

MANGALDAS NI HAVELI - II

A Boutique Heritage Hotel

- **History**

This building is approximately 150 years old. It is located in '*Gangadhiya ni Pol*' where *pol* means a 'gated community' or a 'narrow lane'.

The name *Gangadhiya* is derived from '*Ganga Kinaro*' - bank of the river *Ganges*. In ancient times, it is believed that the *Manek* river, a tributary of *Sabarmati* River, flowed by here. How it came to be named after the *Ganges* instead is subject of conjecture.

This house was purchased from its original residents by Abhay Mangaldas in 2007 founder of The House of MG, an iconic Urban Heritage Hotel, and completely refurbished. There were two smaller houses (of no heritage significance) that were demolished to make room for the open space that houses the cafe and garden.

- **Neighborhood**

Mangaldas ni Haveli is in the heart of UNESCO World Heritage City of Ahmedabad.

In the neighborhood is *Mangaldas ni Haveli I*, a two hundred and fifty year old restored building that is one of the finest examples of local carved wooden architecture in the city. It houses a small residency with two suites.

Khadia, where this hotel is located, is the most ancient neighborhood of the this six hundred year old city and it is surrounded ancient monuments as well as pulsating bazaars, artisans, shops and densely packed residences. You will find many of them in poor state of repair as a lot of the original residents have moved to western suburb of the city. However, during the day, the streets are chock-a-block with vehicles, vendors and people going about their daily life. Using a normal map is almost impossible but a GPS based map can be extremely useful. Plan your visit using the Google City map with locations marked on it that the reception at The House of MG can email or Whatsapp you and go explore on foot. The main market is in and around Manek Chawk, about 300 meters away. Just next to it is the *Jami Masjid* and the old vegetable and fruit market as well as the mausoleum of Sultan Ahmed Shah, the founder of the city. Across from the hotel is '*Diwanji ni Haveli*'. It is also a recently restored property that has multi-functional spaces including a few rooms. You can visit it during the day time. The 'Heritage Night Walk', organised by the hotel, starts from this venue at 10PM every night and ends only a few hundred meters away. The daytime heritage walk that starts from The House of MG and ends here is also a wonderful way to see the old city.

There is a huge number of small eateries as well as shops selling savories and sweets dotting the neighborhood. If you are adventurous, you can try eating there. In Manekchawk there is a high energy food court that gets set-up every night. It is definitely worth a visit.

- **Facilities**

There is a small cafe in the premises that operates from 7am to 10pm, serving snacks, juices and icecreams. Residents can also enjoy the facilities of the The House of MG (two restaurants, swimming pool, spa and a variety of shopping), reaching there is easy in a rikshaw. Ask reception to hail one for you.

- **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.

THE HOUSE OF MG HERITAGE WALKS

Outings in and around Ahmedabad. Charges apply. please ask at Front Desk.

● Morning Heritage Walk

The guided walk takes you by most of the old city highlights like Mangaldas ni Haveli, Jumma Masjid, Bhadra Fort, Manek Chowk, Vegetable Market, Chandla Ol, Sidi Saiyyed ni Mosque, Khetrapal Jain Shrine and Teen Darwaja Market, you end with an Indian Heritage style breakfast when you return to The House of MG.

Start Point: The House of MG.

End Point: The House of MG.

Time: 7:30 am daily.

Distance: 1.5 Kms.

Duration: 120 Minutes.

● Night Heritage Walk

The guided post-dinner walk is fairly relaxed and only 800mts long. It begins at Mangaldas ni Haveli, a 200 year old carved wood home that has been restored and takes you through narrow lanes, old havelis, jain Temples, bird feeders, Islamic monuments and the vibrant food market at Manek Chowk in street light and torchlight –a completely different experience than the city by day! End with the sound of drummers signaling the closing of the city gates at 11 PM – an ongoing 600 years old traditional.

Start Point: (Mangaldas ni haveli, lakha Patel ni pol, Khadia).

You gather at 9:30 pm at The House of MG. and take the shuttle to starting point.

End Point: Manek Chowk.

Time: 10:00pm every Night.

Distance: 0.8 Kms.

