

# Bhuj Itinerary

## Day 1: Exploring Bhuj's Heritage

- **Morning:**
  - Begin your day with a traditional Gujarati breakfast at **Green Rock Restaurant**.
  - Visit the **Aina Mahal (Hall of Mirrors)**, an 18th-century palace known for its intricate Indo-European architecture and decorative mirrors.
  - Explore the **Prag Mahal**, a nearby 19th-century palace featuring an impressive Durbar Hall and a clock tower.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Have lunch at **Hotel Prince** or **Sankalp Restaurant** for authentic Gujarati flavors.
  - Head to the **Kutch Museum**, the oldest museum in Gujarat, showcasing tribal artifacts, ancient coins, and Kutchi scripts.
  - Visit the **Chhatedi of Bhuj**, stunning royal cenotaphs that offer a glimpse into Kutch's architectural history.
- **Evening:**
  - Stroll around **Hamirsar Lake** and enjoy a serene sunset by the water.
  - Shop for local handicrafts, embroidered textiles, and jewelry at **Bhujodi Handicraft Village** or **Shroff Bazaar**.
- **Night:**
  - Dinner at **Noorani Mahal** or **Umiyaji Dining Hall** for a homely dining experience.
  - Overnight stay at a heritage hotel like **Regenta Resort Bhuj** or **Hotel Prince**.

## Day 2: Excursion to the White Rann of Kutch

- **Morning:**
  - Have an early breakfast and drive to the **White Rann of Kutch**, about 80 km from Bhuj.
  - On the way, stop at **Bhirandiyara Village**, famous for its mawa and Kutchi crafts.
  - Visit the **Kalo Dungar (Black Hill)**, the highest point in Kutch, offering panoramic views of the White Rann and Indo-Pak border.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Check into a tented camp or resort near the White Rann. Enjoy a traditional Kutchi lunch at the camp.
  - Explore **Hodka Village**, where you can interact with locals and learn about their unique lifestyle and crafts.
- **Evening:**
  - Witness the magical **sunset at the White Rann**, where the salt desert turns golden and silvery under the changing light.
  - If visiting during the **Rann Utsav (November–February)**, enjoy cultural performances, folk dances, camel rides, and shopping for handicrafts.
- **Night:**
  - Overnight stay in a luxury tent at the **Rann Utsav Tent City** or a nearby resort.

### Day 3: Mandvi Beach and Vijay Vilas Palace

- **Morning:**
  - After breakfast, drive to **Mandvi**, about 60 km from Bhuj.
  - Visit the **Vijay Vilas Palace**, a stunning royal residence surrounded by lush gardens and a private beach.
  - Spend time at **Mandvi Beach**, a serene spot perfect for relaxation and camel rides.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Relish fresh seafood at a beachside shack or a local restaurant in Mandvi.
  - Visit the **Shipbuilding Yard** to see the age-old craft of building wooden dhows, a fascinating insight into Mandvi's maritime heritage.
- **Evening:**
  - Return to Bhuj and visit the **Swaminarayan Temple**, an architectural marvel that glows beautifully at night.
  - End your trip with dinner at **Moonlight Restaurant** or **CR Gibbs American Grille**.
- **Night:**
  - Overnight stay in Bhuj or prepare for departure.

