder of Gondal. Vintage classic cars collection of the Maharaja of Gondal. The palace also has a museum. The next set of royal relics can be found at the Orchard Palace and Huzoor Palace during Gondal tour.



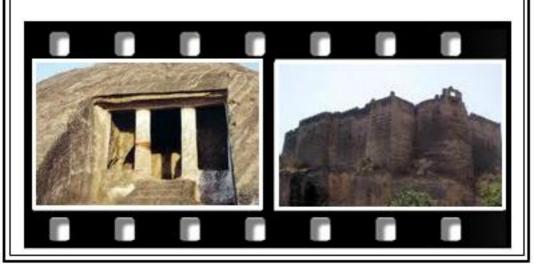


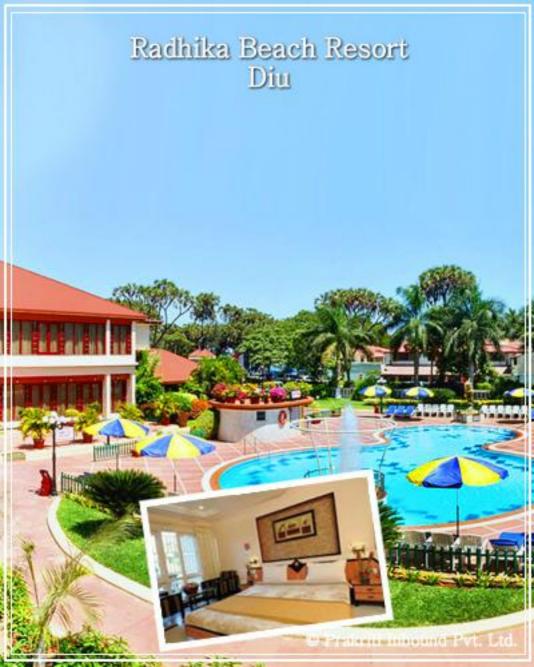
Day 12 : Gondal - Junagarh - Sasangir

Stay at:- Hotel Gir Lodge, Sasangir

After breakfast, drive to Sasangir, enroute visiting Junagarh: Uparkot Fort, Uparkot, an ancient citadel located on the higher level of the town, was a stronghold of Mauryans and Gupta Empire and is said to have survived 16 sieges in the last 1000 years due to its strategic location and difficult access. The major sites are Buddhist caves, Baba Pyara Caves (2nd century), Adi-Kadi Vav, Navghan Kuvo and Jami Masjid. After visit drive to Sasangir, on arrival check in at Hotel Afternoon excursion to Gir Forest by Jeep Safari: Gir Forest is today the only place in the world outside Africa, where the lion can be seen in his natural habitat. Other predators are the Panther and the Hyena. The Indian Deer, Sambar, Chital (spotted deer), Nilgai (blue bull), Chinkara and the Chowsingha (four horned antelope) are found here, along with the bear and the long tailed langur.

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Day 13: Sasangir - Somnath - Diu

Stay at:- Radhika Beach Resort, Diu

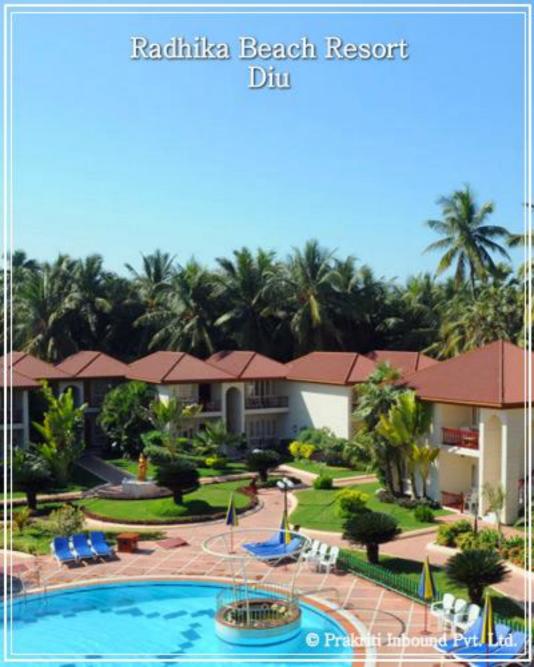
After breakfast, drive to Diu, enroute visiting Somnath: It is the seat of the one of the twelve most sacred "Jyotirlingas" of Lord Shiva. Its origin which can be dated back to the Vedic times, the temple was the object of attack by several Muslim invaders. The old temple has been rebuilt after a lapse of about 1000 years. Maintaining the same Chalukyan architectural grandeur that commands excellent view adjoining the sea. A fair on the day of Kartik Poornima is held here in the month of Kartik (October - November) when over a lakh people congregate.

After visit drive to Diu, on arrival check in at Hotel RADHIKA BEACH RESORT

Afternoon free for beach,/independent activities.

Overnight at Resort





Day 14: Diu

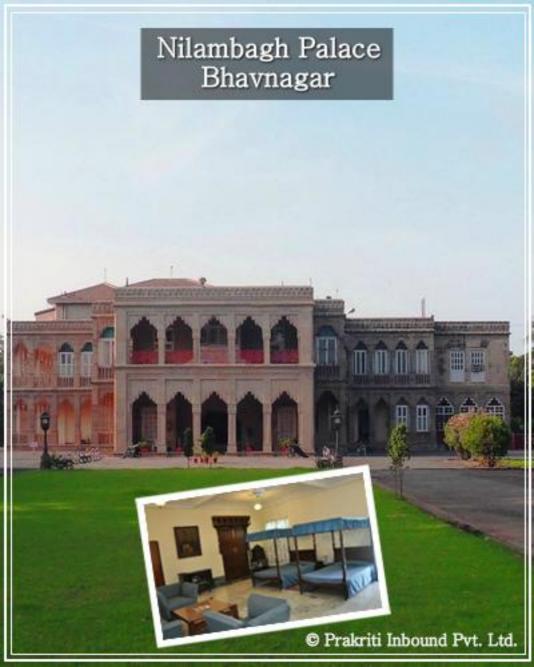
Stay at:- Radhika Beach Resort, Diu

Breakfast at Resort

Day free for independent / beach activities.

Overnight at Resort





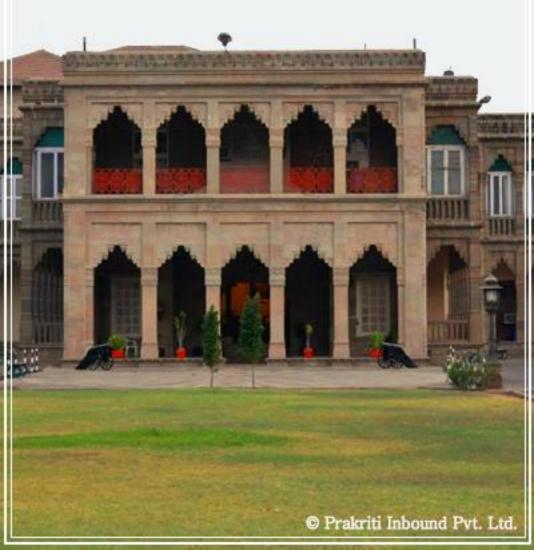
Day 15: Diu - Bhavnagar

Stay at: - Nilambagh Palace, Bhavnagar

After breakfast, drive to Bhavnagar, on arrival check in at Hotel NEELAMBAGH PALACE Afternoon visit Bhavnagar: was founded in 1723 A.D. by Bhav Singhji, member of the Gohil Rajput clan which came to the Saurashtra coast from Rajasthan in the 12th century. It grew into one of the 15 richest princely states in India during the early – 20th century. Takhteshwar Temple is located on a hillock near the city. It is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is an important pilgrim place for the nearby region. It was built in the year 1893 by Maharaja Takhatsihnji. The temple and the whole complex are made up of white shining marble. The Nilambagh palace hotel was built in 1859 AD as the Yuvraj bunglow (Residence of the crown prince) by a German architect, Mr. Simms and became the royal residence.



Nilambagh Palace Bhavnagar



Day 16 : Bhavnagar – Palitana – Bhavnagar

Stay at: - Nilambagh Palace, Bhavnagar

After breakfast, Day visit to Palitana: Palitana is one of India's most picturesque pilgrim centres. Lying at the foot of Shatrunjaya Hill, it has 863 exquisitely carved temples and The path is climbed through 3500 steps built in marble over an impressive span of nine hundred years. Palitana is a 'must visit' destination for the Jains and all those who would like to witness what the subtle combination of human enterprise, architectural skills, philanthropy and channelised religious fervour can achieve. The mountain is associated with Rishabhdev, the first tirthankar, also known as Adinath. It is believed that all the tirthankars, except Neminath, attained nirvan here. The multitude of temples, half palaces, half fortresses and made of splendid marble, Overnight at Hotel.



Day 17: Bhavnagar – Mumbai – Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Airport for flight back to Mumbai. Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to International Airport for flight back to USA



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