Duration: 60 Minutes

● D*TOURS - An Audio Guided Walk

A unique walk where you are guided by a voice in your MP3 headphones. You walk through Temple, Juma Masjid, Old Stock Exchange, Chandla Ol, Jain Temples and Mangaldas ni Haveli listening to residents of Ahmedabad weave a rich tapestry of the city's history and its culture. Listen to interviews with local figures, insights by famous residents and get immersed in the history and folklores of Ahmedabad.

Start point: The House of MG

End point: Mangaldas ni Haveli, Lakha Patel ni Pole, Khadia.

Time: Daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Distance: 1.5 Kms.

Walk Duration: Approximately 80 minutes

Recommended Time: 7:00 to 10:00 AM or 5.30 to 7.30 PM,
to avoid the afternoon sun and the traffic.

TOURS ORGANIZED BY THE HOUSE OF MG

For more details and rates, Please contact at Front Desk.

HISTORICAL TOURS

- 1. The Walled City Rickshaw Tour (Location of your choice at your own place)**
7:00 am to 7:00 pm.
The House of MG, Sidi Saiyed Jali, Bhadra Fort, Chinubhai Beronet, Teen Darwaja, Badshah No Hajiro, Rani No Hajiro, Manek Chowk, Stock Exchange, Mangaldas Ni Haveli 2, Mangaldas Ni Haveli 1, Rani Sipri Masjid, Sidi Bashir Shaking Minar, Harkuwar Shethani Ni Haveli, Astapad Jain Derasar, Tankshal Ni Haveli, Dalpatram, Sambhav Nathanadera, Swaminarayan Temple, Rani Rupmati Mosque, Parsi Agiyari, Jews Synagogue, Dada Hari Step Well.
- 2. Center City Highlight of Ahmedabad Tour**
Morning Tour - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Rani no Hajiro, Badshah no Hajiro, Jumma Masjid, Bhadra Fort, Step well of Dada Hari.
- 3. Northern City Highlight Ahmedabad**
Morning Tour - 9:00 am to 13:30 pm.
Hathisingh jain temple, Gandhi Ashram, Gandhi Ashram Paper factory, Step well of Adalaj.
- 4. Western City Highlight Of Ahmedabad**
Evening Tour -16:00 pm to 20:00 pm.
City Museum, Sarkhej Roza, Vishala Museum, Night Market of Law Garden.
- 5. Full Day (Northern Neighborhood Heritage)**
Out of Station in Gujarat - 6:00 am to 9:00 pm
Champaner (World Heritage Site) Pavagadh Temple trek, Raja Ravi Varma Collection (Art Collection of the Maharaja of Baroda), Audio tour of Laxmivilas Palace in Baroda.
- 6. Full Day (Western Neighborhood Heritage)**
6:00 am to 8:00 pm.
Patan (Step Wells, Double Ikat Textiles), Sidhpur (Wooden Mansions), Modhera (Sun Temple)

ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

- 7. Half Day**
3 hours.
Le Corbusier - ATMA House, Sanskar Kendra (City Museum), Luis Kahn - Indian Institute of Management, 'Amdavad ni Gufa' - B.V. Doshi.

WILD LIFE TOURS

- 8. Half Day**
6:00 am to 12:30 pm or 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm. (December to March only)
Nal Sarovar – Bird Sanctuary. One Hour drive and then boat trip in the sanctuary. For Flamingos, Pelicans, Cranes and other water birds.
- 9. Full Day**
7:00 am to 8:30 pm.
Wild Ass Sanctuary at The Little Rann of Kutchh. A two hours drive From Ahmedabad. Do a safari in this unusual desert landscape, home to The Asian wild Ass and thousands of migratory birds between October and April.

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IMMERSIVE TOURS

1. Morning Half Day

HISTORIC CITY TOUR - with cooking classes & Copper Utensils extension

Timings – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

2. Evening Half Day

SUFI TOMB TOUR - with block printing & vessel museum extension

Timings – 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm

3. Morning Half Day

DISCOVER TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE - with rogan art extension

Timings – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

4. Evening Half Day

STEP WELL TOUR - with traditional baazar & Jumma Masjid extension

Timings – 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm

5. Morning Half Day

GANDHI TOUR - with hand made paper making, temple visit & Gurukulam extension

Timings – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

6. Evening Half Day

STEP WELL TOUR - with vintage car museum extension

Timings – 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm

AUTO TOUR

The walled city Rickshaw Tour helps you explore the UNESCO declared World Heritage City at your own pace. Although the by-lanes of the walled city are very narrow, it can easily accommodate a three wheeler rickshaw that takes you to the hidden secrets of the city as well as its highlights. This is a personalized tour for up to four people at a time and you are accompanied by an English speaking guide and driver.

