



Introduction *Dadra & Nagar Haveli*

Located on the western side of the foothills of western ghats encompassing an area of 491 square km, the Union Territory (UT) of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is the land of colourful tribals. Just 12 km north west of Daman, a small part of Gujarat (Vapi) separates the two. It has seen many rulers, ranging from the mighty Marathas to the fiery Portuguese. It was liberated in 1954 from Portuguese rule. **Dadra** actually is much smaller with only two villages apart from Dadra itself. **Nagar Haveli** consists of 69 villages of which Silvassa, the capital of Dadra and Nagar Haveli is one. Dadra is separated from the villages of Nagar Haveli by 3 km of Gujarat territory. The entire union territory is rural in its

complexion with tribals (adivasi) constituting more than 75 percent of the population, and the main tribes are Dhodia, Kokna and Varli. The reserved forests comprise 40 percent of the UT providing a habitat for all kind of flora and fauna. Because of proximity to the sea at Daman, the summer temperature is not overpowering. The river Damanganga and its tributaries like the Varna, Pipri and Sakartond criss cross the UT and drain into Arabian Sea at Daman.

The nearness of Daman, which is the sister UT, has common administration with the Administrator as Head, has integrated the two UT's to form a composite block for the purpose of tourism.





The colourful dances and curious rituals of this tribal land, top class resorts and complexes close to nature, enchanting hills, the well manicured gardens at Dadra, Silvassa and Luhari, lion safari at Vasona, water based thrills at Dudhni, trekking trails to the forests, wildlife sanctuary at Satmalia and the charming monsoon landscape of the entire area are the visitors delight - the ideal place for a city dweller to unwind in and to get close to nature. A small sylvan place for all seasons.

The network of the road within the UT is good and Vapi (14 km) and Bhilad (12 km) on the western rail line are the nearest rail heads. The nearest international airport is Mumbai (180 km). Silvassa, the capital has a variety of accommodation and restaurants with well stocked bar. Well appointed cottages and camping facility are also available to explore this tranquil paradise. Of late this has also emerged as the hub of business tourism because of its excellent facilities and services.

GEOGRAPHY

Surrounded on the west north and east by Valsad district of Gujarat and in the south and south east by Thana and Nasik districts of Maharashtra, the union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli is situated between the parallels of

20° and 20°25' of latitude north and between the meridian 72°50' and 73°15' of longitude. The vast stretch of the total geographical area of 491 square km is hilly terrain specially towards the north east and east where it is surrounded by ranges of Sahyadri Mountains (western ghats). The river **Damanganga** rises in the Ghat 64 km from the western coast and discharges itself in the Arabian Sea at the port of Daman. The land under forest cover (20359 hectares) in this territory constitutes about 40 percent of the geographical area. The central region of the land is almost plain and the soil is fertile and rich.

CLIMATE

The climate is moderate and generally healthy in the central zone, though hot and humid during the summer months but less warm during the monsoon season from June - September. The area referred to as Cherrapunji of the West India receives an annual rainfall between 200-250 cm.

HISTORY

The Portuguese who entered India at the end of 15th century, after occupying Goa also took some areas on the Bay of Khambhat (Cambay) i.e. Daman and later on Diu on the Saurashtra coast. In the 18th century, **Marathas** were a formidable force and had acquired





The nature's delight

some areas of south Gujarat from the Dharampur Raja and other principalities. The late 18th century, around 1779, records a fierce sea battle between Portuguese and Maratha forces in which Marathas were compelled to cede some territory close to Daman to the former. On 17th December, 1779 Portuguese took territorial control of the 72 villages by virtue of a friendship treaty between Portuguese and Marathas. This group of 72 villages came to be known as Dadra & Nagar Haveli. With the independence of India in August, 1947, the struggle by the freedom fighters of Goa to liberate this territory intensified. In fact, the movement was initiated by a Goan teacher, Carles da Cruz, who got all encouragement from Goan nationalist movement leaders like

T. B. Cunha and rulers of adjoining Gujarat. With the freedom of India, the nationalist leaders found that Dadra & Nagar Haveli was a good target against Portuguese rule because the territory was landlocked unlike Goa, Daman and Diu and was now in the midst of free India. At this time, Portugal was ruled by Salazar who refused the Indian Government demand to end the colonial vestiges in India. This infuriated the Goan nationalists who moved in and took control of the Police Station of villages in Dadra on July 22, 1954. Dadra was captured in the early hours with the support of local tribals and by afternoon the Portuguese officers of other two villages in Dadra surrendered. The frightened offices of the Portuguese administrator of Nagar & Haveli sought refuge in





adjoining Gujarat and by August 2, 1954 the entire territory was conquered without a single shot fired from either side. In 1961, the Indian army marched into Goa, Daman and Diu ousting Portuguese from their colonial possessions on Indian soil.

After its liberation in 1954, the administration was carried on by the local body till its merger with the Indian Union on August, 11, 1961. The area was created as a Union Territory and formal statutory administration headed by the Administrator.

of land holdings many of them work as farm labourers or seek employment in other areas.

Tribes

The shy and peace loving tribals inhabiting the UT attract tourists with their rich and colourful tribal culture. They retained their culture although the territory has had many years of foreign rule, from the Marathas to the Portuguese.

