

Discover the splendour of wildlife in a sanctuary like no other — DEVALIYA SAFARI PARK. Nestled in the Land of the Asiatic Lions in Gujarat state, Devaliya offers a unique and immersive safari experience, bringing you face-to-face with the rich biodiversity of the Gir Forest.

Step into a realm where wilderness thrives, and nature unfolds its secrets. Welcome to Devaliya Safari Park, an enchanting haven representing the biodiversity of Gir forest. Join an extraordinary journey where wildlife roams freely, and every moment is a brushstroke on the canvas of nature.

### SEASONS' HUES

The safari park is best observed in three different seasons (monsoon, winter, and summer) in a year that gives an altogether different experience of tints and hues of the park.

### DEVALIYA: AREA AND ACCESS

The Gir Interpretation Zone, Devaliya (popularly known as Devaliya Safari Park), is considered a mini version of the Gir forest and provides a unique opportunity to observe the wildlife in the natural environment. Spread across 412 hectares, Devaliya Safari Park has almost all representative wildlife and habitat types of Gir forest, and here, one can experience and learn about these habitat types and wildlife in a short duration of time.

Devaliya Safari Park is situated approximately 12 kilometers away from Sasan-Gir in the Junagadh district of Gujarat. It is well-connected to major cities like Junagadh, Rajkot and Ahmedabad.



**Air:** Keshod (60 km) and Diu (100 km) are the closest airports, while Rajkot (160 km) and Ahmedabad (370 km) are the more prominent and well-connected options.



**Rail:** The western railway station is located at Sasan and is connected to Ahmedabad by a meter-gauge railway line via Junagadh (60 km) and Rajkot (160 km).



**Road:** Taxi and bus services to Sasan are readily available from both Junagadh (60 km) and Veraval (45 km) train stations. GSRTC and private buses frequently ply to Sasan. Access by road is possible via multiple state highways.

### DO'S AND DON'TS FOR A MEMORABLE VISIT

#### DO'S

- ✓ Arrive at the reception centre at least 15 minutes before your departure time.
- ✓ Carry a valid identity card issued by the relevant authority.
- ✓ Respect the wildlife, their habits, and habitat.
- ✓ Keep a safe distance from wildlife.
- ✓ Wear dull-coloured clothes to blend in with the forest.
- ✓ Drive slowly and carefully, giving way to wildlife.
- ✓ Follow prescribed routes and time limits.
- ✓ Capture memories without disturbing the wildlife.
- ✓ Respect the sanctity of holy sites and local customs.
- ✓ Obey the laws, rules, and regulations of protected areas.
- ✓ Appreciate the forest's beauty and diverse wildlife, even if you don't spot a big cat.

#### DON'TS

- ✗ Do not litter; carry your trash out.
- ✗ Do not feed the birds and animals.
- ✗ Pets are not allowed.
- ✗ Do not collect flora and fauna as souvenirs.
- ✗ Plastic and plastic items are prohibited.
- ✗ Stay within designated areas; no trespassing.
- ✗ Do not exit your vehicle.
- ✗ Avoid using spotlights or searchlights.
- ✗ Do not disturb or tease wildlife.
- ✗ No music; maintain silence and enjoy the sounds of nature.
- ✗ Smoking and liquor are strictly prohibited.
- ✗ Do not carry weapons or explosives inside protected areas.
- ✗ Do not carry food items.

### DEVALIYA MAP



#### LEGENDS

- Toilets
- Drinking Water Kiosk
- Entry/ Exit Gates
- Watchtower
- Souvenir Shop
- Orientation Centre
- Children's play area
- Canteen
- Car Parking
- Bus Pickup Point
- Trail 1
- Trail 2
- Trail 3

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## SAFARI

The park has three safari routes to observe the wildlife and wilderness, as highlighted in the map. The Forest department's specifically designed mini safari buses operate from Devaliya Safari Park's reception area. These safaris ensure an excellent sighting and unique wilderness experience. To have a personalized safari experience, one can also take a safari gypsy with a trained eco-guide from Sinh Sadan Campus.

