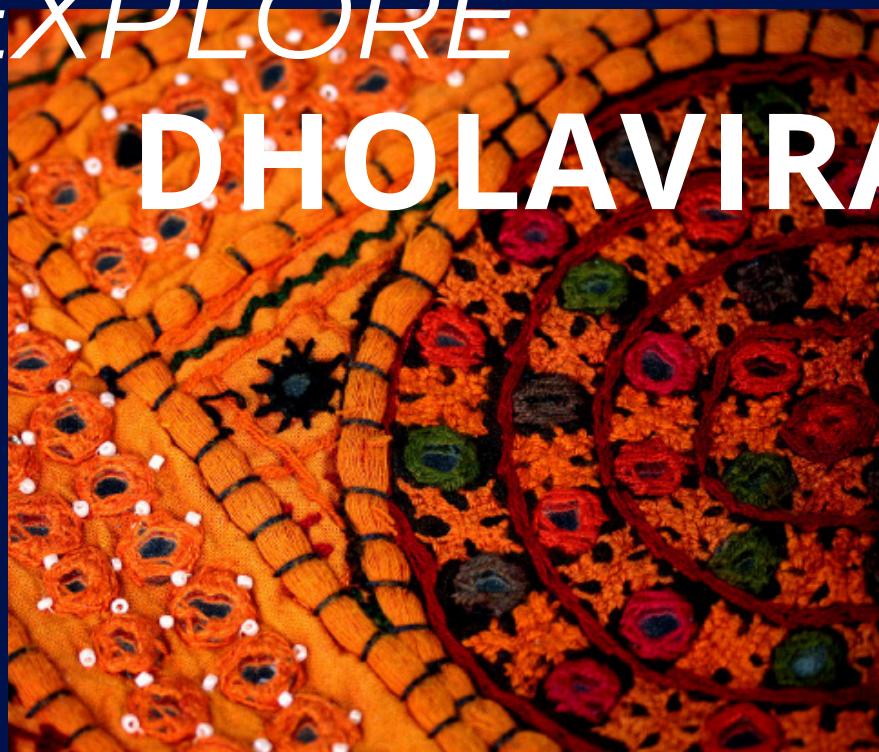


EXPLORE DHOLAVIRA



Tracing the tales of craftsmanship - *The Walking Tour*

Dholavira - A Journey Through Time and Terrain

Discover Dholavira like never before with this curated car route map, your gateway to ancient wonders, living traditions, and surreal desert landscapes. Cruise through scenic roads locals call "a drive through heaven," where salt plains meet open skies. Explore the iconic Harappan archaeological site, then wind your way through the village to meet various artisans for different forms of crafts ranging from pottery to jewellery.

Join us in this Desert Drive where we drive from the Civilisation to Craft.
Drive slowly, stop often, and let Dholavira unfold in every turn.



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Dholavira - the UNESCO World Heritage Site

Step back in time at Dholavira, a 5000 years old remarkable archaeological site that was inhabited between 3000 and 1500 BCE. One of the best-preserved ancient urban settlements of its kind in South Asia, Dholavira features a fortified city, an ancient cemetery, and a brilliantly engineered water management system. This reflects the architectural and engineering ingenuity and resilience of its people, that flourished thousands of years ago, in a harsh desert landscape.

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Dholavira Site Museum (ASI)

This Archaeological Survey of India's site museum, houses a well-curated collection of artefacts, trade route maps, and archival photographs documenting the excavation process. A visit here, especially after exploring the Harappan site, offers deeper insight into the lives of Dholavira's ancient inhabitants.



C

Wood Fossil Park

Journey millions of years back at this geological site located near Dholavira featuring petrified wood fossils dating back to the Jurassic age, approximately 185 million years ago, remnants of trees whose organic material was replaced by minerals over millions of years.

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Flamingo View Point

Flamingo Lake is a gem in the heart of Kutch, offering stunning natural beauty and rich wildlife. Every year, flocks of vibrant flamingos arrive during the migratory season (from December to February), transforming the lake into a sea of pink against the blue waters and stark desert backdrop.



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Dholavira Village

Take a walking tour through the lanes of Dholavira village, where tradition thrives. Stroll past traditional Bhungas, bustling courtyards, and shaded gathering spots to experience the warmth of everyday life. Along the way, meet skilled artisans creating intricate beadwork, embroidery, leather goods, and much more.



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Road through Heaven

This surreal 30 km long stretch of highway across the salt-crusted plains of the White Rann is flanked by endless skies and shimmering white landscapes. This scenic route feels otherworldly, especially at sunrise or sunset. It is not just a road - it is a journey through silence, beauty, and the vast soul of the desert.



G**Khavda Village** ★**Pottery**

Pottery flourished during the Indus Valley Civilisation, with Dholavira emerging as a major hub - over 100 potters' wheels and three main types of pottery: glazed, plain, and beautifully painted were found.

Come and explore this ancient tradition through the stunning painted pottery crafted by Padma Shri awardee Abdulla Kumbhar, a master artisan who keeps this timeless craft alive.

