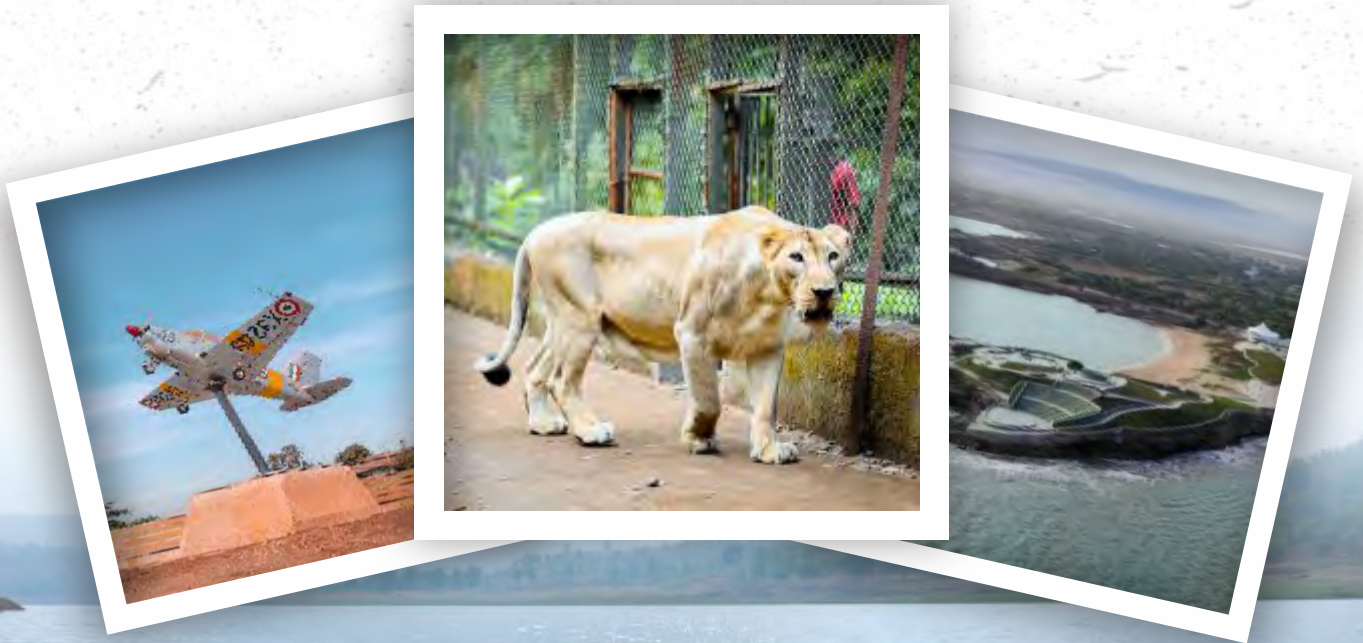


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A scenic view of a beach at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach with a thatched umbrella and a signpost. The signpost has a logo and text, but it is not clearly legible. In the background, there are people walking on the beach and the ocean waves.

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Explore **DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI**





Hirwavan Garden, Piparia

Hirwavan garden is located at Piparia in Silvassa. A Very neat, clean & well maintained small garden. The garden has good greenery, beautiful plants & flowers and man-made waterfalls is the main attraction of this place. One can spend its time for some walking, chatting & relaxation.



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Nakshatra Garden, Silvassa

Nakshatra Garden is an Astro-themed garden, which has a large variety of plants and trees linked to zodiac signs. The garden has been designed according to the Indian system of astrology that links plants with the motion of different planets. The garden has a dedicated play area for kids. The well-maintained garden also has numerous little ponds and various species of trees. The ponds are linked by small bridges and serve as a home for various species of ducks. The garden is famous for its medicinal herbs and plants including Ayurvedic herbs. The beautiful walking tracks in the garden are lined with botanical plants with their nameplates. The park remains open for visitors from 6.30 am to 7 pm every day.



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Daman Ganga Riverfront, Silvassa

One of the Iconic structures of Silvassa. A Vibrant centre of the city, where people enjoy and learn the Promotion of Tourism, Arts & Culture. Every weekend Fun & Fitness Programmes are being organized to showcase peoples/ organizations talent to the world. It's the only 3 Km long built River-Front at the banks of Daman Ganga River.



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Lion Safari, Vasona

Vasona Lion Safari Park is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts. The best way to explore the park is to take a safari in a bus or van fitted with mesh screen and spot the majestic lions in their natural habitat. There are more than three lions in the safari park, which is sprawled over an area of 20 acres and bound by a 3-m-high wall. You can also spot pythons and other wild species of reptiles during the safari. The park is a part of Dadra and Nagar Haveli Wildlife Sanctuary and also shares the neighbourhood with the Satmalia Deer Park. Built with an aim to preserve Asiatic lions, the Lion Safari Park remains open from 9 am to 5 pm and lies at a distance of 10 km from Silvassa.



