



POLO FOREST

ABOUT

The ancient Polo city was built around the river Harnav, an ancient water body spoken of in the Puranas. It is believed to have been established in the 10th century by the Parihar kings of Idar, and was then conquered in the 15th century by the Rathod Rajputs of Marwar. The name is derived from pol, the Marwari word for "gate," signifying its status as a gateway between Gujarat and Rajasthan. It was built between Kalaliyo in the east, the highest peak in the area, and Mamrehchi in the west, considered sacred by the local adivasis. Together they block sunlight for most of the day, which might provide an explanation for the otherwise mysterious abandonment of the ancient city.

The 400 square km area of dry mixed deciduous forest is lushest between September and December after the monsoon rains when the rivers are full, but at any time of the year it provides a rich wildlife experience. There are more than 450 species of medicinal plants, around 275 of birds, 30 of mammals, and 32 of reptiles. There are bears, panthers, leopards, hyenas, water fowl, raptors, passerines, and flying squirrels (mostly heard, rarely seen), all living under a canopy of diverse plants and trees. During winter, all manner of migratory birds occupies the forest; during the rainy season there are wetland birds.

TRIP HIGHLIGHT

- ✚ Jungle Trek
- ✚ Visit to Jain Temple, Sharneshwar Mahadev Temple, Vishweshwer Mahadev Temple
- ✚ Adventure Activities
- ✚ Fun at Swimming Pool

Sharaneshwar Shiva temple



The 15th-century Sharaneshwar temple dedicated to Shiva is located in Abhapur. It is a three-storied temple with fortified wall around it having gates in east and west. It is in dilapidated condition. It has a grabhgriha, antarala, gudhamandpa (central shrine), nandi-mandapa/sabhamandpa in front and pradakshina (ambulatory) around the central shrine. There are two porches on the sides. There is a yagnakunda with well carved vedi in front of the temple. The mandovara, pitha (base) and vedika are adorned with post-Chaulukya styled carvings. The round pillars differ from this style and are plain with intervals of ringlets on the shaft and inverted lotus patterned

capital and base. The shikhara and roofs of porches and mandapa are destroyed. The carvings on exterior walls include double jangha adorned with images of Yama, Bhairava, Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Indra, Parvati, Indrani, Ganesh a; social life scenes; bands of humans, elephants, swans and plants. There are ruins of some minor temples nearby. There is a temple of four- handed Chamunda nearby.

Jain Temple



The large sandstone temple had well carved ceiling and perforated stone screens in the mandapa which have various natural and geometric patterns. It is two storeyed temple with gudhamandapa and antarala. The trika-mandapa connects two mandapas at different levels. The antarala ceiling has a beautiful sculpture. The pillars are profusely carved and look similar to the temples on Mount Abu. On the lintel of the doorframe of the sanctum, there is an image of Jain Tirthankara Parshwanatha with his attendant deity Padmavati on the sides. It is approximately 150 feet by 70 feet in area and has turned black due to exposure to the sun and rain. The temple seems enclosed in a fortification and formerly surrounded by 52 devkulika shrines.

DAY ITINERARY

- Early Morning Departure from Ahmedabad
- Breakfast at Polo Forest
- Trekking in Lush Forest of Polo Forest and Visit to Sarneshwar Mahadev and Jain Temple
- Lunch
- Swimming pool and Rest time
- Hi-Tea
- Some Adventure Activities
- Dinner and Departure for Ahmedabad

INCLUDE

- ✓ Travelling AC Bus
- ✓ Meals of Day (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
- ✓ Trekking, Burma bridge, All Rope Course
- ✓ Sightseeing of Old Monument of Polo Forest
- ✓ Swimming pool

EXCLUDE

- X Any personal Expense
- X Anything not Mention in program
- X Medical Treatment a part from First Aid

WHAT TO CARRY?

- ✓ One Pair Cloths
- ✓ Rain Coat or Poncho
- ✓ Trekking Shoes Compulsory
- ✓ Sunglass & Cap
- ✓ Water bottle for Individual
- ✓ Mask and Personal Sanitizer

GUIDELINES TO THE PARTICIPANTS FOR SAFE CAMPING.

- ✓ Using Face Mask/Face Cover is compulsory
- ✓ Maintain Social Distancing and Wash Hands Frequently, Avoid handshakes with other participants and staff members.
- ✓ Must Carry personal hand sanitizers to use during activities/camping
- ✓ The Participants are advised to carry personal items for safe camping like Plate/lunch box for meals, mug, spoons, and water bottle.
- ✓ Try to avoid touching at any place like handlebars, supporting bars in a bus, automated water taps, sanitizer machines, etc.
- ✓ Use dustbins for garbage and mask disposal.

CAMPSITE & WASHROOM AREA

- ✓ The whole campsite to be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- ✓ Every participant would pass through a temperature test to ensure the safety and spread of infection.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: (FOR PARTICIPANT)

- ✓ Participant will have to follow the instructions clearly and quietly given by the Instructors/Leaders.
- ✓ Any Misbehave during the camp will lead to cancellation of the participant & participant may be ordered to leave the campsite/Trek at any time.
- ✓ Sitting arrangements will be on rotation basis. Do not demand for group sitting arrangement during travelling. Your Camp Escort/Instructor will guide you for this and we need to cooperate with them.
- ✓ Accommodation is based on sharing based. As per the situation, Accommodation may change and participants need to cooperate with Participants/Instructors.
- ✓ Participants have to keep the Campsite area/Rooms/Tents neat and clean.
- ✓ Do not leave the Campsite area/Hotel/Trek without any permission from the Camp manager/Instructors.
- ✓ Participants have to take care of their valuable things. For any kind of missing items, Gujarat Adventure Club is not responsible.
- ✓ If Participant will be found having any type of Narcotic drugs, Alcoholic items, Tobacco items and Smoking items during these days, inside or outside the campsite area that will directly lead to cancellation of the participant and no refund will be paid.

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PAYMENTS POLICY

- ✓ For all the services contracted, certain advance payment should be made to hold the booking, on confirmed basis & the balance amount can be paid either before your departure from your destination, definitely before the commencement of the services.
- ✓ Management personnel hold the right to decide upon the amount to be paid as advance payment (Half Payment), based on the nature of the service & the time left for the commencement of the service.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- ✓ If a Camp is canceled at the last moment due to a natural calamity / unforeseen circumstances (like rains, earthquake, landslides, strike, bandh, decided by management team etc.), we will issue the full fees. Cancellation is on full fees Otherwise you can change your camp dates if it is possible by us.
- ✓ The cancellation charges for National Camp / Tour
 - Cancellations before to 7 days from the start of the journey – 25% Of Package Cost
 - Cancellation within 7 days and Before 24 Hours to start of the journey – 50% Refund.
 - Cancellation less than 24 Hours to the start of the journey – No Refund.

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