

## MUMBAI INTRODUCTION



In the 500 years since its “discovery” by the Portuguese, Mumbai has been transformed from an aboriginal fishing village into a sprawling metropolis of over 10 million people. It is the money capital of India, a magnet for entrepreneurs, the home of India’s stock exchange, and headquarters for many national and international companies. This city alone generates 38% of India’s GNP, its port handles half the country’s foreign trade, and its movie industry is the largest in the world.

Mumbai is a seething mass of humanity and unrelenting traffic. Ornate Victorian-Gothic buildings provide a backdrop for noisy street vendors and office-wallahs rushing to work. Wide leafy boulevards are lined with monumental British construction, but not all the grand architecture was courtesy of the Raj – wealthy Jains and Parsis have also left their mark.

If you are in the city at midday you should keep an eye out for the dabba-wallahs, the members of the Mumbai Tiffin Box Suppliers Association. Every day 4,000 of them deliver fresh, home-cooked food from 100,000 suburban kitchens to offices in the downtown area. Each lunch is prepared by a loving wife or mother, and packed into a set of stackable aluminium boxes. Always in the centre of the action, Bombay was at the forefront of the independence movement. Gandhi used a house here to coordinate the struggle. Fittingly this first of the British colonies stood witness to the end of empire, as the last contingent of British troops passed out of the Gateway of India in 1948.



## MUMBAI TOURS

### Tour 01#

#### HALF DAY CITY TOUR OF MUMBAI

Mumbai is a densely populated city on India's west coast. A financial center, it's India's largest city. During the city tour of Mumbai you will visit Harbour waterfront stands the iconic **Gateway of India** stone arch, built by the British Raj in 1924. Follow your guide on a journey that showcases the best of Mumbai, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed **Victoria Terminus, the Flora Fountain at the Hutatma Chowk, huge open-air laundry – DhobiGhat** which makes an interesting viewing. Continue to **Mani Bhawan** (Gandhi Memorial), the house where the Father of the Nation stayed on his early visits to the city.

#### Price: Per person

01 person: INR 8350

02 person: INR 4200

03 person: INR 3000

#### Cost includes:

- Local English Speaking Guide
- Transportation ac sedan car up to 5 hrs/65 kms
- Time and kilometers will be calculated and charged from garage to garage.
- Any additional kms/hrs. will be charged extra.

Start Place     Your Hotel

End Place     your hotel or drive to the airport.

## Tour 02#

### EXCURSIONS TO ELEPHANTA CAVES



After breakfast you will be taken to the Gateway of India to board a ferry to **Elephanta Island**. This one hours cruise journey will see picturesque seaside views. Elephanta Caves located on **Elephanta Island** in the Arabian Sea near Mumbai. It contains Shaivistic high reliefs in stone of **Hindu deities important to worshipers of Shiva**. The sculptures were created beginning in the late Gupta Empire. Elephanta Island was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987 to preserve the artwork. The caves are thought to date back to the Silhara kings of the 9th through 13th centuries (810–1260). Some of the sculptures of this site are also attributed to the imperial Rashtrakutas of Manyakheta (in present day Karnataka). The Trimurti of Elephanta showing the three faces of Shiva almost akin to the Trinity of Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh was also the royal insignia of the Rashtrakutas. Other Rashtrakuta sculptures here are the reliefs of Nataraja and Sadashiva and the splendid sculptures of Ardhanarishvara. The rock-cut temple complex covers an area of 60,000 sq ft (5,600 m<sup>2</sup>) consisting of a main chamber, 2 lateral ones, courtyards and subsidiary shrines. The caves are hewn from solid rock. The temple complex is said to be the abode of Shiva.

You will be picked up from the hotel and taken to the Gateway of India to board the ferry for Elephanta caves – 01 hour journey one way.