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Satmaliya Deer Sanctuary

On the way to Khanvel, Satmalia has a wildlife sanctuary with many species of antelope. Many other animals – including sambhar and chital deer, and blackbucks – and a wide variety of birds – including the flame back woodpecker, peacocks, and thrushes – can be spotted. The machan (watchtower) near the water hole provides an incredible panoramic view of the sanctuary and Madhuban Dam.



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Butterfly Park, Khanvel

Located at Khanvel, beside forest rest house, is an ideal place for spotting hundreds of varieties of butterflies.

A quite good place to enjoy nature with many colourful dancing butterfly . Surrounded with flowering plants, tall palm and coconut trees. The Ideal time to visit this garden is in morning or late afternoon . Ideal month for visiting this garden is November to January when you can see varieties of butterflies. If you are a shutterbug then you can sharpen your photography skill.



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Vanganga Lake Garden, Dadra

Vanganga Lake Garden stretches like a mini forest, containing within its vastness a beautiful lake. Unique Japanese style bridges and a modern state of the art Signature bridge connects the central island to the main garden.

Paddle Boats, Restaurant and a world-class Floating Musical Dancing Fountain in the garden add to its charms. Enjoy a leisurely boating ride while watching the dancing musical fountain and feeling the cool breeze. The garden is quite popular with the filmmakers with more than 40 Hindi hit film songs scene shot here so far.



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Swaminarayan Temple, Athal

Swaminarayan Temple is a perfect example for architectural splendour. If you have a keen eye for architecture, just a photograph of the temple would trigger your interest to plan a trip to the site regardless of your faith. You will be amazed to find that not a piece of the structure is left without carvings. The spacious garden and the magnificent construction mesmerize visitors.



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Vatsal Waterfall, Khedpa

Vatsal waterfall is located at the end of Khedpa Nature trail, village Hatipada with a hiking length of 4 kms (one way trip).

A path through a forest, field, mountain range, etc., that is used for hiking and seeing various plants, birds and animals are commonly noticeable.



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Madhuban Dam

This is a composite dam constructed across the river Damanganga near village Madhuban of Dharampur Taluka, Valsad district of Gujarat state. The main purpose of the project is irrigation, other being water supply for domestic and industrial use and for generation of 2.0 MW of power. The project has a network of canal system on either bank of the river to provide irrigation to an area of 56630-ha of land. The dam has height of 50 m above the deepest foundation to store 567 m³ of water.

Madhuban Dam was built in the year jointly by the Government of Gujarat and the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The construction of the dam has resulted in the formation of a number of water bodies near Dudhani, approximately 40 km from Silvassa. Recently, the area is an ideal spot for the lovers of water sports and general tourists as the reservoir of damn acts as a beautiful lake for tourists. The supply of madhubam damn water flows to gujarat and UT of DNH & DD through Daman Ganga Pinjal river linking project.



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Old Chapel of Our Lady of Piety, Silvassa

Situated right opposite Tribal Museum, the Church of Our Lady of Piety is one of the oldest churches in the region. Built by the Portuguese in the latter part of the 18th century, the church is noted for its imposing Gothic architecture and bears a stark resemblance to Barcelona's Sagrada familia, which was designed by renowned architect Antoni Gaudi. The structure has grey exteriors built with stone and stands as a testament to the rich colonial past of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The Main Altar of the church is truly magnificent and its wooden pews are also impressive. One of the walls of the church is decorated with a mural of the famous Last Supper, which is a great work of art. The stained glass windows of the church add to its grandeur. The church can be visited on all days of the week from 7 am to 7 pm.



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Dudhni Lake, Dudhani

Dudhni lake is an ideal place for those who love water sports. Located 40 km from Silvassa, it is a huge lake built on Madhuban Dam's reservoir. The sparkling water with the surrounding hillocks makes it a popular one-day picnic spot. It has boating and other watersports like kayaking, speed boats, canoeing and jet skiing. The colourful shikaras at this lake will remind you of Kashmir. You can enjoy an enchanting sunset while boating. It is recommended to stay back for a night at a nearby hotel to witness the amazing sight of sunrise.