Current bookings can be made (*subject to availability*) from the reception centre at Devaliya Safari Park for bus safari and the Devaliya Gypsy safari booking office in Sinh Sadan campus for gypsy. For bookings and permit charges, please visit the website or scan the QR code <https://girlingon.gujarat.gov.in>

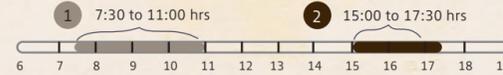


## TIME SCHEDULE

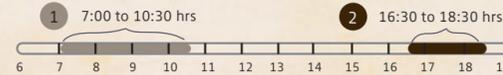
Mon to Sun (\*Wed closed)

### MINIBUS

16<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup>/ 29<sup>th</sup> February

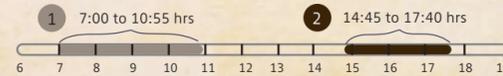


1<sup>st</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June



### SAFARI GYPSY

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### Please Note:

- Devaliya Safari Park remains closed every Wednesday.
- Safari vehicles are operated on an hourly basis as per the permit limits.

## ECOTOURISM

Ecotourism is pivotal in increasing awareness about forest and wildlife conservation while contributing to the local economy. Gir is one of the oldest ecotourism destinations in India, offering three distinct attractions: Gir Jungle Safari, Gir Interpretation Zone (Devaliya), and Ambardi Interpretation Zone (Dhari). These destinations attract numerous visitors each year. Most ecotourism facilities are centralized in Sasan village, encompassing booking centres, souvenir shops, orientation centres, guest houses, and more.