#### **Price: Per person**

01 person: INR 9850

02 person: INR 5700

03 person: INR 5250

#### Cost includes:

- Local English speaking guide
- Close - on Mondays
- Entrance fees
- Ferry boat charges

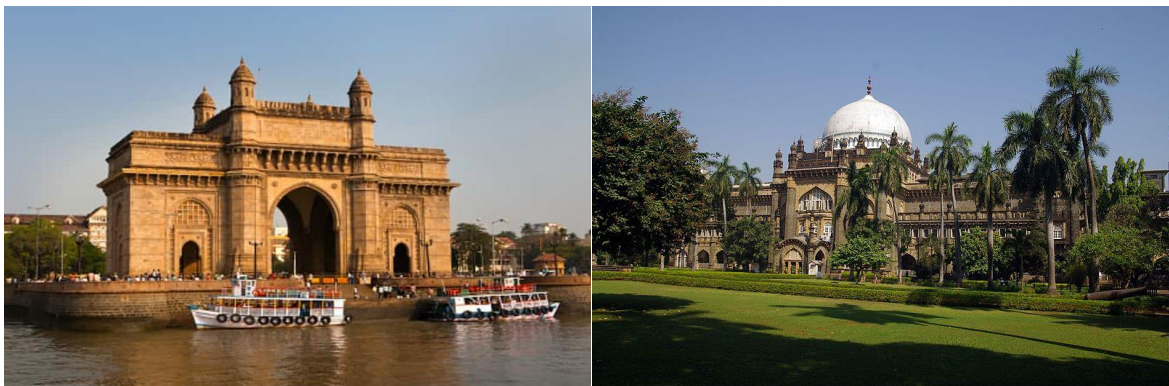
- Ferry boat services from Gateway – 9 AM to 2 PM
- Duration – 5 to 6 hours
- Transportation ac sedan car up to 5 hrs/65 kms
- Time and kilometers will be calculated and charged from garage to garage.
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Start Place     Your Hotel

End Place     your hotel or Continue city tour of Mumbai or drive to the airport.

### Tour 03#

#### HERITAGE WALK TOUR



#### Insight of the tour:

On this Tour, you will see a veritable parade of archetypal Neo-Gothic public buildings built in the 1860s & 70s such as the glorious Bombay University Library with its high campanile and the grand imposing High Court that are South Mumbai's main architectural attraction. Fronting this line of historic Gothic edifices across the open space of Oval Maidan is a row of superb 1930s Art Deco apartment buildings making this a marvellously unique setting both visually and architecturally. Another highlight on this heritage route is the culturally vibrant Kala Ghoda node.

#### Tour details:

You will pick up your hotel and bring you to Gateway of India.

Tour starts with the visit to the Mumbai's most famous monument - **Gateway of India**. This is the starting point for most tourists who want to explore the city. It was built as a triumphal arch to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to Bombay, prior to the Darbar in Delhi in December 1911.

Then you walk towards the **Regal Theatre**. Opened in 1933 designed by Charles Stevens with the interiors designed by Karl Schara, Regal Cinema lent its name to Regal Circle and was the only Art Deco cinema when it opened.

Visit **Prince of Wales Museum** building from outside. Designed by George Wittet, the foundation stone was laid in 1905 by the visiting Prince of Wales. The building was completed in 1914, George Wittet is known for the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture of which this



museum is one of the best examples. The Indo-Saracenic style combines Hindu and Saracenic architectural forms, at times incorporating some elements of Western architecture. The Indian pillared hall, the arched pavilion, and the dome rising above the huge intersecting arches forming a beautiful geometrical pattern-all these together make the Museum building a typical example of the Indo-Saracenic style.

We walk further and visit the **University of Bombay** which was established in the year 1857 at Town Hall. It was relocated in 1874 to the new complex near Oval Maidan. It is one of the esteemed universities of the country and amongst the top 500 universities of the world.

Next to the University is the **High Court of Mumbai**. The work on the present building of the High Court was commenced in April 1871 and completed in November 1878 and is situated between the University Building and the Public Work Secretariat.

