FOUZDAR HOUSE

AHMEDABAD

Six-bedroom Amdavadi Modern luxury B&B







6 BEDROOMS | AMDAVADI MODERN | LUXURY B&B | CITY CENTRE

In the commercial heart of modern Ahmedabad, come experience Fouzdar House, a 1970's Modernist home that is now a 6-bedroom luxury bed & breakfast. In form and in function, Fouzdar House celebrates its own history as a former family home, and pays tribute to the modern art and architectural heritage of the city of Ahmedabad.

Minimal intervention to the spaces retain their original charm and tranquility. The six themed bedrooms & suites use art pieces from an extensive personal collection. Local fabrics & furnishings, restored art-deco furniture combine with quiet air-conditioning, deliciously comfortable beds and luxury amenities to give you sanctuary from the hustle of Ahmedabad.

For lovers of the arts, fashion and architecture, Fouzdar House is the perfect base to begin your discovery of this city. Spend your days exploring Ahmedabad, following in the footsteps of great architects like Corbusier, Louis Kahn & BV Doshi. Visit the nearby Sabarmati Ashram and learn how Mahatma Gandhi built the foundations of our freedom. Or, if a cricket match is on, buy tickets to watch it at the Narendra Modi Stadium, the world's biggest cricket stadium. Return to a sanctuary of restful slumber and delicious vegetarian Gujarati food.









THE STORY OF FOUZDAR HOUSE

Fouzdar House is a 50-year-old house, originally built by a much-loved police chief of the Navrangpura neighbourhood of Ahmedabad. In its time, it was a stunning avant-garde example of the city's tryst with Modernist design. Today, under the careful restoration by the family's third generation, it pays tribute to their founder's history and to the heritage & lifestyle of the city in the 1970s.

To achieve this, interior architect Kunal Shah adopted a hyper-local approach that tried to meet Gandhiji's philosophy of acquiring all materials proximally. Everything in the house comes from Gujarat, Rajasthan & Maharashtra, and the artwork is from the owner's personal collection. The goal was to have minimal interventions, letting its original charm shine through. To this end, the terrazzo mosaic flooring, a popular Modernist material, was completely retained and repolished throughout the house. The verandahs' Kota stone and the classic graph-paper gridline tiles in the bathrooms are reminiscent of traditional Ahmedabadi living. Fouzdar House is a time capsule that lets you experience an older era of Gujarat.







FOUZDAR HOUSE - SPACES

Fouzdar House can be booked by individual rooms or as a whole villa rental

- 6 bedrooms with ensuite baths
 Nandi Suite 1 King bed
 Fouzdar Room 1 King bed
 Kabootar Khana 1 King bed
 Baa's Room 1 King bed
 Safed Room 1 King bed
 Gandhi Room 1 Mini Queen bed
- The Nandi Suite, Fouzdar Room & Kabootar Khana can accommodate a 3rd guest with an extra mattress
- The Gandhi Room is offered on single occupancy
- A maximum of 15 guests are permitted in the house

- One combined air-conditioned dining and living space
- Large common-use air-conditioned lounge on upper floor
- Outdoor front garden
- Two covered verandahs on the ground floor and one on the first floor with bench swings
- Rear courtyard with stunning art installation
- In-house service kitchen







This suite is dedicated to Shiva's holy disciple Nandi, portrayed in the beautiful red-pigmented wall art and complemented by the red & white colour themed Kachchh textiles.

Annexing the Nandi Suite, the Jalsaghar (music room) pays homage to Satyajit Ray's eponymously-named film, depicting the decadence that the room invites you to enjoy. The jacuzzi in the adjoining bathroom further sets this room apart from the rest of the house as its one piece of indulgence.





A very special room whose balcony was originally plagued with kabootars (pigeons). The Kabootar Khana is now adorned with dozens of paintings of pigeons clustered on different walls like roosting birds. The balcony has been enclosed in precious copper mesh which lends a beautiful patina in the evening light. The room is a fun callback to the house's past.





Fouzdar Room

Located on the ground floor,
the Fouzdar Room has a large
King bed with an ensuite
bathroom and a writing desk.
Admiring the original owner's
memorabilia from his time as
the police force's Fouzdar in his
old room will give you a deep
appreciation for the respect he
commanded.









