The golden sand beaches, blue waters and water sports, Portuguese heritage, clean environment, friendly local population and plenty of palm trees, (Hoka trees) swaying and whispering in the gentle intoxicating sea breeze make an ideal holiday retreat.

DIU: India's Undiscovered Paradise

Diu a former Portuguese enclave, is steeped in history, abounds in beauty and is a picture of calmness.

If you have escaped the hustle and bustle of the never ending problems of everyday life and finally managed to reach Diu, then you deserve to have the very best.

The beckoning beaches, the beautiful scenery and the echoing past what a beautiful combination for a perfect getaway.

Diu is a tiny island situated off the coast of Saurashtra Region of Gujarat lapped by the Arabian Sea. It is approx. 40 Sq.Kms. Diu is a tiny island and has an unhurried population of 50,000. It was a sea-port and naval base of considerable strategic importance from the 14th to 16th centuries. It was also a vital trade link for the traders overseas.

The Island of Diu has captured history; it was ruled by many kings and Dynasties, beginning with the Pauranic period and the last being the Portuguese from whom it was liberated alongwith Goa, Daman on 19th December, 1961. These rulers have left behind their marks in form of monuments, temples, churches etc. stories lie embedded in its psyche, like the sea.

Diu which is the most beautiful tourist spot and perhaps one of the most exotic beach destination on the west coast of India also a show piece of colourful culture. It is a harmonious mix of saurashtra (kathiaywadi) culture blended with Portuguese legacy due to its 450 years rule. The ethnic mosaic comprises of Hindu, Muslim and Christians. The life pattern is at par with Gujarat.

Tourist spots Diu Fort:
Among the places of tourist interest, the Fort of Diu occupies a prominent position. It is an expansive and imposing structure, situated on the coast of the island. The fort commands a magnificent view of sea. It was constructed between 1535 and 1541 AD after a defense alliance, concluded by the Bahadurshah, Sultan of Gujarat, and the Portuguese when the former was attacked by Humayun, the Mughal Emperor.

The fort is skirted by the sea on the three sides. On the fort stands a giant structure now housing a Light House. A couple of mounds of iron shells can be seen even today inside the fort. Several canons still stare menacingly from top and some are peeping out of the hotel on the walls of this gigantic structure. The main front wall is having five huge windows with stone galleries. A strange mist shrords the entire fort. It is more conspicuous during winter nights when fog spreads around, and the wick of the light house gas-flame becomes meek and misty. (The Diu Fort is including in Seven Wonder of Portugal)

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Nagoa Beach:
It is located in the Nagoa hamlet of the village of Bucharwada. The Beach is exceptionally beautiful and quiet. In this exceptionally beautiful horse - shoes (semi-circular) shaped beach, various water sports facilities are available. It is safe for swimming. Plenty of branching palm Hoka trees whisper and sway in the intoxicating sea breeze all day long. The virginity of the beach and serenity of the surroundings give you peace and pleasure beyond expression.

Chakratirth Beach:
Chakratirth Beach is centrally located and contiguous to the town at Diu. This beach serves the locals as well as domestic and international tourists, providing them with an opportunity to have a worthwhile break. The hill and the surrounding areas and landscape has been beautifully illuminated.

The spot has been developed by constructing an open air auditorium on the sea side of the hillock.

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WORLD TOURISM DAY
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