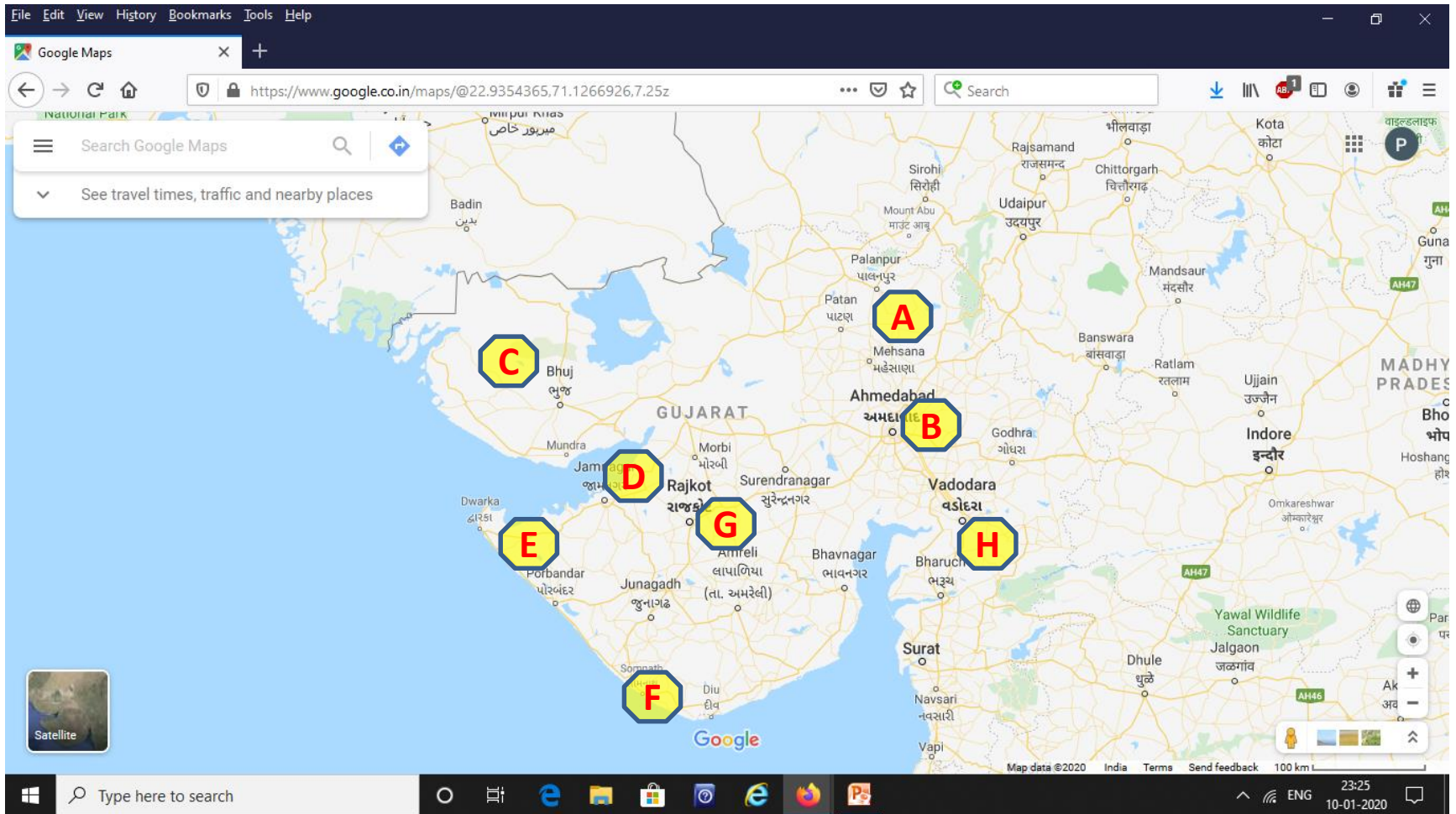


DJ's Gujarat Trip: Jan-2020:



Areas / Sections:

- A) Mehsana B) Ahmedabad C) Kutch D) Jamnagar E) Dwarka
F) Somnath G) Rajkot H) Vadodara

Areas / Sections:

A) Mehsana, Patan, Modhera :

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehsana>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patan,_Gujarat

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modhera>

Rani Ki Vav : <https://goo.gl/maps/cuL4Hxcv3bpqGHgV7>

Sahastra Ling Lake <https://goo.gl/maps/iHMXJ1ATnHbBjMj68>

Modhera Sun Temple : <https://g.page/ModheraSunTemple?share>

B) Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar:

Adalaj Step Well : <https://goo.gl/maps/q1KtHvJvbUrMWRGc9>

Gujarat Science City : <https://goo.gl/maps/W8Vr6cXFpsFYktJ28>

Auto World Vintage Car Museum : <https://goo.gl/maps/W93xMfAibp1PNsDn6>

Lothal Museum : <https://goo.gl/maps/LY7jbh59KSsMoWvM7>

Sabarmati Ashram : <https://goo.gl/maps/xYkC9uTYFWFPTAN38>

Akshardham Temple : <https://goo.gl/maps/Jk1f1yeToVTk1j9h8>

Coming from Delhi side to enter Guj: Mount Abu (tourist hill station), Ambaji (very famous big Ambe mata temple).

Areas / Sections:

C) Kutch : <https://www.makemytrip.com/blog/the-secrets-of-kutch>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kutch_district

Khadir Bet side -

Dholavira : <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dholavira>

Harappan site (Indus Valley Civilization) : <https://goo.gl/maps/yTn28dmhvVBWBdK7A>

Fossil Park : <https://goo.gl/maps/omyXXrvmh7Ad237e8>

Khavsa side -

Dhordo : (area of Safed Rann / White Desert) – area holding the Rann Utsav

Try to stay in one of the tents on a full moon night – see the desert 😊

<https://www.rannutsav.net/special-dates/>

<https://goo.gl/maps/p2hj8hhjtFDZgBUGA>

Kalo Dunger : <https://goo.gl/maps/5cnrY93bpftUYbzM8>

India Bridge : <https://goo.gl/maps/NW1mg3BxeHsKZvji9>

Ekal Rann - <https://goo.gl/maps/w4iH1WMww8erq1iD7> (different and untouched side of desert)

Fort Lakhpat : <https://goo.gl/maps/uzKtKr1ttni6Cu3f9> (inside also a Gurudwara)

Shree Koteswar Temple : <https://goo.gl/maps/bnLkiHwQW9WxVz6s8>

Areas / Sections:

C) Kutch : (continued)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kutch_district

Dhordo / Hodka : lots of staying options, but do advance booking. The Rann Utsav tent city area also has main area to stay, but bit expensive with full package. Check.

There is a small route (bit offroad) from *Dhordo* - *Haji Pir* - Dayapar –Lakhpath : ask locals if that's OK, to save time. Gmap will show it anyways.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kutch_Desert_Wildlife_Sanctuary

Bhuj and Mandvi : has some excellent palaces, beaches to explore
Aina Mahal, Kutch Museum, Vijay Vilas Palace

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vijaya_Vilas_Palace

Mundra and Kandla are important ports; Gandhidham is a big city.

Areas / Sections:

D) Jamnagar:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamnagar>

Reliance Refinery, few palaces – Lakhota, Darbar Gadh.

Narara Marine National Park : <https://goo.gl/maps/ka5GkDd2RG51BAXR8>

Pirotan Island : <https://goo.gl/maps/d4FU6HSYDoPMDZX68>

(both will need some permits, Narara is easier to reach)

Hotel President (owner could help get permit for Marine Park, pls check current info)

<https://goo.gl/maps/D1szBz6bGQzuieUz7>

E) Dwarka:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dwarka>

Shree Dwarkadhish Temple : <https://goo.gl/maps/2AUNVCag9J4mvp9r5>

Areas / Sections:

E) Dwarka: Krishna bhoomi

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dwarka>

Hotels: Hotel Dwarkadhish Lords Eco Inn : <https://goo.gl/maps/vExXY8dX9iVBHCwB6>

(take a sea facing room – awesome vista. I have personally stayed there)

Kokila Dhiraj Dham (Ambani).