Baa's Room is located on the ground floor and has its own direct access to the front verandah. It has a large King bed with an ensuite bathroom and writing desk.

Baa means Grandmother in Gujarati. The owner's Baa — the Fouzdar's wife — was devoutly Jain. You can still feel her spirit in the Jain art around the room.











A most minimalist and simple room, the Safed room uses only different shades of white in its contemporary work, tapestries and textiles. Its artwork resembles a contemporary take on kolam, inspired by the family's current generation who live in Tamil Nadu. The room has a large king bed, writing desk and ensuite bathroom. It has direct access to the first floor verandah.

Gandhi Room <u>၁</u>ပ



In reverence to Gandhiji's influence on the city's ethos, this room fits his philosophies of simplicity and austerity. The one oversized element in the room is a painting of Gandhiji, reflecting his impact on the country and this city in particular.

The room is perfect for solo travellers and has a writing desk and ensuite bathroom.

SERVICES



FOUZDAR HOUSE - SERVICES

- Daily vegetarian breakfast included; lunch and dinner available for a fee
- Pure vegetarian Gujarati cuisine
- Air conditioning in all rooms
- High-speed Wi-Fi in all rooms and spaces
- Luxury bed & bath linen
- Luxury bath amenities by Kimerica

- Daily housekeeping
- On-site laundry services available
- Ironing board & iron available on request
- Fully staffed & serviced
- Dedicated LuxUnlock Concierge



INSIGHTS-



Art imitates life.

The monkey mural against the courtyard's wall is the one diversion from the house's restraint. Designed by Amit Ambalal, one of Ahmedabad's best living artists, and converted into metal cutouts by his son Anuj Ambalal, this 3D mural uses a peculiar blue pigment that invokes the naughtiness of the prankster, Lord Krishna.

The rest of this courtyard is open, so it may host performing arts shows and baithaks to continue celebrating the arts in Ahmedabad.

