

LITTLE RANN OF KATCHH
DASADA
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The Little Rann of Katchh is best known for the endemic species of Indian wild ass. The wild ass is a handsome chestnut brown member of the equus genus (horse family). Capable of reaching high speeds when galloping across the Rann, the wild ass is usually seen in small herds. The elegant blackbuck, blue bull (India's largest antelope) and the graceful chinkara (Indian gazelle) are other mammals seen in this arid region. The main carnivores of the Little Rann of Kutch are the endangered Indian wolf, desert fox, Indian fox, jackals, desert and jungle cats, and a few hyenas. Smaller mammals like hares, gerbils and hedgehogs, and reptiles like spiny tailed lizard, monitor, red and common sand boa, saw-scaled viper, cobra, dhaman (Indian rat snake), etc, could also be seen during the safaris in the Rann.

The Little Rann of Kutch is also birding paradise. Birds here include steppe, Imperial, and short-toed eagle, houbara bustard, flamingos, pelicans, storks and cranes. The best birding is during the winter months from October to March when waterfowl gather in vast numbers. These are the months when demoiselle and common crane, and lesser flamingo are seen in incredibly large numbers.

The Lodge

Rann Riders is an ethnically designed eco-resort, set among wetlands and agricultural fields. The resort has imaginatively designed cottages that blend with the rural countryside in which it is situated. Located near Dasada village, it makes the ideal base to explore the culture, weaves and handicrafts of the Surendranagar district. The resort offers jeep, horse and camel safaris in the Little Rann of Kutch, habitat of Asiatic Wild Ass and a bird watching paradise.

Activities

- Jeep Safari with expert naturalist
- Nature and birding walk with expert naturalist