



WILDLIFE & NATURAL HISTORY TOURS

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## **Jamnagar - Waders & Waterfowl Ga- lore 3 Nights**

There are few places in India where one can find a comparably impressive concentration of wetland birds, as along the coastline of the Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat. Ideally located to attract waves of Palearctic bird migrants, the wetlands and beaches along this coast host tens of thousands of wintering waders and waterfowl. Over 250 birds are possible here, including, special birds like the Crab Plover, Dalmatian Pelican, Demoiselle and Common Cranes, Black-necked Stork, MacQueen's Bustard, Indian Courser and Indian Skimmer. Impressively, every wetland is typically filled with ducks, pelicans, herons, terns, gulls, flamingos, plovers, etc. Parts of the gulf are also a marine national park and a visit to the NP is often productive for Octopuses, Pufferfish, various crabs, Sea Cucumbers, Sponges etc, among a variety of shorebirds, in the intertidal zone.

Jamnagar is an ideal base from where to explore the long coastline of the Gulf of Kutch for its impressive birdlife. Birds in and around the city are very approachable and make for excellent viewing and photographic opportunities that would be extremely difficult where hunting is more prevalent.

### **Dates**

TBA

*Please note that we can customise schedule for independent and small group travel*

### **Costs (per person)**

TBC

### **Price Inclusions**

Transfers and Transport, ex-Jamnagar

Accommodation

Food

Naturalist cum Tour Leader

Local Guide

Entrance Fees

Safaris/activities



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## **Itinerary Outline**

- Activities start from Jamnagar, Gujarat at lunch on Day 1.
- We spend 4 days exploring various brackish lagoons, freshwater systems and beaches at Kijadia Bird Sanctuary, Marine National Park and other locations within Jamnagar and along the coast.
- Activities end at Jamnagar in the evening on Day 4.

## **Facilities**

Accommodation: Good quality hotel in Jamnagar city centre.

Food: Largely local and pan-Indian. A great variety of local food is available both in the hotel and within walking distance from it

Transport: Road transfers in MUV's

Difficulty level: Easy

## **Best Time to Visit**

October to March

## **For Whom**

Birders of all kinds (beginners to experienced) and Bird Photographers

## **FYI and Guidelines**

1. The city of Jamnagar and the surrounding areas we visit along the Gulf of Kutch are politically stable, very safe to visit and typically crime free.
2. Weather updates based on dates of travel
3. Typically birds will be seen at distances where binoculars or ideally spotting scopes are essential for observing them. Although we will have a high-quality spotting-scope to share among the group, please also carry your own optics for more timely viewing
4. It is best to wear dull shades of greens and browns (clothing) to blend into the environment.
5. A hat and sunblock are recommended.



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6. Please bring essential medication with you, since the local outlets will not always carry what you are looking for. Do check with your doctor on medication and medical safety before you travel to the region.

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. Maximum group size for this tours is 10.
2. Tour costs are per person based on twin sharing basis ex-Ahmedabad and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, personnel and all taxes and fees). Personnel includes a naturalist/tour leader and resource persons locally. Alcoholic beverages, porter charges, laundry and ala carte snacks are extra. Please check with us on specific items are included in the published tour costs.
3. Bookings are confirmed only upon full payment of the tour cost and at least one month in advance from the proposed departure date
4. Our preferred mode of payment is through electronic transfers into our bank account. Relevant details will be provided to you once you are ready to make the payment. Alternatively we accept demand drafts/cheques in the currency of your choice.
5. If you are paying in foreign currency, we might have apply a currency surcharge on the published rates, if the INR appreciates against your currency at the time of payment.
6. In the unlikely event in which we are forced to cancel the tour we will refund you the entire booking amount. In case we are unable to conduct the tour due to circumstances beyond our control (for e.g. forces of nature, political conditions), we will make every effort to refund as much of the booking amount as possible.
7. In case you to cancel your booking more than one month in advance from the tour date, we will refund *at least* 50% of the tour cost (assuming tour costs are fully paid). The precise refund beyond this will be dependent on the refund policies of our travel partners that we use on tour. In case you cancel your booking less than 1 month from the start of the tour, we will refund 10% of your booking amount

### **Disclaimer and Emergency Contact**

Participants should be aware of unlikely, but potential risks involved during wildlife tours and general travel. This may include, among other things, injuries or fatalities associated with general travel, snake bites, field activities and encounters with wildlife. We require that all tour participants sign this disclaimer that acknowledges the risks associated during our conducted tours and relieves us of any liabilities arising out of the same. This also acknowledges that you have read and abide by the terms and conditions mentioned in the document.

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Signature and Date: