

Alang, Gujarat, India

The world's largest ship-breaking yard lines 10 km of Gujarat coastline — a gritty, industrial spectacle where ocean giants are driven aground and dismantled by hand. Not for everyone, but unforgettable.

- ⚓ Anchor/Tender — no cruise terminal
- 🕒 Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- ₹ Indian Rupee (INR)
- 🗣 Gujarati / Hindi
- 🏭 Industrial tourism

📌 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No cruise terminal; ships anchor off Bhavnagar or use Bhavnagar Port — Alang reached by road (~50 km)

Don't Miss: The coastal road viewpoint overlooking the breaking plots; the massive salvage market

Best For: Industrial tourism, maritime history, Gujarat day trips to Palitana temples

Restrictions: Entry to active plots requires an NOC; photography inside strictly prohibited

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ ₹800–₹1,200 (~US\$10–\$14)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Alang Ship-Breaking Yard Coastal Road Tour** — Drive the 10 km coastal stretch alongside the breaking plots.
- **Palitana Jain Temples (Shatrunjaya Hill)** — One of Jainism's holiest sites, Shatrunjaya Hill is crowned by over 850 intricately carved marble temples.
- **Velavadar Blackbuck National Park** — One of India's finest grassland reserves, Velavadar is home to a high-density blackbuck population and large flocks of harriers.
- **Bhavnagar Old City & Nilambag Palace** — Bhavnagar's old bazaar and the heritage Nilambag Palace Hotel — a former royal residence — offer a gentler counterpoint to the industrial yard.

BEST WALKS

- **Alang Coastal Road & Salvage Bazaar** ~2 km on-foot section | Flat | Allow 1 hr — Park near the northern end of the breaking yards and walk the roadside stretch closest to the salvage market.
- **Bhavnagar Old City Wander** ~1.5 km loop | Easy | Allow 45 min — From Bhavnagar's Gangajalia pier area, walk into the old Darbargadh quarter past the Victoria Park gate and into the main bazaar lanes.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		93°	79°	0d
Jun		91°	82°	13d
Aug		86°	78°	22d
Sep		86°	78°	17d
Oct		90°	78°	3d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 6:22AM–7:00PM · Jun 5:59AM–7:24PM · Aug 6:19AM–7:11PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:44PM · Oct 6:37AM–6:16PM

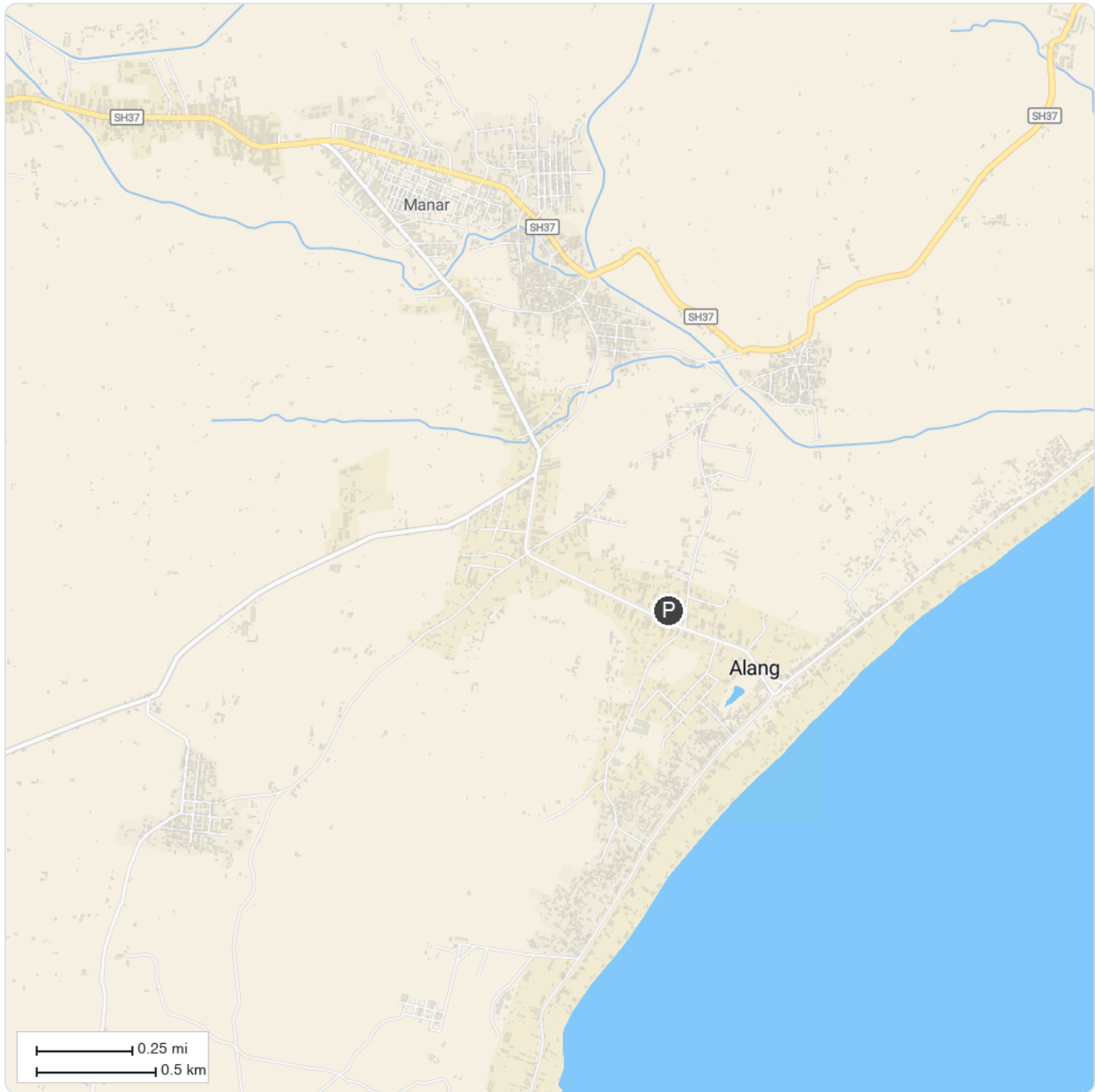
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No photography inside the yard. Gujarat Maritime Board rules strictly prohibit cameras inside any active plot. Shoot from the public coastal road — the views are dramatic enough.
- Permits for foreigners take weeks. An NOC from India's Ministry of External Affairs is required for foreign nationals to enter the plots — not possible on a day call. Roadside access is free and permit-free.
- Avoid monsoon season (June–September). Operations slow dramatically and coastal roads can flood. The best visits are November to February when weather is mild and activity is at its peak.
- Bargain hard at the salvage market. Ship portholes, brass telegraphs, crockery, and navigation instruments are all sold here. Prices start high for obvious tourists — halve the asking price as an opening bid.
- Pre-negotiate taxi fares in Bhavnagar. A round-trip taxi from Bhavnagar pier to Alang and back should cost ₹800–₹1,200. Agree on the price and a pickup time before you leave the dock area.
- This is a working industrial site. Wear closed shoes, long trousers, and don't wear anything you'd mind getting dirty. The smell of cutting acetylene, rust, and seawater is strong along the coastal road.

Alang, Gujarat, India — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal