

THE CITY OF AHMEDABAD

Located in the heart of Gujarat, Ahmedabad is defined by a spirit of enterprise, and houses several reputed educational institutions and heritage sites. Associated with Mahatma Gandhi and his Ashram in Sabarmati, Ahmedabad is also home to some of the finest medieval and modern architecture in the country. Complete with modern amenities like malls and multiplexes, and superior public infrastructure, and named as India's first heritage city by UNESCO, the city offers plenty to explore between a rich heritage, abundant museums, colourful festivals, and a mélange of cultural activities. Ahmedabad is also an industrial town with a rich history of textiles, pharmaceutical, chemicals, auto and auto components, and engineering industries.

Places to visit

Adalaj Vav

The unique feature of this beautifully carved stepwell is that aside from conserving drinking water, it also served as a cooling chamber during the summer.

Calico Museum of Textiles

One of the finest museums to be set up in India, Calico is a one-stop destination to understand the history of textiles. Book the tour in advance; we guarantee it is worth the effort.

Jhulta Minaar

These two minarets stand next to each other and may seem disconnected until you shake one and the other one swings too. A good way to marvel at the architecture and remember the adage that looks can be deceiving.

Kanoria Centre for Arts

Located at a walking distance from the Campus, Kanoria Centre for Arts is a green oasis filled with exhibits, and has cafés bustling with activity. The art gallery regularly showcases work by prominent and upcoming painters, photographers and artists. Also close to the division of Biological and Life Sciences, is Amdavad ni Gufa, an underground art gallery, designed by prominent architect BV Doshi and painter MF Hussain. Just carry your book or choice of music and spend time surrounded by trees and art.

Kasturbhai Lalbhai Museum

Kasturbhai Lalbhai Museum showcases over a thousand years of Indian art. The paintings on view have an exhaustive range of traditions and styles. Also on display is Art in stone, metal, wood, and Bidri. The Museum also has an amphitheatre that hosts talks, small performances, musical soirees, and discourses.

Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Museum and NC Mehta Gallery

Located at a walking distance from the University, these stunning buildings house impressive museums. The LD Museum has a collection of ancient artefacts from across India and the NC Mehta gallery is home to a breathtaking collection of miniature paintings.

Lothal

Lothal, one of the key ports and urban centres of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation, is just over 75 kilometres from Ahmedabad. All of you have seen the famous dockyard portrayed in your history books in school. You can drive down over a weekend to see for yourself the ruins that date back 4400 years, the dockyard, which was the world's earliest known dock, spanning 37 metres from east to west and nearly 22 metres from north to south.

Pols of Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, India's first world Heritage City, has been continuously inhabited for over 600 years. The Pols or old residential areas of the medieval walled city of Ahmedabad date back to 1714 and offer a walk through living history. Ahmedabad is home to 60,000 residences in 600 Pols which capture the rich cultural essence of the social fabric of Gujarat. Students interested in history and heritage can take a guided heritage walk into these old Pols of Ahmedabad for a firsthand experience of unique facades, wood work, carved windows, and balconies.

Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary

Make sure to visit the Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, spread over 120 sq km of the lake and ambient marshes, about 64 km to the west of Ahmedabad. This is the largest wetland bird sanctuary in Gujarat and one of the largest in India. The lake attracts over 210 species of birds in the winter, and harbours a variety of plants and animals. It also hosts a few mammalian species including the endangered wild ass and the black buck.

Sabarmati Ashram

Set up by Mahatma Gandhi in 1917, the Ashram now houses a museum, a Charkha exhibit, a library, an archive, and a permanent exhibition on Gandhi's life. It's a great way to immerse yourself in the beginnings of modern Indian history. Do not miss 'Hridaya Kunj', the cottage where Mahatma Gandhi lived, now preserved as a national monument.

Sarkhej Roza

Located on the outskirts of Ahmedabad, the Sarkhej Roza is a complex of medieval architectural marvels comprising mausoleums, mosques, gardens, and a manmade lake where saints and sultans are interred. Its architecture is an amalgamation of early Islamic style which fused Persian influences with Hindu and Jain features and forms a composite of Indo Saracenic architectural style.

Sidi Saiyyed Mosque

The Sidi Saiyyed Mosque is one of the most prominent mosques in Ahmedabad city. This intricately carved structure with exquisite lattice work was constructed in the year 1573 and stands across from Lucky Tea stall, known for its chai, and The House of MG, a heritage haveli-turned-hotel known for its delectable traditional Gujarati food.

Sabarmati Riverfront

The Sabarmati Riverfront offers diverse entertainment options, including the Flower Park, Biodiversity Park, Gandhi Ashram, Ravivari market, water sports, cruises, walkways, cycling avenues, and more. Take a walk on the Atal Bridge, the triangular-truss pedestrian bridge inspired by kites, that connects the east and west banks of the Sabarmati - quite a sight by night.



Getting Around

Taxis and Auto Rickshaws

Available throughout the city, metered taxis and auto rickshaws are some available mode of transport for visitors.

Local Buses

Run by the Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Services (AMTS), buses are the most common means of public transport in the city. Two "University" bus stops are located within walking distance of the Campus that connects to most of Ahmedabad. Also, across the road from the administration building is the Bus Rapid Transport System (BRTS) corridor, a bus service that runs in dedicated lanes in the middle of the road, saving time on long distance commutes.

Distance to Ahmedabad University

From Ahmedabad Railway Station (Kalapur) - 7 km
From Ahmedabad Bus Station (Gita Mandir) - 7 km
From Ahmedabad Airport - 11 km

About AHMEDABAD

Clean and Green Living

Safe City

Exciting Food Trails

Bustling Riverside

Diverse Traditions
and Vibrant Festivities

Friendly and Liberal
Minded Locals

A Gandhian Abode

Old World Charm meets
Modern City Amenities

A Cultural Hub for Art,
Music and Architecture

No Power Cuts

Less Traffic

World Heritage City

Entrepreneurial Mindset