The **Varlis** form the largest group (63 percent) and are found everywhere in this UT. Varlis are a tribe of non Aryan origin, who were concentrated in areas near the Vindhya and Satpuras from where they came towards Konkan region. At present, they mainly inhabit the Valsad and Dang districts of Gujarat and Thana and Nasik districts of Maharashtra as well as this UT, which they claim as their original home. A loin cloth, a small waist coat and a turban makes for the traditional dress of the Varli men. Varli women use knee length **Lugdén** (one yard saree) around the waist and a piece of cloth locally called **Padar**. Silver and white metal ornaments are part of adornment. The Varli tribe follow form of Hinduism.

Dhodias, the second largest (about 17 percent) tribal population is largely concentrated in area around north part of the UT, south of Gujarat and a few

PEOPLE AND TRIBES

The population of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is 2,20,451 (2001 census), an increase of over 60 percent over the last census in 1991. More than 62 percent of the total population is tribal. The population density is 449 persons per square kilometer, sex ratio (number of females per 1000 males) 811 and the literacy rate 60.03 percent. The urbanites constitute about 23 percent of the total population. The urban Silvassa town is the most thickly populated among the 11 village Panchayats. The majority population is Hindu (over 95 percent). The main tribes are Varlis, Dhodia and Kokna whereas the other constituents are a little over 3 percent of the total tribal population. The main occupation is agriculture, but due to paucity





Simple, colourful tribal folks of Dadra & Nagar Haveli

adjoining areas of Maharashtra. They live in small thatched huts (locally called Dhundi) and are cultivators and a majority are land owners. The traditional wardrobe of the Dhodia men is a white dhoti upto the knees and a shirt or waist coat with a white cap and they wear ornaments such as earrings and silver chains around the waist. The dress of a female consists of a dark blue saree worn upto the knees with colourful bead necklaces, metal bangles on wrists and thick metal kadas around their ankles.

The well built **Koknas** constitute about 17 percent of the tribal population and are settled along the foothills of the western ghats. Their life mainly depends on cultivation (paddy) for livelihood. This tribe is characterized by tattoos on their forehead and on

other parts of their body. The men wear dhoti upto the knees, a waist coat or shirt and a turban on their head. The women wear colourful knee length or full length saree.

Others include **Kathodis**, leading a forest life and engaged in the profession of catechew (katha) making; the **Dublas**, scattered along the coast line, also called halpatis for their profession of ploughing (hal); **Kolghas** and **Nayakas** being the smaller groups represent about 3 percent of the population together.

With improved communication, education, economy growth of the region and the steps initiated by the Administration, the tribal's way of living and thinking is changing from their original agriculture based and gathering existence to near mainstream. Due to formal education, many of these





tribes are striving hard to occupy higher positions in society.

LANGUAGE



The land locked union territory is sandwiched between Gujarat and Maharashtra, consequently Hindi, Gujarati and Marathi are widely spoken. The local tribals have dialects of their own of which **Bhili** and **Bhilodi** are predominant. English is the working language of Government offices and Hindi is also fairly well understood. For the people engaged in hospitality and service industry, English is widely used. One would see words of English used in milestones, signages and signboards.

CULTURE



Hinduism is the religion of the vast majority (95 percent) of the population though religious observances may differ. The territory is least urbanised with less than 20 percent population living in towns. The farming community has very small land holdings and most of them are agricultural labourers as there is hardly any mechanised farming. The houses are generally thatched huts roofed with tiles near agricultural fields. The people are simple hard working class and a close knit community. The rituals play a predominant role in the life of tribal communities of Dadra and Nagar Haveli,

particularly the Varlis. The sun and the moon are regarded as two eyes of God. The stone images of these deities are found in the midst of tree groves which are considered sacred. A bhagat performs rituals singing prayers of deities while playing **Ghangal**, a musical instrument made from gourd, bamboo and iron strings. Almost every village has a temple of traditional God and a local deity.

MUSIC AND DANCE



The tribals have distinct culture of their own consisting of curious rituals and colourful folklore. Marriages, festivals, harvest are all occasion for dances and the tribal folk have a long tradition of preserving their dance forms and rich and colourful culture. The foot tapping dances of Tarpa, Dhol, Bhavada and Gheria create a magical effect and reflect the distinct identity of these simple folks. The accompanying musical instruments are innovated by the tribals themselves with locally available material like gourd, bamboo, wood and leather.

Tarpa Dance

The Tarpa is the most popular dance form of the Varli, Kokna and Kolis, and is performed in celebration of the harvest in September upto the festival of Diwali.

The lead dancer of the group taps the ground with an ornamental





Music, rhythm and celebration - Tarpa dance

stick (**ghol kanthi**) in a rhythmic beat. The other performers hold each other around the waist and wind their way round the musician. The man plays on the Tarpa, a wind instrument fashioned from gourd and bamboo sticks. The pace of dance and steps change with the tune played by the musician on the Tarpa. The music sounds much like a snake charmer's hypnotic tune.

Bohada Dance

This marvellous dance, Bohada, is performed by the Kokna tribals wearing masks in night by torch light. The masks are typical of its villages and carved out of a single piece of wood and then decorated with bamboo strips and coloured papers. These masks have the figures of Gods like Pandavas, Ravana, Ganesh and deities like Kaloba, Mhasoba, Rangatai.

