

Ahmedabad in 1672 by Philip Baldaeus

On the ancient site of Ashaval and Karnawati, Ahmedabad was founded in 1411. It has some of the finest Indian Islamic monuments and exquisite Hindu and Jain temples. Its carved wooden houses are another unique architectural tradition.

A special feature of Ahmedabad is the plan of the old city, comprising numerous pols, self-contained neighbourhoods, sheltering large numbers of people. Some of these pols are virtually small villages, traversed by narrow streets, usually terminating in squares with community wells and chabutaras for feeding birds. These pols were protected by gates, cul-de-sacs and secret passages. To experience the glory of Ahmedabad it is necessary to walk through an old quarter and truly observe the nature of its architecture, its art, religious places, its culture and traditions. With the purpose of unveiling the city to the tourists and the citizens themselves, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, with guidance from the CRUTA Foundation has planned this HERITAGE WALK OF AHMEDABAD.

A special slide show and guided tour are available commencing at Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur at 8.00 a.m., and terminating at Manek Chowk at 10.30 a.m. Contribution for Indian and other SAARC country visitor is rupees twenty and rupees fifty for international guests.

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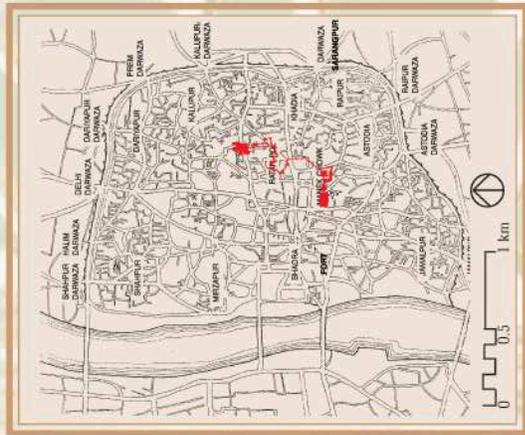
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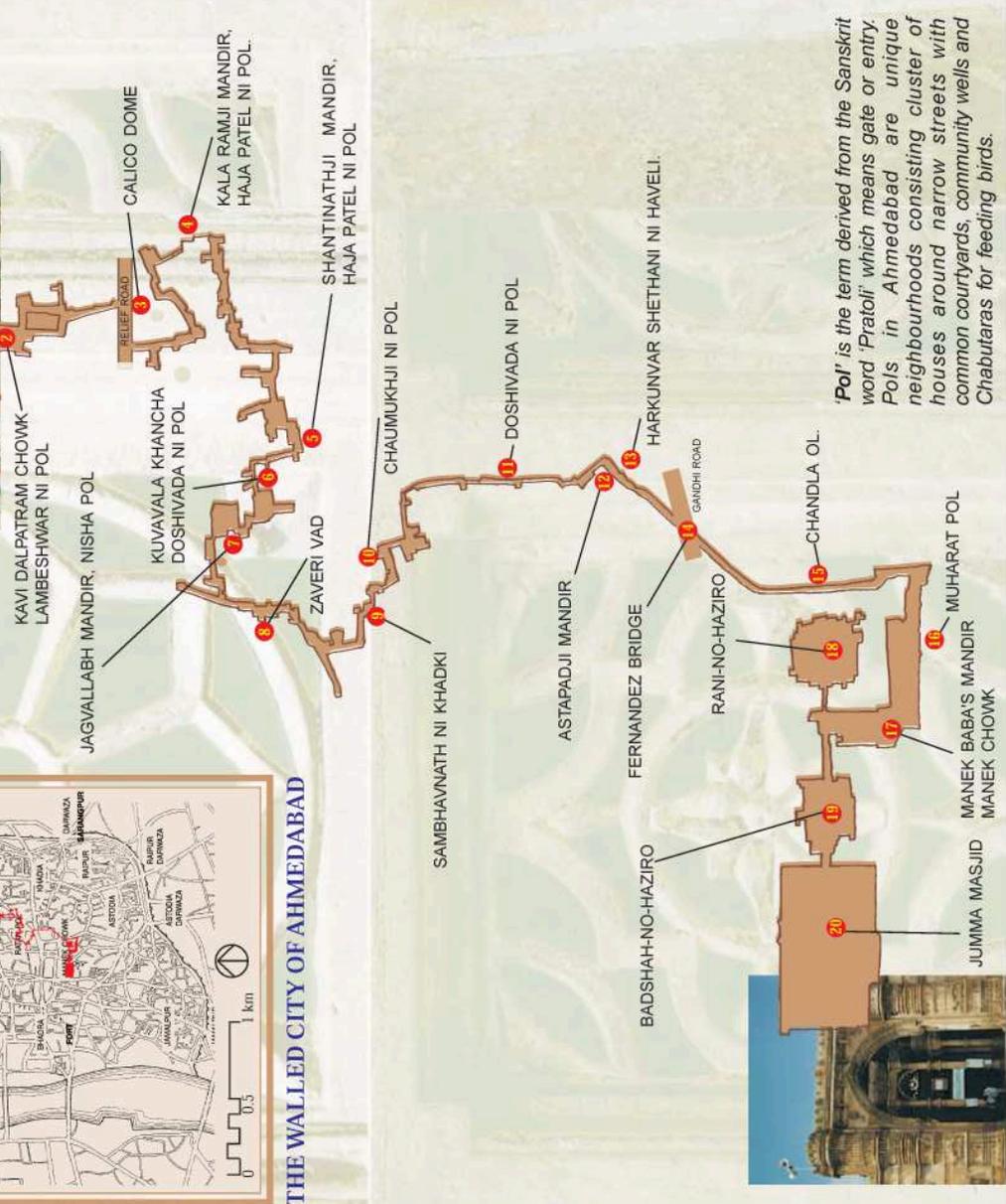




THE WALLED CITY OF AHMEDABAD



SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR, KALUPUR



'Pol' is the term derived from the Sanskrit word 'Pratoli' which means gate or entry. Pols in Ahmedabad are unique neighbourhoods consisting cluster of houses around narrow streets with common courtyards, community wells and Chabutaras for feeding birds.



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