



# Tree of Life Darbargadh, Dared (Gujarat)

Where time almost stands still; where tranquillity prevails; where history takes you back three hundred years; where service is from the heart; where luxury is discreet – welcome to the Tree of Life Darbargadh, Dared, in the Bhavnagar District (Gujarat) .

## A Brief History

Dared is steeped in history. It was once occupied by the Kathis, before being taken over by a section of the Gohil Rajputs, who came from Udaipur and conquered the area, which then came to be known as Gohilwad or Land of Gohils. The Maharaja Saheb of Bhavnagar is considered to be the head of the Gohil Rajput clan.

One can sense the historical connection as soon as one steps into the `Darbargadh`, which literally means a fort inhabited by the ruling Chieftain. Built in the typical Saurashtra style of architecture, some portions of the building are said to date back three hundred years or more, and the later additions were made over a hundred years ago. The original structure, look, character and ambience have been carefully maintained while providing all modern amenities and comforts.

## The Accommodation

Our rooms are a beautiful mix of old style architecture balanced with all the luxurious comforts you would expect during your stay. Beautifully carved panels adorn the walls and the sense of luxury is enhanced by the teak wood ceiling, while the hand crafted floor designs add to the old world charm. Wide corridors, styled wrought iron railings, intricately carved wooden doorways and statues all bring about the ultimate feeling of an era gone by.

### 1 Premium Room

Situated at the courtyard and surrounded by trees, each room is spread over 260 square feet of space and is equipped with a bed and private bathroom and offers all modern amenities including a television, tea and coffee maker.

### 5 Heritage Rooms

Lined on the first and second floor across wide corridors, each premium room is spread over 320 square feet and offers the perfect interplay of comfort and outdoors. The rooms are equipped with a television screen, tea and coffee marker, and a private bathroom.

### 3 Heritage Suites

These come with a deep feel of royalty and comfort. With some 600 sqft of beautifully furnished space with designated bedroom and sitting spaces, carved furniture, poster beds and paintings – just the place to be in ! The large and well appointed bathroom with a closet and period accessories adds to the sense of luxury.

### 1 Darbar Suite

The epitome of luxury, our Darbar Suite is spread over 1,500 sqft of private space. The Living area is adorned with beautiful paintings and artefacts, a traditional swing, and a carved dining table for four. Overlooking the Temple, it has a balcony from where you view the morning and evening aarti. The adjoining bedroom comes with a large poster bed, antique furniture and a spacious bathroom.

*Note : Given the serene ambience at the Tree of Life Darbargadh, we do not have televisions in the guest rooms. There is a large, flat screen television for your viewing pleasure at Ramajo – the play room.*

## Dining:

Cuisine always forms a very important part of the Tree of Life experience. We do not do buffets as we prefer serving our guests food which is fresh.

### Rasavat

Rasavat means delicious, is our intimate all day dining restaurant which has amazing floral décor and a collection of wall plates from all over the world. You have the option of sitting indoors in air conditioned comfort or in the verandah which over looks the lawns. We serve Continental, North Indian, Rajasthani and Gujarati cuisines. Our Chef will be glad to prepare your wish should it not be on the menu. Breakfast is from 0800 to 1030 hrs; Lunch 1230 to 1430 hrs and dinner 2000 to 2230 hrs.



## Facilities

### Under The Neem

A beautiful courtyard garden setting with an old neem tree branching high into the sky. Styled wrought iron seating adds to the romance of the moment. Enjoy light snacks and mock-tails during the day or have a romantic candle light dinner at night.

### Galeecha

This was the room where in the last Century, the ruler would hold his small meetings and gatherings. Today, with sink-in sofas, rich upholstery, carpets and beautiful paintings, the room is for you to curl up with a book or meet with family and friends over mock-tails and coffee.

### Getting There:

We are easily accessible by flight or by road.

Flight : Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad is just 180 kms ( 4 hours) from us. Bhavnagar Airport is also well connected to various cities and it take 90 minutes to cover the 60 kms from there to us.

Road :

From Ahmedabad - Driving Southward, the comfortable journey of 170 kms takes around 3 hours plus to cover, The route takes to via Bagodara - Dhandhuka - Barwala -

A large flat screen television is there for your entertainment. High-tea is served here every evening with our compliments from 1630 to 1730 hrs along with a Gadhavi ( story teller) telling you tales of yesteryears.

### The Art Room

This room has an amazing collection of very old paintings, prints and antique ware of the royal Gohil family. Spend some time in this room seeped in history.

### Ramajo

Our play room has a large screen television for your entertainment. You can also unwind with a game of Pool or then with many of the board games we offer for people of all ages.

### Raang

This broad stretch walk way runs along the top of the fort or 'gadhi', with an amazing view of the village and fields all around. You can also catch the most amazing sunset from here.



## Activities

Sundowner by the River • Out in the WildDay with the Gods • Teach a While • Take a Ride • Morning & Evening Aarti • Village Walk • Being James Bond • Just for Two • The Chef in You • Yours Again Vows



Vallabhipur, turning right from Vallabhipur, you will reach us after a drive of 20 Kilometers..

From Bhavnagar - Just 60 kms, via Vallabhipur, you will reach us in under 90 minutes.

From Vadodara - The 200 kms journey will take 4 hours via Vasad - Borsad - Pipali.

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