Each performer dances steps that are typical of the character whose mask he has worn. The instruments like Sur, Kahali and Sambal form the basic rhythm of the music.

Tur and Thali Dance

Tur is a percussion instrument, a cylindrical drum, made out of clay with carefully tanned leather surface on both sides and the central portion painted black. An additional paste of rice and ash is also applied to make it more sensitive to the touch of the musician's fingers. Thali is a circular metal dish.

This dance is performed by Dhodi and the Dubla tribes mostly during marriages and other festive occasions. The men and the women dance in semi circle to the rhythms of Tur and Thali.





Dhol Dance

Dhol or drum is formed out from the hollow part of a tree trunk. The hollow on either side has leather (skin parchment), stretched with the help of gut strips. A **timki** is a small version of the dhol with the skin parchment only on one side.

The Dhol dance is a harvest dance performed by Varli and Kokna tribes from September till the festival of Holi. Performed to propitiate the village deities at night, this dance form has performers dancing to the rhythmic beats of dhols and timkis accompanied by men singing solo.

The notable feature of this dance form is its several formations which include acrobatics and human pyramids.

Gheria Dance

A group dance, Gheria, is performed by the Dubla tribesmen directed by a leader called, **Kavio**. With an elaborate headgear, holding a cluster of peacock feathers in his right hand, he sings and others follow suit in chorus. The men dancers swirl and using the two small sticks in their hands create a rhythmic beat by striking them against each other. A **Bagaliwala**, also part of the group, holds a long bamboo stick at the upper end of which is tied a small horizontal stick from which a bagali (swan) made up of white cloth is hung.

Performed mainly during the festival of Diwali (Oct. - Nov.), the dancers are colourfully dressed as the female devotees of their goddesses. The lyrics recount the glories and feats of the history and are descriptive in nature.

FESTIVALS

Normally all Hindu, Muslim and Christian festivals are celebrated in this UT. However, tribal festivities and celebrations are traditional and distinct. Varli and Koknas celebrate Diwali as **Barash**.

Akha Tij is an all woman festival of Kokna tribe. **Divaso** and

Raksha Bandhan is popular among Dhodias. The good spirits of Goddess Kali are invoked in all villages before and after harvesting of crops.

Here the festivals have origin in religion, they mark the change of season and are a mix of social and cultural panorama. There are many introduced by Dept. of Tourism at Silvassa to showcase the rich culture and heritage of the region.

Name of Festivals Date & Month

Monsoon Magic Festival	16-18 July, '04
Cross Country Race, Geet and Rain Dance Competition	
Children's Film Festival	3-7 August, '04
Nariyal Pournima	30th August, '04
World Tourism Day	27th Sept., '04
Tarpa Festival & Craft Mela	5-7 Nov., '04
Shobha Yatra, Painting, Fancy Dress, Rangoli, Mehndi, Folk Dance and Flower Arrangement Competition, Cultural Programmes	
Kite Festival	15-16 Jan., '05



ECONOMY

In this predominantly tribal area, the **forest** cover is spread over 58 villages. The highly priced teak and khair are the most predominant species and the area under reserved forest is almost 20,000 hectares.

Since its integration with the Union of India, the number of functioning industrial units in this UT has risen to 2033 running in the industrial estate at Masat, Khadoli and Piparia. This involves a capital investment of about Rs. 3595 crores and an annual production of Rs. 10,900 crores. These units primarily manufacture textiles, plastics, engineering goods, chemicals and pharmaceuticals and quite a good number of national and multinational giants have operations here. The benefits like tax holiday and sales tax exemptions have attracted lot of entrepreneurs to set manufacturing base here.

As **agriculture** is the main occupation of this territory, Government schemes have been instrumental in providing the irrigation and improved agriculture facilities to the tribal cultivators. This has significantly reduced their dependence on nature and the yield has also improved. Paddy is the most important crop and total area under paddy cultivation is about 10,000 hectares. Cereals, pulses, sugarcane, oil seeds, vegetables and

fruits are also grown. **Animal husbandary** particularly dairy development has also improved significantly since 1954. The **livestock** population constitutes cattle, buffaloes, goats etc.

TOURISM

Fast developing as a weekend getaway for city dwellers, this territory has varied charms and has recorded exponential growth in tourist arrivals since last one decade. The area also has great promise for development of business tourism and can also be used as a very convenient base to explore the hill resort and the tribal land of Saputara in Gujarat (route via Dharampur), the Parsi temple at Udwada, the pilgrimage sites of Trambakeshwar, Nasik and Shirdi. The beautiful gardens, lakes and picturesque tourist complexes, water sports, flora and wildlife and the colourful tribal culture of the place makes this a destination for all. The easy accessibility and the professionally managed hospitality trade set up attracts the tourist from far and wide. Directorate of Tourism © 0260-2641399 along with the Administration has taken several measures to develop the required infrastructure and tourist centres and has earned kudos for organising a series of festivals to promote the rich culture and heritage of this region.



DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AT A GLANCE

Geographical area: 491 square km.

Location : 20° and 20°25' of Latitude north and between 72°50' and 73°15' of Longitude east

Rivers : The terrain is intersected by Damanganga river and its three tributories Varna, Pipri and Sakartond

Population : 2,20,451. Male 1,21,731 Female 98,720. The population density is 449 persons per square km. Silvassa is the most highly populated Patelad with a population of 67,173 and Dadra is the least populated with only 9175 inhabitants.

Language : Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi and English in urban town of Silvassa.

Administrative set up : Dadra & Nagar Haveli comprises of 72 villages including Silvassa and Amla, forms a single district and single taluka Union Territory. All the villages have been grouped under 11 Patelads and 11 village Panchayats with elected members. The UT has one Lok Sabha seat and no legislature. The district Panchayat comprising representatives from all viillage Panchayats enjoys certain powers of administration at local level under Panchayat Rules. The head of this centrally administered area under the Ministry of Home Affairs is the Administrator who is assisted by the Commissioner & Secretary (Finance), Development Commissioner, A. I. G. P. District Collector and other executives in day to day administration. The Secretariat at Silvassa is the head quarter of the administration.

Communication : The facilities like e-mail and internet are available at Silvassa, whereas STD, ISD and postal facilities can be found even in remote corners of the territory.

STD Code : 0260

Postal Code : 396230.

Transport : The total length of roads in the territory is 580 km of which 545.45 is surfaced road. 70 out of 72 villages are connected by all weather road. Four laning of the road to Silvassa from Athal, Piparia and Masat is under progress.

Getting There : The railway head nearest to this territory is Vapi, 16 km. Silvassa, 26 km. The other rail head, Bhilad on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route is 20 km but Vapi is more convenient, where road transport is easily available. Autorickshaw Rs. 80-100 to Silvassa. The hub of tourist activities, Silvassa is 180 km from Mumbai and one can turn off the Mumbai-Ahmedabad NH 8 at Talasri, Bhilad or Vapi for Silvassa. Surat 120 km, Nasik 140 km, Ahmedabad 375 km.

Infrastructure : Facilities like road and communication are good. One can be sure of the uninterrupted power supply and adeqaute water. The places of tourist interests are very well and conveniently connected to Silvassa. There are plenty of hotels, holiday resorts and Government accommodations to choose from. Banks, ATM's and medical facilities are also adequate.

Amenities : Education 215 schools including middle, secondary and higher secondary schools, 15 social welfare hostels, 10 libraries, 1 ITI and 1 college.

Medical and Health There is a Civil Hospital at Silvassa, 1 Community Health Centre, 3 dispensaries, 1 mobile health dispensary and 36 sub centres.

Power and water All the villages are electrified and drinking water facilities are extended to all villages.





Silvassa Town

STD Code 0260

Rainfall 200-250 cm

Distance Vapi 20 km, Bhilad 12 km, Daman 30 km, Mumbai 180 km, Nasik 140 km, Surat 120 km, Ahmedabad 375 km, Trambakeshwar 116 km., Pune 290 km.

Temperature Generally moderate, less warm during the monsoon and pleasant in winter.

Tourist Info Tourist Reception Centre ☎ 2641399

Silvassa, the urbanized capital of the union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli was a Portuguese enclave during the period 1779-

1954 and was integrated into India in 1961. Traces of Portuguese influence can still be found, and the ruins of Our Lady of Piety Church and Bindrabin Temple are evocative. Its name derives from the Portuguese word, **Silva** meaning woods. And this can be seen when you visit Silvassa, the small sleepy capital township.

The roads are lined with tall majestic trees and Silvassa has rivers, waterfalls, verdant meadows, gentle hills dotting the horizon, all packed into a small area. Off the beaten track, little cottages lie in the shadows of the trees and one can see the simple, colourful tribal folks, the Silvassa monsoon landscape, the forests dressed in green, lush farms immersed in water, little water falls and streams, the small animals coming out to play in sheer magic.



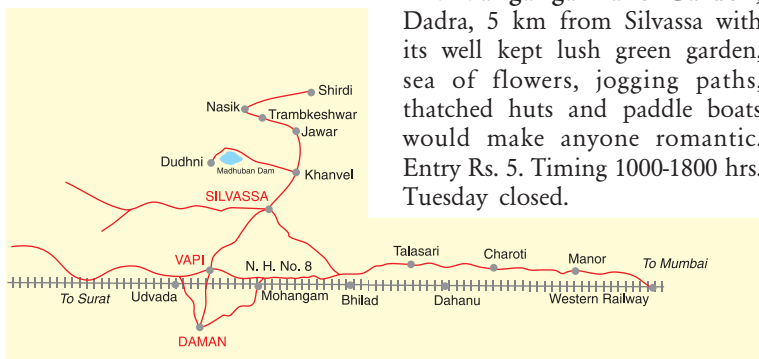
GETTING THERE

Rail and Road The nearest railway station is Vapi (26 km) and Bhilad (20 km) on the western railway, Mumbai-Ahmedabad route. See train table pg 56. From Vapi road transport is easily available. Autorickshaw Rs. 80-100. From Mumbai-Ahmedabad four lane NH 8, the town of Silvassa about 180 km is approachable from a turnoff at Talasari, Bhilad or Vapi. From Mumbai it is about 3 hours drive while Surat (120 km) is almost 2 hours drive away.

By **Air** Mumbai is the nearest Airport, well connected to Silvassa by road.