**Ajrakh**

Ajrakh, the ancient art of hand block printing, showcases regional styles shaped by their unique cultural and environmental influences. The three main types - Kachchhi, Barmeri, and Sindhi Ajrakh - each carry distinct techniques and visual identities. *Come and explore* the intricacies of Ajrakh block printing with renowned, award-winning artisan Bilal Khatri, and witness this timeless craft come alive before your eyes.

**Post Office**

Visit the charming Khavda Post Office, set in a traditional Bhunga-style hut, and step into a simpler time.

Discover how letters were once sent - by hand, with heart, all against the rustic backdrop of desert architecture and timeless tradition.

**Khavda Sweets**

Khavda sweets are a delightful part of Kutch's culinary heritage, known for their rich flavours and traditional recipes made with pure ghee, jaggery, dry fruits, and gram flour, offering a perfect blend of sweetness and texture. It is a true taste of Kutchi warmth and hospitality.

**H****Gandhi nu Gaam** ★

This is a must-visit craft village that beautifully showcases the living heritage of Kutch. Known for its colourful Bhunga-style huts and warm hospitality, the village is home to skilled artisans who create exquisite embroidery, mirror work, beadwork, and leather crafts.



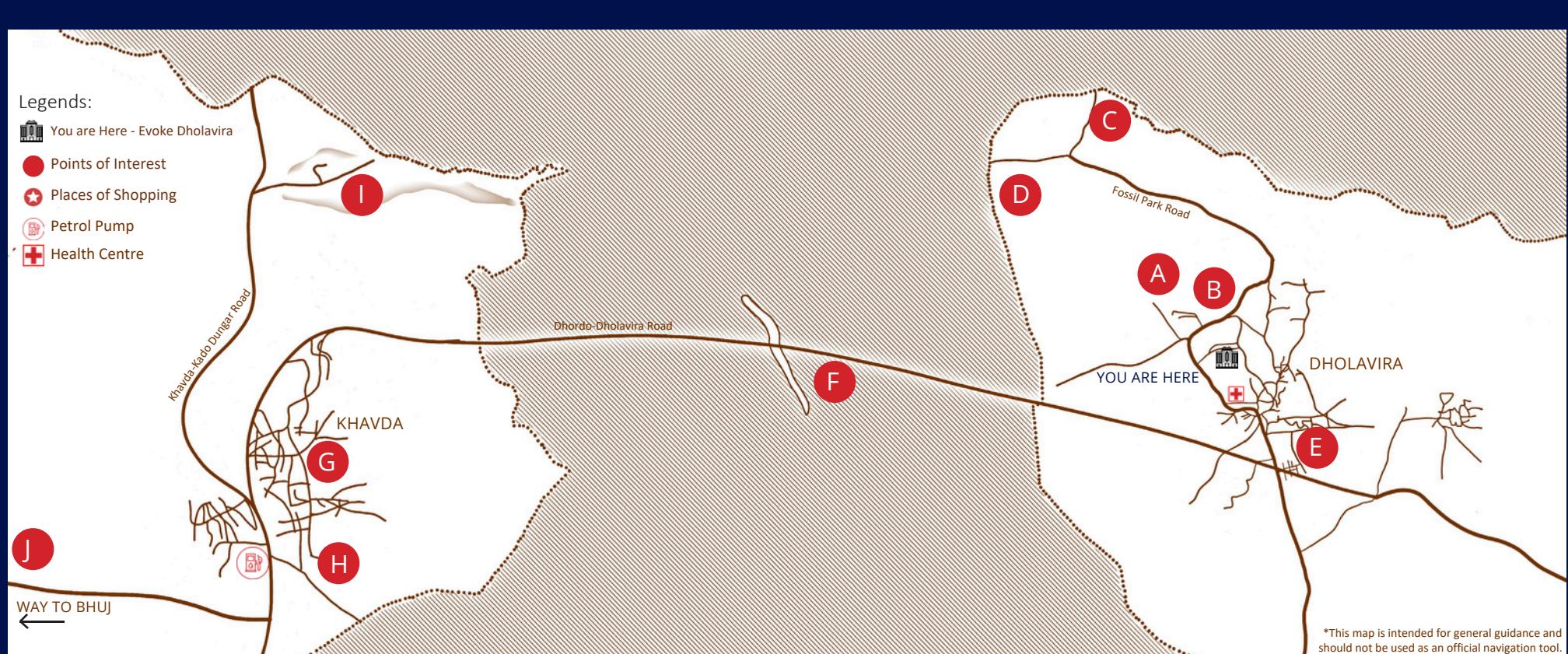
As you stroll through the village, you will not only witness age-old techniques in action but also have the chance to interact with the artists and shop for authentic handmade treasures.

**I****Kalo Dungar and Dattatreya temple**

Kalo Dungar, or the "Black Hill," is the highest point in Kutch, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the White Rann below. It is also home to the ancient Dattatreya Temple. On a clear day, you can see the Indo-Pak border from here making it a perfect blend of natural beauty, myth, and mystique.

**J****Tropic of Cancer**

This is a unique spot where you can stand right on the Tropic of Cancer, one of Earth's five major latitudinal circles. Marked clearly along the road, this point offers a rare chance to physically experience a geographic line that plays a key role in the planet's solar movement.



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Drive through the Dawn of Civilisation - *The Road Tour*

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