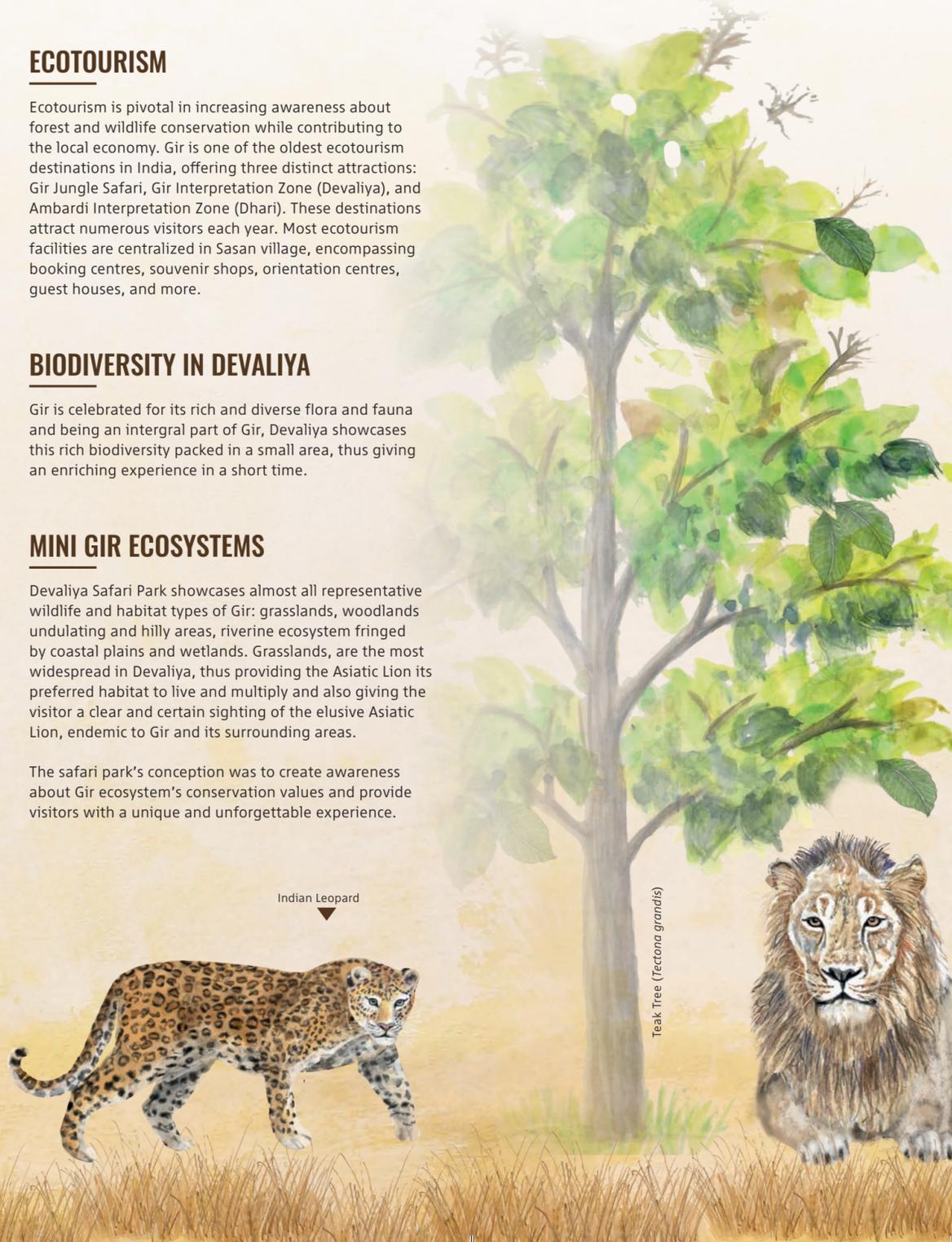
## BIODIVERSITY IN DEVALIYA

Gir is celebrated for its rich and diverse flora and fauna and being an integral part of Gir, Devaliya showcases this rich biodiversity packed in a small area, thus giving an enriching experience in a short time.

## MINI GIR ECOSYSTEMS

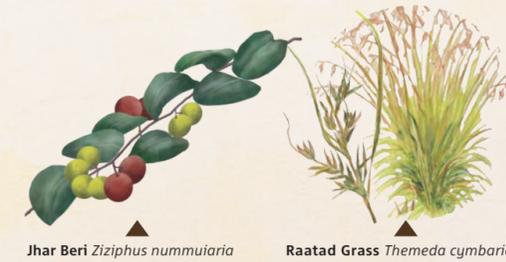
Devaliya Safari Park showcases almost all representative wildlife and habitat types of Gir: grasslands, woodlands undulating and hilly areas, riverine ecosystem fringed by coastal plains and wetlands. Grasslands, are the most widespread in Devaliya, thus providing the Asiatic Lion its preferred habitat to live and multiply and also giving the visitor a clear and certain sighting of the elusive Asiatic Lion, endemic to Gir and its surrounding areas.

The safari park's conception was to create awareness about Gir ecosystem's conservation values and provide visitors with a unique and unforgettable experience.



### FLORA:

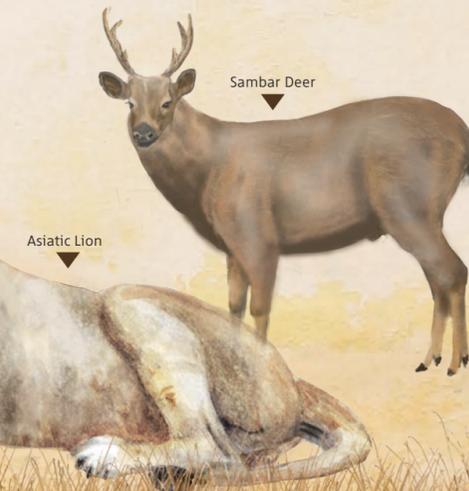
Devaliya embraces a remarkable diversity of flora, including different species of trees, shrubs, herbs, climbers, and grasses. Dry deciduous forests and savannah-type grasslands define the vegetation, with species like axle wood and teak dominating different regions. Wild flowers add vibrant colours to the landscape in different seasons. Orchids such as *Vanda tessellata* can also be found here.



### MAMMALS:

At Devaliya Safari Park, one can expect to see Asiatic lions and other wildlife in their almost natural habitat, almost with certainty. An open moat showcases the beauty of the Indian Leopard in an enchanting near-natural world. One can also experience and appreciate the beauty of other wildlife such as spotted deer, sambar, blue bull, blackbuck, wild boar, Indian golden jackal, jungle cat etc.

The Park is also inhabited by a free-ranging population of Indian Leopards as well as their prey: a spotted deer, nilgai, sambar, chinkara, and more.



### AVIAN DELIGHTS:

Devaliya Safari Park is not just a home to big cats; the park's diverse ecosystems create an ideal environment for a wide array of bird species. Marvel at the kaleidoscope of colours as you spot rare and enchanting bird species, such as the painted francolin, bush-quails and many other grassland birds. If you are really lucky, you might even spot extremely rare vulture species- Red-headed Vulture and White-Rumped Vulture.



### REPTILES:

Devaliya is also home to various species of reptiles including species of snakes such as Indian Rock Python and cobras, along with star tortoises, soft-shelled turtles, and monitor lizards.