Local Transport

Unmetered autorickshaws are the common mode of local transport. Share autorickshaws are available whereas hiring of full autorickshaw locally termed as 'special' costs Rs. 5-7 per km. Finalise the rates before you board it.



PLACES OF INTEREST

Tribal Museum

Start the tour of this incredible land with a visit to **Tribal Cultural Museum** in the heart of Silvassa, close to the tourist information centre. Developed with the sole objective of preserving the rapidly vanishing tribal culture, this depicts the socio cultural heritage of simple tribal folks of the UT. The museum showcases masks, hunting tools, fishing gear, musical instruments, agricultural implements, household and kitchen articles and life-size statues of local tribes. Entry Free. Timing 1000-1700 hrs.

Gardens

Silvassa is famous as a garden city - the sprawling well manicured lawns, roaring waterfalls, colourful fountains, paved foot paths and rustic wooden bridges have featured in many Hindi film songs.

The **Vanganga Lake Garden**, Dadra, 5 km from Silvassa with its well kept lush green garden, sea of flowers, jogging paths, thatched huts and paddle boats would make anyone romantic. Entry Rs. 5. Timing 1000-1800 hrs. Tuesday closed.



Hirwa Van Garden, Piparia

The **Hirwa Van Garden**, Piparia on the Silvassa - Dadra road is a beautiful garden with rustic stone walls, misty cascades, twin arches, springy lawns interspersed with colourful flowers, roaring water falls and tiny kiosks. Entry Rs. 2 Timing 1000-1800 hr. Tuesday closed.

The **Tourist Complex, Lohari**, 14 km from Silvassa towards Naroli is for visitors seeking a gentler and more relaxed break close to the mother nature. It offers 'machan' style cottages amidst verdant lawns and a forest of flowers. One can also opt for the treks and camps right into the heart of the surrounding forests.

Road to Dudhni

40 km south from Silvassa to Dudhni via Khanvel is a refreshing journey. There is music in the air

as you traverse the road lined with tall trees, the small huts adorned with tribal paintings and stone images of the various local deities peeping through the groves of trees - an endless stretch of forests and woods. During the monsoon and the winter, greenery and waterfalls flowing across the hilly slopes, the fallen blooms from Gulmohar trees bleed into the edges of the road.

20 km, **Khanvel** is a verdant land surrounded by lush green hills, verdant meadows and the river Sakartond flowing past it. **Vanvihar Tourist Complex**, Chauda almost midway between Silvassa and Dudhni offers cottages in native style, the deer park, cactus house and a green house. At the wildlife sanctuary, at **Satmalia** visitors can spot sambhars, chitals and black bucks. The animals all dressed up in best





Boating at Dudhni

of their attire, the shining coats, designer crowns and their majestic walk on the forest floor is no less than any fashion parade. The machan (watch tower) near the waterhole provides panoramic view of the sanctuary.

Drive through the winding road, another 20 km from Khanvel is **Dudhni**, a large waterfront of river Damanganga ringed all around by the foothills of the western ghats. The river here is expansive enough to host water scooters, rowing boats, shikaras and for more adventurous one can experience the thrills of kayaks and canoes. The luxurious tents pitched right near the river bank provide a countryside experience. One can cook one's meals near the camp and also enjoy a bonfire at night. Across the waterfront is **Himai Van Health Resort at Kauncha**.

This tranquil place offers tile roofed cottages which serve as a base for trekking trails built in the surrounding forest dotted with tribal villages. The resort is named after one of the principal deities of the region, Himai. The place offers breathtaking views of the river Damanganga. The place goes dead quite in the night, gaze at the stars and the moon lighting up the sky and the gardens below glow with the light from fireflies. About 8-10 km from Silvassa on road to Khanvel, a turn off takes one to **Lion Safari at Vasona**. Spread over 20 hectares, this has been recently created for the conservation of the endangered Asiatic Lion (*Panthera Leo*) and to raise stock for its rehabilitation in the wild. One is driven around in close vehicles fitted with jalis (screen) to watch the antics of the





Lion Safari, Vasona

family of lion the king, Kush and his consorts, Silky and Sonal brought from Sakarbaug Zoo at Junagarh in Gujarat. Entry Adult Rs. 25 Kids Rs. 10. Timing 1000-1700 hr. Monday closed.

Tapovan Tourist Complex, Bindrabin with its Shiva temple is yet another major tourist attraction developed by the UT administration.

Nearby attractions

The land of fascinating forests, fantastic monuments inhabited by simple tribal folk, **Saputara** in Gujarat is easily approachable from Silvassa via Dharampur, Vansda, Wagai covering a total distance of about 120 km.. Silvassa to Trambakeshwar, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas is only 115 km. The pilgrimage sites of Nasik, Shirdi and Shaneshwar can also be reached

from Silvassa. Trambakeshwar to Nasik is 25 km, the road further reaches to Nasik (75 km). Shirdi is about 70 km from Nasik. The entire stretch is comfortable two lane state highway.