Timings – Between 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

THE HOUSE OF MG RECOMMENDS

Restaurants, cafes, shopping and other services

RESTAURANTS

- **Agashiye Restaurant**

The House of MG, Opp. Sidi Saiyed Mosque, Lal Darwaja, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2550 6946

Timing - 11:00am to 3:30pm & 6:30pm to 11:00pm

- **The Green House**

The House of MG, Opp. Sidi Saiyed Mosque, Lal Darwaja, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2550 6946

Timing - 7:00am to 11:00pm

- **Pol Kholi**

Gangadhiya ni Pol, Via Sakdi Sheri, Nr. Manek Chowk, Khadia, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 - 2550 6946

Timing 7:00am to 11:00pm

SPA

- **Chakra Spa at The House of MG**

Opp, Sidi Saiyed Mosque, Lal Darwaja, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2550 6946

SHOPPING

- **Ahmedabad Trunk (Ground Floor)**

Handcrafted textiles, home décor and gifts, made in collaboration between designers and local artisans.

- **Ahmedabad Trunk (First Floor)**

For Handcrafted Heirlooms & Heritage books

- **Bandhej**

Contemporary store for readymades for men and women, saris and Home Décor.

Basement, Shrikrishna Complex, Near Mithakhali Six Roads, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2630 0852

- **Gamthiwala**

Quaint store in old city for Traditional Handloom Block prints, Vegetable Dyed textiles and Mushroom fabric.

1st Shop, Rani no Haziro, Manek Chawk, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2214 8879

- **Elan**

Elegant store for Indian designer clothing for women.

Gulbai Tekra, Off. Panchwati. Ahmedabad - 380 006

Tel: 079 2656 9699

- **Law Garden Weekend Night Market**

For traditional Gujarati Skirts & blouses, Bed and Cushion Covers with embroidery and mirror work.

- **Crossword Bookstore**

Largest Bookstore in Ahmedabad. Good place to browse and watch people.

Srikrishana Complex, Mithakhali Six Road, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2643 0238

- **Ravivari / Sunday Market**

Riverfront, under Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad.

THE HOUSE OF MG RECOMMENDS (Cont.)

Restaurants, cafes, shopping and other services

OTHER SERVICES

- **Riverfront**

Riverfront Flower Park and walkway, Ellis bridge, Ahmedabad.

- **For Foreign Exchange**

- Apsara Forex Tourism Pvt. Ltd. : UL-2, Maharaja Complex, Near Relief Cinema, Relief Road, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2550 0380 | Mo. 9825018065, 9979092024.

- Thomas Cook: 30-38 Super Mall Complex, Near Lal Bagh, C. G. Road, Ahmedabad.

- **Doctor on Call**

- Dr. Jitendra Shah : 2, Chandrawati Appartment, Behind Dharnidhar Derasar, Vasna, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2550 1964, 079 2663 4045 | M: 9825014016,

- Dr. Tushar Doshi, 101, Arsi Corner, Opp. Gujarat College, Ellis bridge, Ahmedabad.

Tel: 079 2644 6400

HOTEL RULES

The following are the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the Guest/s and The House of MG (Herein after called "Management") under which rooms are permitted to be used by the Guest/s and are binding on the Guest/s:

- **Tariff**

Guests should obtain the 'Room Rate' slip from the Reception. The tariff is for the room only. Meals and other services are available at extra cost.

- **Smoking**

All rooms are non-smoking. Smoking is allowed only in verandahs & other open spaces.

- **Alcohol**

Gujarat is an alcohol prohibition state. Guests can consume alcohol within their rooms provided they have a valid permit. Alcohol can be procured from authorized liquor shops in the neighborhood.

