WILD LIFE - INDIA - GIR/SAYLA - 4N/5D

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Gujarat Wildlife Cultural Tour

Sayla & Gir National Park
4 nights & 5 days
Best season: November to April

Day-1: AHMEDABAD-SAYLA
Arrive at Ahmedabad and travel 136 km (2½ hr.) to Sayla. Afternoon visit to Latura to see the Asiatic Wild Ass (3-hour excursion). Dinner and overnight stay in resort .

Day-2: SAYLA-GIR NATIONAL PARK
Drive to Gir (5-hours driving time) calling in on the way at Junagadh to see the imposing Uparkot Fort, Buddhist cave-sites, 3rd century BC Ashoka rock edicts, the palace museum filled with Nawabi treasures, the flamboyant royal mausoleum complexes.
Arrive lunch-time at Gir Birding Lodge and depart after your meal for a safari in the Gir National Park & Wildlife Sanctuary. This deciduous forest is the last abode of the Asiatic lion and also has a thriving panther (leopard) population. It also has a large population of chital or spotted deer, sambhar, blue bull antelope, chinkara gazelle, chousingha (the world's only four-horned antelope), wild boar and other wildlife. A number of attractive birds can be seen on the game-drive trail.
Dinner and overnight at Gir.

Day-3: GIR NATIONAL PARK & WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
Morning and evening drives in the Gir forests to look for the two big cats and to watch other wildlife. Between the drives, visit Somnath to see the shore temple (one of the 12 holy abodes of Shiva), Sun Temple, Ahilya Temple and other monuments.
Dinner and overnight at Gir .

Day-4: GIR NATIONAL PARK-SAYLA
Morning drive in the Gir for wildlife viewing and birding. Drive back to Sayla. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day-5: SAYLA-AHMEDABAD
Morning village visit and birdwatching in Mansarovar Lake just 5 minutes away from the bungalow. OR visit the Indus Valley site at Lothal enroute to Ahmedabad. Drive back to Ahmedabad for return flight.