Near Dwarka highway, Tortoise Breeding Center.

Shree Dwarkadhish Temple : <https://goo.gl/maps/2AUNVCAG9J4mvp9r5>

Just behind in the waters is Bhadkeshwar Mahadev Temple

: <https://goo.gl/maps/5Mie2tNK783wChqM7>

Other Nearby attractions:

Shree Nageshwar Temple : <https://goo.gl/maps/k3BsjG761fkqgVTj6> (large Shiv idol, funds donated by Late Gulshan Kumar T-Series)

Rukmini Mata Mandir : <https://goo.gl/maps/v9tbepG7859bz7Bw7>

Gopi Talav (Gopi Lake), Sudama Setu.

From the town of Okha (Dwarka – Mithapur – Okha), from there can take a ferry (only people allowed, big boat) to Bet Dwarka. The proposed bridge will take long to be ready. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bet_Dwarka

Areas / Sections:

F) Somnath

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somnath_temple : try to see the evening light & sound show <https://goo.gl/maps/eLxc7LYxfPXgxMo69> and Prabhas Patan museum nearby

Take the coastal road from Dwarka to **Porbandar** :

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porbandar>

Kirti Mandir : <https://goo.gl/maps/adRaAEr79vro4bAV8> (temple in name of Mahatma Gandhi , his birthplace is just next to temple)

Porbandar Bird Sanctuary: (within the city itself)

<https://goo.gl/maps/53xnXTq549SPEVyr9>

Continue on the beautiful coastal road, virgin beaches, Madhavpur area has nice isolated beaches. Town of Chorwad has Dhirubhai Ambani's house/museum :

<https://goo.gl/maps/BecqBiCy5q7ZfM3B9>

Areas / Sections:

G) Rajkot

Route from Somnath : The Gir forest is not very far from Somnath, many do that to see the Asiatic lions. <https://goo.gl/maps/ByBqyYY1whKgESXu9>

The cities of Rajkot, Junagadh and Gondal has few historic palaces, and also nearby is the Diu UT ! Near Rajkot are Girnar and Chotila hills.

Somnath – Junagadh (Girnar hills) – Virpur (small town with famous Jalaram Bhavwan temple) - Gondal – Rajkot – Chotila (Chotila hills) – Limdi – Dholka – Kheda - Nadiad – Anand - Vadodara. (Ahmd-Vadodara Expressway : bikes not allowed, so take old highway). Anand has Amul Factory.

(Avoid : The route from Somnath to Bhavnagar to Vadodara : roads are not good. Also Ro-Ro ferry from Bhavnagar (Ghogha) to Bharuch (Dahej) has stopped since few months!)

Areas / Sections:

H) Vadodara

Laxmi Vilas Palace, Kirti Mandir

To go Statue of Unity (SoU), direct route : Vadodara – Halol – Kevadia.
The Sardar Sarovar Dam site is just few min drive around from SoU, visit it.
Laser Show at SoU in evening, try to attend it.

Vadodara nearby attractions:

Champaner – Jami Masjid, and few more historic masjid just nearby.

Pavagadh – Mata Mandir (ropeway to go on top of hill).

SoU Kevadia – Kavant – Alirajpur – Barwani – Dharampuri – **Indore** (inner roads are not broad, overall good roads with just some rough patches).

Typical Trip Plan :

- 1) Delhi – Palanpur : 800 KM
- 2) Palanpur – Dholavira (visit) – Bhuj : 520 KM
- 3) Bhuj – Dhordo – 80 KM (either stay on a full moon night, or return after seeing white desert).
- 4) Bhuj – Lakhpat – Koteswar – (Naliya – Mandvi : optional/as per time) – Bhuj : 400-500 KM
- 5) Bhuj – Morbi – Jamnagar : 270 KM (depends if stay and want to see Marine National Park) OR proceed ahead to directly Dwarka then additional 150 KM
- 6) Dwarka – local (depends on previous day) : (local around 100 KM)
- 7) Dwarka – Madhavpur – Chorwad – Somnath : 260 KM
- 8) Somnath – Rajkot – Vadodara : 500 KM
- 9) Vadodara – SoU (90 KM) – Indore (320 KM)