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Explore **DAMAN**





The Fort of Moti Daman

The construction of Moti Daman Fort commenced in A.D.1559 and concluded in A.D. 1581 when Daman was a Portuguese enclave. Exploring the fort is an opportunity to get a sneak peek in the history of Daman as you walk around it and scout through the comprising areas. which encloses the Administrator's Secretariat, the Government House, Cathedral of Bom Jesus, Dominican Monastery, Bocage House (also known as the poet house), the old lighthouse, the convent school, government quarters, and several government organizations such as the public health centre, the district library, three gardens, the district court, Daman Municipal Council, etc. To visit the old lighthouse and some other parts of the fort, the visitors can climb upon the fort walls using the stairs given at multiples points to take a walk around the 10 bastions.



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The House of Bocage

The House of Bocage (The Poet House) is often overlooked by the visitors as not much has been publicized about it and due to lack of awareness. However, the minute history associated with it is interesting. It is named after a Portuguese Neo-classical poet Manuel Maria Barbosa Du Bocage (pen name: Elmani Sadino), who was deputed at Goa in 1786 as Guarda-Marinha in the Portuguese Navy. The motivation behind Bocage joining the Navy was the heroic traditions of the Portuguese empire in Asia as presented in Portugal




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Dominican Monastery, Daman

Dominican Monastery, situated in the fort of Moti Daman, is frequently referred to as the Ruined Church. Most travelers visit this archaeological landscape to witness its curiosity provoking sight, but a majority of them are unaware of its history of the Portuguese colonial era. It was considered as the most prestigious church in the territory.



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Church of Bom Jesus, Daman

Established in 1559 and consecrated in 1603, Cathedral of Bom Jesus is a masterful specimen of the brilliant engineering artistry of the Portuguese. The intricately carved gateways, ornate interiors and artistic wooden altars of this shrine have withstood the test of time. The richly carved entrance to the south, with the elevated façade and lofty ceiling, is embellished with the aesthetically carved statues of six saints. Echoing the ethos of traditional Roman art and architecture, the church dedicated to Bom Jesus draws both, tourists and pilgrims, in large numbers.



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Fort of Saint Jerome, Daman

Daman was taken from its Gujarati ruler by the Portuguese in 1531 but was only officially handed over to the Portuguese in 1559 by Bahadur Shah, the Sultan of Gujarat. Diu became a Portuguese colony in 1539 after the signing of a peace treaty by the Sultan of Gujarat, Bahadur Shah. The territories remained Portuguese colonies till they were freed in 1961. A visit to the historical place of St. Jerome Fort in Daman will give you a clear insight about the history of the place.



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Jetty Nani Daman

On the bank of Daman Ganga River, lies one of the most popular tourist spots in Daman District, Nani Daman Jetty. It has long been a preferred location for spending leisure time by the locals and tourists alike. The area comprises of Jetty Garden, the estuary, the dock, several fast food stalls, Saint Jerome Fort, which occupies Church of Our Lady of the Sea. It has something to offer to all age groups and travelers with various agendas.



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Jampore Beach, Daman

Jampore beach is one major attraction of Daman. It is situated remotely 5 kilometers away from the Moti Daman Jetty. The beach is famous for its blackish mud-colored water. It is soothing just to have a look at the sea and is a perfect place for the ones seeking some peace and solitude. The beach is away from the hustle of the city and is, therefore, a great place to relax. The beach is covered with trees all over which makes the place breezy and gives it an ecstatic look.



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Devka Beach, Daman

Devka beach is a sight of pure beauty. Like so many other beaches of Daman, this too is a massive, picturesque and quite unspoilt. The place has clean blue waters, well maintained shores and enough beauty for everybody. Also, there is a special Amusement Park here which houses huge fountains and play area for kids.



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Lighthouse, Daman

Head to the Moti Daman Jetty to reach the Lighthouse via the newly constructed beachfront road, “Ram Setu”, which extends from Moti Daman Jetty to Jampore Beach. The beach has recently become popular amongst everyone. You will notice the people jogging, taking a brisk walk, socializing, conducting photo shoots, water sports activities etc.



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Explore DIU





Fudam Bird Sanctuary

Located in the eastern part of Diu, Fudam Bird sanctuary is tranquil place that is primarily a marsh area that attracts several species of birds. An observatory tower has been built from where the bird-watchers can sight the entire area and the water body of the sanctuary. The mangrove scrubs of the sanctuary have proven to be a good breeding ground for fishes. Bird-watching enthusiasts can spot the following birds at the sanctuary: Asian Palm Swift, Black-winged Swift, Cattle Egret, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Comb Duck, Greater Flamingo, Grey Plover, House Crow, Indian Cormorant, Paddyfield Pipit, Painted Stork, Purple Sunbird, Red-necked Phalarope, Red-vented Bulbul, Red-wattled Lapwing, Sanderling, Striated Heron, etc. Flamingos of the sanctuary are what catch the eyes of the tourists



