

1. INTRODUCTION

Kathiwada is an erstwhile principality dating back to 1434. **Kathiwada Raaj Mahal** is the centrepiece of **Kathiwada Estates** and was formerly a royal hunting lodge commissioned by Rana Onkarsinhji in 1895. This fully renovated plush mansion sits on 110 acres of privately owned farm land which is surrounded by the Vindhya range of hills offering delightful visuals in every direction. Modern interiors are finely tuned to meet the aesthetic of forgone royalty with each room having its own unique identity. Our 11 room property studded with ancient memorabilia, photographs and modern art is a treat for the discerning guest.

2. EXPERIENCES / ACTIVITIES

Our resident manager can arrange for you accompanied excursions during the day (between 8am and 7pm).

- An accompanied trek and picnic to the jungle towards *Ratanmal* sanctuary thru *Jholia* waterfall can be booked at Rs.1500/- per person. *Ratanmaal* is a bear sanctuary and also home to the elusive leopard (Total Time: 3 hours or shorter from 9 am onwards. Starts from the northern edge of our property).
- ❖ Guided farm visits with our resident manager of farming. Optional: Short agricultural experience. (Total Time: 1-2 hours, between 4-6 pm everyday on the farms surrounding Raaj Mahal).
- ❖ Guided tribal village walks to Mujhipura or Juna Kathiwada villages to explore some of India's oldest Bhil tribe settlements.
 - (Total Time: 1-2 hours on the western edge of our property).
- ❖ Pottery at our *aadvasi* hut on our property.
 (On-demand, at Raaj Mahal or at the potters' home in the market 5-minute drive).
- Explore all **our foundation activities** at the erstwhile state polo grounds at anytime during the day. (Evenings between 5-7pm, mainly during the winters).
- **Cycles** are available for exploring our farms and Kathiwada town. (On-deamd).
- ❖ A day long excursion to *Bagh*, a famous textile hub for award winning block printers and 5th century Buddhist caves are on offer just a 90-minute drive from our property at Rs.1500/- per person + flat car rental charges at Rs.3500/- per car.

3. DINING

- Cuisine: A large variety of traditional Indian cuisine and options of continental dishes as well. Most of our food is cooked using fresh local produce from the Kathiwada region and some organically grown vegetables from our very own kitchen garden.
- All meals are on a fixed pre-set menu basis (buffet) and at set timings and set locations on our property. Guests are requested to inform us of their dietary restrictions in advance.
- Room service for in-room dining is not available.
- ❖ A liquor tariff is available upon request at the owner's bar situated on the ground floor.
- Sunset bars are set-up at select venues on our property.

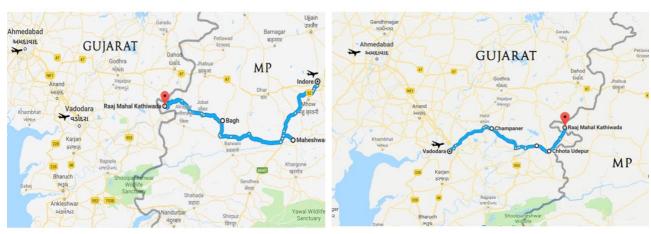
4. GETTING THERE / ROUTES

- ❖ Vadodara is the nearest and most accessible airport. It's a 2.30-hour comfortable drive on very good roads to Kathiwada thru very scenic routes. Ahmedabad (4 hours) and Indore (4.30 hours) are also nearby airports of choice that some of our guests have previously used.
- ❖ Map We are visible on Google Maps as "Raaj Mahal Kathiwada"

5. CIRCUITS

Kathiwada can be paired with many itineraries emerging from/to the following places.

- West into Gujarat Chotta Udepur, Baroda, Ahmedabad & beyond
- ❖ East into Madhya Pradesh Bagh, Maheshwar & Indore
- ❖ North into Rajasthan Dungarpur & Udaipur



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6. SITES EN ROUTE

- ❖ En route Kathiwada from/to <u>Vadodara/Ahmedabad</u> is *Champaner*, a famous and meticulously managed UNESCO world heritage site popular with history lovers, archeologists and explorers.
- ❖ En route Kathiwada from/to Indore/Maheshwar is the town of **Bagh**, home to block printing and 5th century Buddhist caves. Popular with our textile groups and handicraft lovers but also ideal for a day long excursion and picnic from our property.

7. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS & MORE INFORMATION

A. POPULAR RETREATS

- a) Yoga: Yoga retreats have been very popular with us. Specially curated 3N/4D programs can be created for groups or like-minded travellers for a holistic wellness experience.
- b) **Cricket:** Cricket tours is a very unique concept we provide. Our foundation has built a beautiful ground that has a special story and we've hosted many touring sides that pour in for some action.
- c) Wellness & Fitness: Boot camps are ideal in Kathiwada. Trekking, large lawns and sports grounds at your disposal, our curators/trainers piece together the perfect fitness retreats with their expertise.
- d) **Tribal Culture:** On-board with us is prof. Subash who is a world renowned expert in tribal history. 2 days with him is an enriching experience for a serious group of knowledge seekers.
- e) **Textile:** The belt ranging from Ahemedabad to Chotta Udepur to Bagh (with Kathiwada en route) is ideal for handicraft and textile groups.

B. RESIDENCIES

We offer the perfect environment for writers, authors and artists who may choose to book our cottage villa at subsidised rates on a mid to long term basis.

8. TYPE OF ROOM & TARIFF

Service Provided	Inventory	Rate	GST 28%	Total
Royal Suites – Double occupancy	6	26000	7280	33280
Royal Suites – Single occupancy		22000	6160	28160
Heritage Rooms – Double Occupancy	4	23000	6440	29440
Heritage Rooms – Single Occupancy		19000	5320	24320
Cottage Villa (Per Person Rate, Max. 4 Persons)	1	7000	1960	8960

- Reservations are inclusive of all meals complete with with breakfast, lunch, hi-tea & dinner. Bottled water and a well stocked tea caddy are also conveniently available on every floor.
- ❖ All rooms are equipped with luxurious bathroom amenities.
- Driver/s and outside staff accommodation is available at Rs.1500/- per person per night including veg. meals at a traditional Rajput home (5-minute walk from our property).
- ❖ Guides/Tour Managers can be accommodated on our property at a special rate of Rs.3,500/- per guide per night at our senior management quarters.
- ❖ The property is not suitable for children below 15 years.

9. SPECIAL RATES & EXTRA BEDS

- ❖ Special rates for large groups and special interest groups are available on request.
- Triple occupancy for reservations with younger guests is available at an extra cost. Children above 15 years with an extra bed at Rs.7000. The property isn't suited for children under 15 years of age.

10. PAYMENT TERMS

- ❖ We take a 100% advance to confirm your booking. 50% refund for all bookings cancelled with more than 30-day notice from date of arrival. 0% refund for bookings cancelled within 30 days of arrival.
- ❖ We accept bank transfers, cheque payments and online credit card payments (2% surcharge).
- ❖ All payments to be made favoring "Kathiwada Leisures LLP."

11. CAR HIRE / AIRPORT TRANSFERS

- ❖ Toyota Innova (or similar) car pick-up from Vadodara Airport Rs.6,000/- (inclusive of tax).
- Pick-up/drop-off from/to any other location can be quoted on km/distance basis. Rates are available with our Resident Manager thru our trusted car rental providers.

12. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Nearest Airport: Vadodara 125kms (2.30-hour drive). 115kms in Gujarat, last 10kms in MP.
- Nearest Railway Station: Chotta Udepur.
- Climate: Winter nights (8-9 degrees C). Peak summers (38 degrees C). Primarily dry, pleasant breeze throughout the year on most days.
- Gratuity: Staff gratuity box available at GM's office.
- Host: Resident Manager and occasionally the owners.
- ❖ Internet: 4G Hotspot or 4G mobile connectivity. No high speed internet.
- ❖ Common television room is situated in the games room at the cottage villa and is accessible 24/7.
- Festivals: Holi (March) & Diwali (Oct/Nov) are the most popular and colourful festivals in Kathiwada.
- Other Festivals: Khel Maha Utsav (literally meaning Big Sports Festival) which is a mini-Olympic style event over spread across 10 days every January.
- ❖ Affiliations: RARE India
- Property operational for guests since 2017.

13.CONTACT INFORMATION

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