Useful Info / Support Services

Medical Shop

Maniba Medicals, Silvassa Char Rasta ☎ 2631537 Sagar Medical and General Store, Below Ramaben Hospital ☎ 2642150 Bhawani Medical and General Store, Opposite Bus Depot ☎ 98256 91388 Seva Medical, **24 hr. Service**, Rabka Shopping Centre, Kilvani Road ☎ 2640630 ShriKrishna Medical, Red Cross House ☎ 2640036 Vaishnu Medical, Mukta Hospital ☎ 2632436 Apna Medical, Solanki Complex, Opp. Town Hall ☎ 2631127

Ambulance **102**

Red Cross ☎ 2640911 Swaminarayan Mandir ☎ 2642650





Blood Bank

Red Blood Bank, Opp. Bus Stop
☎ 2640577

Government Hospital

Vinoba Bhawe Hospital ☎ 2642120
Chief Medical Officer : Dadra
☎ 2668228 Naroli ☎ 2642527 and
Khanvel ☎ 2647231

Private Hospitals

Ramaben Maternity & General
Hospital (Dr. J. S. Parmar, MD,
DGO), Bhumica City Centre, Near
Jain Temple ☎ 2640122 Gunjan
Children Clinic, Siddharth Complex
☎ 2631225 Vardhaman Hospital (Dr.
Hemant R. Shah, MD) Opp.
Development Credit Bank, Naroli
Road ☎ 2630769 Silvassa
Orthopaedics & First Aid Centre (Dr.
Shubham Jain, MBBS) Opp. Patel
Petrol Pump ☎ 2632356 Mukta
Hospital & Maternity Home, Jhanda
Chowk ☎ 2632436 Yogi Hospital
(Dr. Mukul Vyas, MD), Kilvani Road
☎ 2642301

Diagnostic Centre

Hansa Diagnostic, Opp. Civil
Hospital ☎ 98243 24324 Patel
Pathological Lab, Besides DCB,
Naroli Road ☎ 98256 91125
Vaibhavi Clinical Lab, Below
Ramaben Hospital ☎ 2641029

Police 100

Police Control Room ☎ 2642130
Police Station ☎ 2642033 AIG of
Police ☎ 2642707 Additional
Superintendent of Police ☎ 2642788
Police Sub Inspector : Dadra ☎
2668233 Naroli ☎ 2650533 and
Khanvel ☎ 2677233

Fire Brigade 101

Fire Station Officer ☎ 2640022

Bus-Roadways

ST Depot and Enquiry ☎ 2642830.
There is express S.T. bus service for
places in Gujarat, Khambat (0600 hr),
Chota Udaipur (0630 hr),
Madhuban-Mandvi (1330 hr),
Madhuban-Surat (1700 hr). The
Gujarat ST buses to Aurangabad in
Maharashtra via Khanvel departs at
0900, 1000, 1600 and 1800 hrs.

Car Taxi/Travel

For AC, Non AC taxis, Sumo, Qualis
Rohil Travels ☎ 2632968, Harsidhi
☎ 2642981, Jay Travels ☎ 2642036

Railways

OIDC Railway Computer
Reservation, Opposite Collector
Office ☎ 2632230

Air

OIDC Airline Reservation Counter,
Opposite Collector Office ☎
2632299

Banks

Dena Bank, Kalyankunj ☎ 2642188
The Bank of Rajasthan Ltd., Vapi
Main Road ☎ 2643590 Development
Credit Bank, Balaji Complex, Naroli
Road ☎ 2642188 Bank of Baroda,
Near Adivasi Bhavan ☎ 2642754

ATMs

The Bank of Rajasthan Ltd., Opp.
Jame Masjid, Vapi Main Road.
Development Credit Bank, Naroli
Road. **ICICI Bank**, Hotel
Vishwanath Complex, **UTI Bank**,
Hotel Vishwanath Complex, Naroli
Road. **Dena Bank**, Kalyankunj, Near
Jhanda Chowk. **HDFC**, Opposite
Patel Petrol Pump.

Bar & Restaurant

Surbhi Family Restaurant & Bar,
Sayli Road, Tin Rasta ☎ 2643520



Fast Food / Indian Sweet

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Bakers

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ACCOMMODATION



Tariff given here are peak season one and include all taxes. When hotels are not full, one can negotiate around 10 percent discount on room tariff. **STD Code 0260**

RAS RESORTS

Advt on 80

Naroli Road © 2640373 Fax 2640973
rasresorts@vsnl.com www.rasresorts.com
100 double rooms, studios and apartments.
Rooms Rs. 2500-5000. Apartment Rs. 6000-7000.
Complimentary transport from Vapi Station,
Restaurants, Bar, Forex, Swimming pool,
Health club, Ayurvedic massage, Lawn,
Conference, Banquet



TREAT RESORT

Advt on 71

Silvassa Sayli Road ☎ 2630801-05
treatresort@vsnl.com www.treatresort.com
63 executive suites and rooms. Sgl Rs. 1800-3000, Dbl Rs. 2000-3200
2 Restaurants, Bar, Landscaped garden and fountains, Kids play park, Water sports, Discotheque, Gym, Party lawn, Travel desk.

DAMAN GANGA VALLEY RESORT

Naroli Road ☎ 2644444 Fax 2641444
info@damangangaresort.com
www.damanganda.com *Advt on 81*
22 aircon rooms.

Swimming pool & Health club, Restaurant and Bar, Party plot, Conference, Garden restaurant, Indoor & outdoor games, Coffee shop.

KAMATS SILVASSA RESORT

Naroli Road ☎ 2640431 Fax 2640582
kamats_ad1@sancharnet.in
31 aircon rooms. Sgl Rs. 1300 Dbl Rs. 1600
Restaurant & Bar, Banquet and Conference, Swimming pool, Children's park, Indoor games, Car rental

KHANVEL RESORT

Advt on 73

Chauda, Khanvel ☎ 2677301
sales@khanvelresort.com
www.khanvelresort.com
36 rooms, 8 Dlx / Super Dlx Cottages and 12 Std. Cottages Rs. 1000-15000
Bar and Restaurant, Swimming pool, Conference, Banquet, Beauty parlour, Health club, Discotheque, Multichannel TV, Kerala ayurvedic massage

HILL VIEW RESORT

Advt on 75

Chauda, Near Khanvel Garden
☎ 2677066 Fax 2677070
26 Suites & rooms Rs. 1200-1800
Multicuisine restaurant, Bar, Conference, Swimming pool, Fitness centre, Indoor game, Discotheque, Sightseeing, Internet

PIONEER HOTEL

Advt on 79

Opp. Bank of Baroda ☎ 2641998 Fax 2642649
Aircon rooms
2 Speciality Restaurants, Conference, Swimming pool, Health club, Bar

HOTEL GREENWOOD

Advt on 81

Naroli Road ☎ 2644733 Fax 2644465
mitesh@bluehavenhospitalities.com
www.bluehavenhospitalities.com
20 rooms Rs. 800-1000.
Restaurant and Bar, Travel assistance, Multichannel TV, Conference, Banquet, Holiday packages

RESORT YATRI NIWAS

Naroli Road ☎ 2640699 Fax 2642649
AC and Non AC Rs. 500-1000
Restaurant and Bar, AC conference hall, Green lawn (1000 pax capacity)

HOTEL SOUBHAGYA INN

Silvassa Main Road ☎ 2643386 Fax 2641681
firoz_sarvaiya@yahoo.com
45 rooms and suite. Suite Rs. 1125 Non aircon Rs. 395 Aircon Rs. 495-695
Restaurant, Health club, Conference, Steam and sauna bath, Refrigerator in dlx and suite room, Pool table, Room service

WOODLANDS INN

MG Road Telefax 2640328, 2644257
woodlandsinn@indiatimes.com
30 rooms. AC Rs. 400-700 Non AC Rs. 350
Multi channel TV, H/C shower, Elevator, Pure veg. restaurant, Conference





HOTEL WOODLANDS

MG Road ☎ 2640707 Fax 2640348

hotelwoodlands@rediffmail.com

30 rooms. AC Rs. 400-500 Non AC Rs. 350
Pure veg restaurant, Centrally located,
Multi channel TV, Room service, Car rental

HOTEL NATRAJ

Prithviraj Chauhan Road ☎ 2640208

Fax 2640324 natraj_sil@sify.com

25 rooms. AC Rs. 800-1000 Non AC Rs. 500-600
Restaurant, Bar, Garden, Conference, Direct
STD dialing in room

HOTEL VISHWANATH

Shahid Chowk, Naroli Road ☎ 2630431

Aircon room Rs. 400-500 Non aircon Rs. 350
Aircon veg restaurant, Bar, Centrally located,
Multi channel TV

DAN TOURIST HOTEL

Tokarkhada ☎ 2642555

18 rooms. Aircon Rs. 440 Non aircon Rs. 340
Bar, Restaurant, CCTV, Laundry, Room service

HOTEL PLAZA

Vapi Silvassa Main Road ☎ 2640703

32 rooms. AC Rs. 400-500 Non AC Rs. 225-300
Rooms with balcony, Restaurant, Intercom,
CCTV, Attached bath, Laundry

HOTEL VANRAJ

Naroli Road ☎ 2640050

10 rooms. Rs. 350-450
AC and garden restaurant (500 pax.)

HOTEL AMRUTA

Naroli Road ☎ 2640606

12 rooms. AC Rs. 350 Non AC Rs. 200-300
CCTV, Running H/C water, Laundry

HOTEL AVANTI

Near Dena Bank ☎ 2642127

26 rooms. AC Rs. 400-700 Non AC Rs. 300
CCTV, Intercom, Restaurant, Gujarati Thali,
Attached bath room