We now walk to the **Flora Fountain**. This is a stone fountain situated in Fort business district in the heart of South Mumbai. Flora Fountain was built in 1864. The fountain depicts the Roman goddess Flora. It is now a heritage structure. It was erected by the Agri-Horticultural society of Western India.

**Price: Per person**

01 person: INR 9575

02 person: INR 4800

03 person: INR 3200

**Cost includes:**

- Local English speaking guide
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## Tour 04#

### **KHOTACHI WADI**



### **Insight of the tour**

Khotachiwadi is a Heritage village in Girgaon, Mumbai. If being in 21st century if one want to go back to past and know how was old Mumbai some 100 to 150 years before, then this is a place to be seen. This is Mumbai's oldest preserved settlement. It is comprised of a collection of charming vernacular-style houses, a unique example of 19th century architecture that has survived the onslaught of the modern builder. As you stroll down the unique streetscape of this heritage precinct, you will pass by the beautifully-painted buttercup yellow, red and green cottages belonging to the East Indian community that settled in this area in the early-1800s.

It was founded by Khot, a Pathare prabhu, who sold plots of land to local East Indian families. There used to be 65 of these houses, now reduced to 28 as old buildings are being pulled down to make way for new skyscrapers. Houses are made of wood, with a large open front verandah, a back courtyard and an external staircase to access the top bedroom. Most of the residents now descend from the original inhabitants of Bombay. Recently Gujaratis, Marwaris have moved into the area.

### **Section 1.01 Tour Details**

**0930hrs:** After the breakfast drive to Khotachiwadi located in Girgaon which is 30 minutes drive from the Hotel (Colaba area – Taj Mahal and Palace, Fariyas, Taj President, The Oberoi, Trident and Hotel Marine Plaza).

**1000 – 1130 hrs :** Arrive at Khotachiwadi, the guide will show all old buildings which were built in 18th century and explain the architecture and history of the people residing here. In Central Heart of Mumbai between lots of famous Markets still lies Small Cottages and Gaons (orchards) which is called WADI (vadi) in Hindi and Marathi language. Few of them are Fanas wadi, Amba

wadi and a very beautiful Old Mumbai still very well preserved is 'Khotachi Wadi'. The lanes of Kotachi wadi are still zig zag and one is sure to get confused to go through it. Beautiful old style Bungalows and AMCHI Mumbai's Mumbaikers are still Cottage and Wadi lovers here and have a lifestyle like Old Goans. Most of the people are still staying on rent from long and it is said that none of them want this place to re-developed, replacing it with new skylines of Mumbai. They all want to preserve this Heritage.

**Price: Per person**

01 person: INR 9575

02 person: INR 4800

03 person: INR 3200

**Cost includes:**

- Local English speaking guide
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## Tour 05#

### **BOLLYWOOD TOUR**



#### **Insight of the tour:**

The guided tour at SJ Studios offers visitors an experience of a lifetime. SJ Studios houses state of the art sets for film production and is booked 365 days of the year for film and TV shoots. It's a great chance for you to witness a live shoot in progress, just keep your voice down unless you want to contribute to the dialogue. Kick start your Mumbai tour with a trip to SJ Studios, it's truly unforgettable!

#### **Tour details:**

- LIVE SHOTS
- BOLLYWOOD SETS
- DANCE
- REHMAN WALL
- SJ WALL OF FAME
- SOUND RECORDING AND DUBBING STUDIO
- BOLLYWOOD BROADWAY
- BOLLYWOOD PHOTO GALLERY
- BOLLYWOOD COSTUME

Photography is not allowed without prior permission.  
Please keep your mobile phones silent during live shoots.  
Duration: 2 to 3 hours  
Two tour in a day, 11.30 am and 2.30 pm,