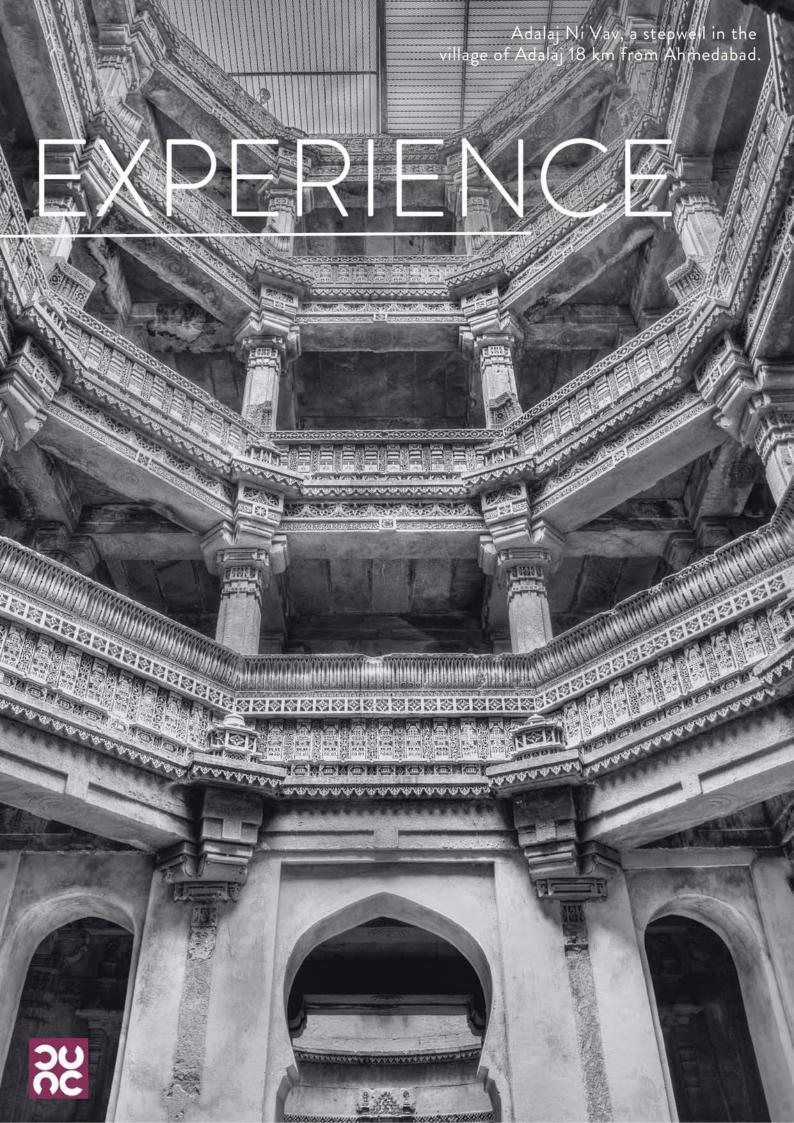




FOUZDAR HOUSE - WHAT TO EXPECT

- In Ahmedabad, monkeys are common.
 Please keep windows and doors closed to prevent them from entering, and don't leave food unattended in common areas.
- Smoking is not permitted inside the villa interiors, including in the bathrooms.
 Instead, we request that you smoke outdoors, where ashtrays are provided.
- This is a vegetarian home. Guests are requested to adhere to these values.
- There are no televisions in the rooms or common spaces. Please use your devices and the Wifi.

- Ahmedabad is a semi-arid region that suffers from an acute water shortage. Please use water prudently throughout your stay.
- Accommodation for accompanying staff is available within the vicinity of Fouzdar House.
- The afternoon sun can get very strong in Ahmedabad, especially in the summer months. Please plan accordingly to stay cool and use sunscreen if you plan to be outside during the day.





HOW TO SPEND YOUR TIME IN AHMEDABAD

- Witness world-class sporting events like the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023
- Follow in the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi by visiting the Sabarmati Ashram
- Visit the splendid achitectural legacy of Louis Kahn, Le Corbusier & BV Doshi
- Learn the history of Indian fabrics and weaving at the Calico Museum
- Go on a guided walking tour of the UNESCO Old City and offer prayers at beautiful Hindu & Jain temples within
- Explore the spectacular Sabarmati Riverfront - walk, run, or rent an e-bike

- Admire the architecture of the 500year-old Sidi Saiyyed Mosque and the Acropolis-comparable Sarkhej Roja
- Go on a delicious food tour of Ahmedabad taking in all its lipsmacking delights
- Visit the Adalaj Ni Vav, a stepwell about 18 km from Ahmedabad
- Book a seat on a seaplane and do a flying visit to the Statue of Unity
- Venture out further to the stunning Sun Temple at Modhera and the aweinspiring Rani-ki-Vav stepwell at Patan



- · Narendra Modi Stadium: 20 mins
- NID & IIM: 10-15 mins
- Sabarmathi Ashram: 10 mins
- Sidi Saiyyed Mosque: 10 mins
- Calico Museum of Textiles: 15 mins
- Sabarmati Riverfront: 10 mins
- Old City: 10 mins

- Ahmedabad Airport: 20 mins
- Ahmedabad Railway Station: 20 mins
- Adalaj Ni Vav: 45-50 mins
- Gandhinagar: 45-60 mins
- Anand: 1.5-2 hrs; Baroda: 2-3 hrs
- Patan: 2.5-3 hrs; Modhera: 2-2.5 hrs
- Statue of Unity: 3.5-4 hrs



VILLA AND B&B PORTFOLIO

TAMIL NADU & PONDICHERRY

*Isles & Cove, Mamallapuram
The Palmyrah, Mamallapuram
En Vilasam, Alamparai
Maison Twenty Six, Pondicherry
*Fort St David, Cuddalore
Thanga House, Tranquebar
Mangala Heritage, Thirupugalur
Vayal, Chettinad
Salt, Gulf of Mannar
Skyfall, Kodaikanal
Gramercy House, Kodaikanal
The Observatory, Kotagiri

*The Cottage, Coonoor Chloe Cottage, Coonoor House of Joy, Ooty *Haiwatha, Lovedale *Hideaway, Ooty

OTHER LOCATIONS

Nakshathra Mana, Kerala
Deja View, Wayanad
*Hamlet, Coorg
Fouzdar House, Ahmedabad
Victoria Villa, Sri Lanka