HOTEL RITZ

Opp. Bus Depot ☎ 2640340

21 rooms. AC Rs. 350, Non AC Rs. 250
CCTV, Intercom, Attached bath, Room service

DARTZ HOTEL

Kilvani Road ☎ 2642015

12 rooms. Rs. 125-275
AC and Non AC rooms, Restaurant, Bar

GOVT. ACCOMMODATION



TAPOVAN TOURIST COMPLEX

Bindrabin ☎ 2647285

3 cottages Rs. 200

Non AC accommodation, Meals on order

HIMAI VAN HEALTH RESORT

Kauncha ☎ 2647285

10 rooms Rs. 500

Aircon rooms, Meals on order, Water sports

HOTEL RESTAURANT



CHINGARI BAR & RESTAURANT

ANGARE GARDEN RESTAURANT

Damanganga Valley Resort ☎ 2644442

☎ 1800-2400 hrs. 70 Pax

Indian, Chinese Continental, Thai, Mexican
and South Indian cuisine

POLO GRILL

Pioneer Hotel, Opp. Bank of Baroda ☎ 2642349

☎ 1800-2400 hrs. 70 Pax

Multicuisine Restaurant and Bar

PATIO

Pioneer Hotel, Opp. Bank of Baroda ☎ 2642542

☎ 1100-1530 & 1800-2400 hrs. 70 Pax

Multicuisine restaurant

CHARCHA

Ras Resort, Naroli Road ☎ 2640984

☎ 1100-1500 & 1900-2300 80 Pax Rs. 200-250

Meals-A-La-Carte and Buffets

KAMAT'S NI WADI

Kamats Silvassa Resort ☎ 2640431

☎ 0800-2230 hrs. 150 Pax Rs. 100-125

Open air restaurant with rustic decor,
Punjabi, Chinese and South Indian

LITTLE CHEF

Kamats Silvassa Resort ☎ 2640459

☎ 0800-2230 hrs. 40 Pax Rs. 150-200

Airconditioned restaurant, Veg. and Nonveg.
Indian and Chinese

VISHALA

Hotel Greenwood, Naroli Road ☎ 2644464

☎ 0700-2400 hrs 85 Pax Rs. 110

Veg., Nonveg. Indian, Chinese, Punjabi,
Continental and Local cuisine



VANRAJ - BLUE HAVEN

Naroli Road ☎ 2640050

☎ 0700-2400 hrs. 500 Pax Rs. 80
Veg. and non veg. Multicuisine, Garden

AMANTRAN

Hotel Woodlands, MG Road ☎ 2640148

☎ 0700-2230 hrs. 100 Pax Rs. 75
Pure veg. restaurant

ATITHI

Woodlands Inn, MG Road ☎ 2643729

☎ 0700-2230 hrs. 100 Pax Rs. 60
Pure veg. restaurant, Gujarati Thali (Rs. 45)

VISHWANATH

Hotel Vishwanath, Naroli Road ☎ 2630431

☎ 0700-2330 hrs 30 Pax Rs. 75-100
Punjabi, Chinese and South Indian

Most of the resort and hotel restaurants have a Bar serving Indian Scotch, IMFL (Indian Made Foreign Liquor), exotic cocktails and mocktails. Charges for 60 ml Scotch Whisky peg Rs. 150-200, Deluxe Whisky Rs. 60-80, Premium Whisky Rs. 50-60 and Regular Rs. 40-50. Beer Rs. 50-60.

RESTAURANT & BAR



SURBHI

Sayli Road, Tin Rasta ☎ 2643520

☎ 0900-2300 hrs.
Veg., Non-veg. Indian, Chinese, Punjabi food
Whisky (60 ml) Rs. 20-70, Beer Rs. 30-35

SHALIMAR BAR & RESTAURANT

Hotel Soubhagya Inn ☎ 2643386

☎ 1100-1500 & 1900-2300 hrs. 60 Pax
Veg. and Non veg. Food, 24 hrs. Coffee Shop
Whisky (60 ml) Rs. 35-70, Beer Rs. 35-45

SILVER HEART BAR & RESTAURANT

Hotel Natraj ☎ 2640323

☎ 0800-1500 & 1700-2400 hrs. 35 Pax
Chinese, Indian and Continental food.
Whisky (60 ml) Rs. 45-80, Beer Rs. 45

GARDAN RESTAURANT & BAR

Dan Tourist Hotel, Tokarkhada ☎ 2642272

☎ 0900-2300 hrs. 100 + 300 Pax
Bar, Indian, Punjabi and Chinese food
Whisky (60 ml) Rs. 35-55, Beer Rs. 30-35

Eating out

China Town, opp. Natraj Hotel ☎ 2631934, excellent food, Chinese menu Rs. 40-50, 1100-2300 hr. **Bageecha**, Tokarkhada ☎ 2631528,

economically priced Punjabi, Chinese and Indian traditional food, Rs. 30-50, 1100-2400 hr. **Sai Bhojnalaya**, Panchayat Market ☎ 2632431, very popular Gujarati Thali Rs. 35, 1100-1500 and 1900-2200 hrs. **Hotel Paradise**, Near HDFC Bank, good reasonably priced veg. and non veg. food, 0700-2300 hrs. **Mysore Cafe**, Near Bus Stand, Tokarkhada ☎ 2640825, excellent and simple traditional Indian food and Thali. **Green Chilly** (Chat Chaupaty), Near Bus Stand, Gokul Complex, Tokarkhada ☎ 2645885 offers South Indian, Chat, Juices and special Rajasthani Dal Bati on Sunday.

Markets

Kilvani Road the main commercial hub of the town has shops lined on both sides of the road selling readymades, watches, footwear, white goods, electronics, grocery etc. with some small eateries offering fast food and local mix. Another road from Silvassa Char Rasta (Shahid Chowk) to **Tokarkhada** towards Khanvel has shops offering readymade, hardware, stationery, computer peripherals, furniture along with STD, PCO booths, few offices and dealer establishments and a good number of small restaurants where South Indian and Chinese food, juices and ice-cream, chat and other snacks are good. On the **Vapi Silvassa Main Road** the business activities are centred around automobile, hardware, engineering goods, electricals and some banking institutions. **Jhanda Chowk** area specialises in readymades.