Pick up from the hotel would be around 09.30 AM and 01 PM



**Price: Per person**

01 person: INR 9100

02 person: INR 7500

03 person: INR 7000

**Cost includes:**

- Bollywood tour
- Transportation ac sedan car up to 5 hrs/65 kms
- Time and kilometers will be calculated and charged from garage to garage.
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Note: Studio will be close on 01 May, 15 Aug, 26 Jan, 31 Dec & 01 Jan

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End Point    your hotel

## Tour 06#

### MUMBAI BY DAWN



#### Insight of tour:

Our lives are easy becoz while we are in bed, there are many men and women who work before the Sun is up... take you to see **Fishing boats, newspaper vendors, milk vendors, fresh vegetables, fruits and flower wholesale markets.**

Mumbai by Dawn is a detour that pays homage to the people of Mumbai and venerates all those who go about their business obstinately with one purpose – a better life.

#### Tour details:

Leave early morning at 5.50 AM from the hotel and proceed to the largest **Fishing market** where you will find yourself at the noisy and chaotic fish market, where the Koli fisher-folk (the original inhabitants of Mumbai), brings the difference type of fish from the sea and do the auction of the famous Bombay Duck and other fish as well. You will also can participate to a one-of-its kind fish auction at the Dock.

**Imp Info**: The market is alays crowded, one has to find his way from the crowd, muddy and wet flooring. Also should bare the smell of fish.

Later you will proceed to the centre of all the action, as thousands of illiterate vendors sort out newspapers of 7 different languages, that too in the middle of the road within 3 to 4 hours.

Proceed to Dadar Where you will experience colour and fragrance at the flower, you will see difference type of flowers, people buy the flowers and load them on Black and Yellow taxi and carry away. Another highlight is the “all herb mandi” spread across a popular bridge. Possibly

the only market of its kind in the world, this green market has thousand vendors sitting atop a bridge selling various leafy vegetables.

What's interesting is that when you walk the same lanes a few hours later, you will couldn't find any evidence fo the morning's flurry.

These markets are not only a great introduction to the people of Mumbai, but also a photographers dream comes true.

After completing the above tours you will be back to your hotel for breakfast around 09 / 09.30 AM.

**Price: Per person**

01 person: INR 9575

02 person: INR 4800

03 person: INR 3200

**Cost includes:**

- Local English speaking guide
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End Point    your hotel

## LONAVALA



### Day 01 - Mumbai - Lonavala

After breakfast check out from Hotel and drive for Lonavala (80 kms/ 1 ½ hours)  
Arrive and check in at the hotel.

**Lonavala** is a hill station surrounded by green valleys in western India near Mumbai. **The Karla Caves and the Bhaja Caves** are ancient Buddhist shrines carved out of the rock. They feature massive pillars and intricate relief sculptures. South of the Bhaja Caves sits the imposing Lohagad Fort, with its 4 gates. West of here is Bhushi Dam, where water overflows onto a set of steps during rainy season.

After breakfast proceed to Karla caves and Ekvira Devi Darshan.

Evening return back to Mumbai.

Cost: per person

#### Price: Per person

01 person: INR 9500

02 person: INR 4725

03 person: INR 3200

Cost includes:

- Transportation ac sedan car up to 300 kms
- Time and kilometers will be calculated and charged from garage to garage.
- Any additional kms will be charged extra.

Start place    your hotel  
End Point    your hotel



## ALIBAUG



### Day 01 - Mumbai - Alibaug

After breakfast check out from Hotel and drive for Alibaug (95 kms/ 2 ½ hours)

**Alibaug**, is a coastal town, just south of Mumbai, in western India. It's known for its beaches like Alibag Beach and Varsoli Beach. Just offshore, 17th-century Kolaba Fort has carvings of tigers and elephants, and temples dedicated to Hindu gods. To the south, Portuguese-built Korlai Fort dates from 1521 and includes a lighthouse. The island fort of Janjira has high walls, turrets and cannons.

Evening return back to Mumbai

### Price: Per person

01 person: INR 9500

02 person: INR 4725

03 person: INR 3200

### Cost includes:

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