

MANGALDAS NI HAVELI - I

A Boutique Heritage Hotel

- **History**

Mangaldas ni Haveli I is located in the centre of the historic UNESCO declared World Heritage City of Ahmedabad. Estimated to be over 300 years old, it is one of the finest examples of carved wooden architecture of the time. This beautiful building was acquired by Abhay Mangaldas in 2006 and has since been restored.

- **Location**

The Haveli is a twelve-minute ride from The House of MG that meanders through narrow lanes (pols) and bustling bazaars. The buildings here are two to three floor structures – all inter-connected yet in different styles. The ground floor road facing rooms are used as shops and the interior comprises of a kitchen and residential rooms around a central courtyard with a steep staircase leading to higher floors. They also have an integrated rain harvesting system with underground water storage tanks (tankas).

- **Neighbourhood**

Your visit is not complete till you explore this historic precinct! Till date, the life in these pols is an ongoing living tradition that dates back to the 15th century. Take a stroll down to Manek Chowk, the main bazaar of the old city that becomes an open food court at night and visit the spectacular Juma Masjid, located just minutes away. Many other historic landmarks of the city are very close to the Haveli.

- **Facilities**

This Haveli houses 2 rooms Courtyard Room and Terrace Room, with WIFI, flat screen, modern bathrooms and large comfortable beds.

You can have delicious snacks at Pol Kholi café at Mangaldas ni Haveli II, just 5 minutes walk from the Haveli I. The cafe serves local and international dishes in a charming outdoor and air-cooled setting. Guests staying at this hotel can avail all the other facilities at The House of MG, like it's restaurants, swimming pool and spa.

- **Safety**

This area is safe for lady travellers though wearing suitable clothes that show least skin is most advisable in keeping with the sensibilities of the area. Venturing out alone after 10 PM is also not advised, though it is fine if its in the company of another local person.

It is best to carry the pocket wifi router available at reception with you wherever you go so you are always be connected to the internet and can make a call to the hotel or find your way back using Google maps (where Mangaldas ni Haveli) is marked. If possible, get in to a rikshaw and tell the driver to take you to *Sankdi Sheri* in *Manekchawk* and you can find your way back here as it is at walking distance.