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Blue Flag - Ghoghla Beach

Situated at the entrance, Ghoghla Beach has achieved the coveted Eco Label Blue Flag Certification awarded by FEE Denmark. Ghoghla is the largest beach of the U.T of Diu that has Golden sands with smooth gentle waves and a huge flat tidal area. Clean and clear water at optimum temperature throughout the year. Aesthetically appealing tourist facilities and amenities ensuring healthy environment management and safety & security of tourist. Ghoghla offers ergonomically designed world class bio-toilet blocks, change rooms facilities with integrated shower panels, pure drinking water facilities, tourist information boards along with recreational amenities such as open gymnasium, children park area and gardens. Designated 'Safe Swim Heaven', availability of trained life guards with water rescue equipment along with security guards are key features for safety and security of tourist.



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St. Paul Church

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Naida Caves

Naida caves in Diu are within a short distance from the Diu town. Diu's greatest glory is the huge fort, a sight that justifies the long trip here. The northern side of the island, facing Gujarat, is tidal marshland and salt pans while the southern coast alternates between limestone cliffs, rocky covers and sandy beaches. Diu's Naida caves have a natural opening in the ground extending beyond the zone of light. Caves vary in shapes and sizes. Speleology is the scientific study of caves. The science incorporates the study of geology, archeology and biology and thus ranks in special interest for earth scientists of the U.S Geological Survey.



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Nagoa Beach

One of the major beaches in Diu, the Nagoa Beach, Diu is about 7 kms west of town. Naturally, sunbathing is tempting on these sun-kissed sands. Buses from Diu to Nagoa beach leave occasionally from the old bus stand at the end of the bridge. If you spend the day at Nagoa, attention should be given to the bus timing otherwise missing the last bus leaves you with little choice but to walk.



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Diu Fort

The Fort of Diu occupies a prominent position. It is an expansive and imposing structure, situated on the coast of the island. The fort commands a magnificent view of sea. It was constructed between 1535 and 1541 AD after a defence alliance, concluded by the Bahadurshah, Sultan of Gujarat, and the Portuguese when the former was attacked by Humayun, the Mughal Emperor.



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Fortress of Panikotha

The Fortress of Panikotha is a magnificent stone structure in the sea, built right at the mouth of the creek. It was built during the Muslim domain by Malik Aiyaz. It served as an entry post to control the movement of the Merchant Ships entering Diu for trading the rich Asian merchandise especially the Indian spices. The movement of the ships were also controlled by a defensive system which joined the Bastion of the sea or the Fortress to the Bastion at the shore by a thick metallic chain upon the river bed. This was raised and lowered impeding the entry of the hostile ships.



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Gangeshwar Temple

Gangeshwar Temple is situated 3 kms away from Diu in Fudam Village. Shivlinga known as Gangeshwar is seen in the midst of the rocks on the seashore. As it is situated on the beach, the gentle sea waves offering their obeisance to the “Shiv Lingas” in stone have a mystic aura around them in the cave temple of Gangeshwar where the Lord makes his presence felt. It is believed that the 5 Pandavas during their exile worshiped Lord Shiva in this temple.



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INS Khukri

Indian Naval Ship Khukri was a frigate of the Indian Navy. During the Indo Pak War in 1971, she fell prey to three torpedoes fired by a Pakistan submarine on 9/12/1971 and sank 40 nautical miles off the coast of Diu taking down with her a crew of 18 Officers and 176 Sailors. Captain Mahendra Nath Mulla, Mahavir Chakra (Posthumous) of the Indian Navy, the then Commanding Officer of the ship, chose to go down with the warship. The heroic act of Cap. Mulla and his valiant crew is shining example of unyielding spirit and indomitable courage glorifying the heist traditions of the Indian Navy. The INS Khukri Memorial was inaugurated on 15th December, 1999 and is found erected on the hillock at Chakratirth beach. It is a replica of the INS Khukri Naval Ship.



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St. Thomas Church

The Church was built in the year 1598 by an order of Bishop D. Aleixo Menezes. It was the first Parish Church of Diu. Later on the status of the Parish Church was transferred to the Church of Immaculate Conception. As this church of St. Thomas ceased to be the Parish Church it was also desecrated and it was used for various profane purposes. The Altar is said to have been transferred to Silvassa.

This edifice came under various functions – as an Orphanage, Home for the Aged, Museum, Police Station and prior to liberation it housed the Angolan Battalion. Post liberation, it was abandoned and it was in custody of the Parish Priest of the Immaculate Conception. At present, it houses a Museum inaugurated on 12th October, 1992. Carved woods, old statues, stone inscriptions and other artifacts are collected from various sites and displayed in the Museum. It is an archaeological treasure house.



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