- **Outside Guests**

No outside visitors are allowed in the rooms after 10 PM. Guests wishing to entertain their visitors after this time will have to inform front desk and additional room tariff will be charged to them.

- **Settlement of Bills**

Bills must be settled on presentation. Cheques are not accepted. All Foreign Nationals should settle their bills in Foreign Currency, in keeping with the Government Regulations. We accept all major credit cards.

- **Company's Lien on Guest's Luggage & Belongings**

In the case of default in payment of dues by a Guest, the Management shall have a lien on the luggage and belongings and be entitled to detain the same, and to sell or auction such property at any time without reference to the Guest, and appropriate the net sale proceeds towards the amount due by the Guest without prejudice to the Management's rights to adopt such further recovery proceedings as may be required.

- **Departure**

CHECK-IN time is 2 PM & CHECK-OUT time is 12 Noon. The Guest shall vacate the room allotted to him on expiry of the period of occupation granted. On failure of the Guest to vacate the room on expiry of the period, the Management shall have the right to remove the Guest and his/her belongings from the room occupied by the Guest. If the Guest wishes to stay on up to 6 p.m. and if the room is available, he will be charged at half the normal daily rate for the room. Half-day tariff will not be accepted on the first day's stay.

- **Luggage Storage**

Subject to availability of storage space, the Guest can store luggage in the Luggage Room for up to 24 hours at a nominal charge at the Guest's sole risk as to loss or damage from any cause.

- **Guest's Belongings**

Guests are particularly requested to lock the door of their rooms when they are going out or when going to bed, and not to leave the room key in the lock.

Electronic safes are provided in each room. The Management will not, in anyway whatsoever, be responsible for any loss/damage to the Guest's belongings or any other property from either the hotel room or locker or any other part of the hotel for any cause whatsoever including theft or pilferage.

- **Hazardous Goods**

Bringing into and/or storing of raw or exposed cinema films, or any other articles of a combustible or hazardous nature and /or prohibited goods and /or goods of objectionable nature, in the hotel, are/is prohibited. The Guest shall be solely liable and responsible to the Management, its other guests, invitees, visitors, agents and servants for any loss, financial or other, and damage that may be caused by such articles or negligence and non-observance of any /all instructions.

HOTEL RULES (Cont.)

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- **Use of Hotel Facilities**

The Guest shall use all the facilities and services available at the hotel with care and caution and entirely at the Guest's risk. The Guest shall agree to abide by and follow all instructions placed by the Management at various places in the hotel premises. The Management shall not be responsible for any injury to the Guest or damage to Guest's goods that may be caused as a result of use of the facilities / services for any reason whatsoever.

- **Damage to Property**

The Guest will be held responsible for any loss or damage to the Hotel Property caused by themselves, their friends or any person for whom they are responsible.

- **Dogs**

Dogs may be allowed at the discretion of management. The owner will be fully responsible for the behavior of his pet and for any damage caused by the dog to the hotel. Dogs are not permitted in the public areas of the hotel.

- **Management's Rights**

It is agreed that the Guest will conduct himself / herself in a respectable manner and not cause nuisance or annoyance within the hotel premises. The management reserves to itself the absolute right of admission to any person in the hotel premises. The management has the right to request any Guest to vacate his / her room or other areas of the hotel forthwith, without previous notice and without assigning any reason whatsoever and the Guest shall be bound to vacate when requested to do so. In default, the management shall have the right to change room allotted to the Guest at any time, without assigning any reason thereof and without any previous notice, or to shift the Guest to any other suitable accommodation.

- **Relation Between Management and Guest**

Nothing herein above shall constitute or be deemed to constitute or create, any tenancy or sub-tenancy, or any other right or interest in the hotel premises or any part or portion thereof, in favour of any guest or resident or visitor, and the management shall always be deemed to be in full and absolute possession and control of the whole of the hotel premises.

- **Room Inventory**

The House of MG provides facilities like telephone, cordless A/c remote, cordless Television control, refrigerator, television, electric kettle in addition to decorative items in the room like Original artwork, antique framed photographs, stainless steel dispensers etc. Guest will be fully liable to any damage or loss of the same.

- **Minibar**

Guests will be charged for items consumed from the minibar as per the pricelist attached.