

Tour Name: Mumbai, Ajanta & Ellora Caves Tour

Duration: 4 Nights / 5 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfmh2pk>

Tour Overview

Discover the vibrant energy of Mumbai and the timeless wonders of Maharashtra's UNESCO World Heritage Sites on this immersive 5-day journey. Explore Mumbai's iconic landmarks, colonial heritage, and bustling waterfront before flying to Aurangabad, the gateway to the world-famous Ajanta and Ellora Caves. Marvel at the exquisite Buddhist murals of Ajanta, the architectural brilliance of Ellora's rock-cut temples, and the magnificent Kailasa Temple carved from a single rock. Visit historic monuments including Bibi Ka Maqbara and Daulatabad Fort, offering fascinating insights into the region's rich cultural and architectural legacy. This tour perfectly combines modern city life, ancient art, spirituality, and history, creating an unforgettable experience in western India.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Upon arrival at Mumbai Airport, meet our representative and transfer to your hotel. Mumbai, India's financial capital, is a fascinating blend of colonial architecture, vibrant markets, modern skyscrapers, and cultural diversity.
- The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey or independently explore the city's lively neighborhoods, seaside promenades, and local cuisine.
- Overnight at hotel in Mumbai.

Day 2: Mumbai Sightseeing

- After breakfast at the hotel, begin a comprehensive city tour of Mumbai. Visit the iconic Gateway of India, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks overlooking the Arabian Sea. From here, enjoy views of Mumbai Harbour and the historic Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.
- Proceed to visit the UNESCO-listed Elephanta Caves (closed on Mondays), located on an island in Mumbai Harbour and renowned for their remarkable rock-cut sculptures dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- Continue to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, one of India's finest museums, showcasing an impressive collection of art, archaeology, and cultural artifacts.
- Later, drive along the famous Marine Drive, known as the Queen's Necklace, and enjoy panoramic views of the Arabian Sea. Continue past notable city landmarks including the Oval Maidan, Rajabai Clock Tower, Bombay High Court, and the

historic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. If time permits, visit the famous Dhobi Ghat, Mumbai's unique open-air laundry.

- Overnight at hotel in Mumbai.

Day 3: Mumbai – Aurangabad (By Flight)

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Mumbai Airport to board your flight to Aurangabad, a historic city that served as an important center during the Mughal era and is the gateway to the Ajanta and Ellora Caves.
- Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and begin exploring the city's historical attractions. Visit Bibi Ka Maqbara, often referred to as the "Taj of the Deccan," built by Prince Azam Shah in memory of his mother. The monument's elegant architecture and landscaped gardens evoke the grandeur of the Taj Mahal.
- Continue to Panchakki, a fascinating 17th-century water mill powered by an underground water channel system. Later, visit the Aurangabad Caves, a collection of ancient Buddhist rock-cut caves known for their intricate sculptures and carvings that reflect the artistic traditions of early Indian Buddhism.
- Overnight at hotel in Aurangabad.

Day 4: Aurangabad – Ajanta Caves – Aurangabad (Drive: Approx. 100 km each way | 2.5 hrs each way)

- After breakfast at the hotel, drive through the scenic countryside to the magnificent Ajanta Caves, one of India's greatest archaeological treasures and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Hidden within a horseshoe-shaped gorge, the Ajanta Caves comprise a series of Buddhist monasteries and prayer halls carved into the rock between the 2nd century BC and 6th century AD. Admire the world-renowned murals, frescoes, and sculptures depicting the life of Buddha, Jataka tales, and scenes from ancient Indian society. The extraordinary artistry and preservation of these paintings make Ajanta one of the most significant cultural sites in Asia.
- After a full day of exploration, return to Aurangabad in the evening.
- Overnight at hotel in Aurangabad.

Day 5: Aurangabad – Ellora Caves – Daulatabad Fort – Mumbai Departure (Drive: Approx. 40 km | 1 hr)

- After breakfast at the hotel, check out and proceed to visit the spectacular Ellora Caves, another UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the finest examples of rock-cut architecture in the world.
- Explore the remarkable cave complex featuring Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain monuments carved into the basalt cliffs over several centuries. The highlight is the awe-inspiring Kailasa Temple, the world's largest monolithic rock-cut temple, carved entirely from a single rock and celebrated as one of India's greatest architectural achievements.

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- Continue to Daulatabad Fort, an impressive hilltop fortress renowned for its ingenious defense systems, strategic location, and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Explore its ancient gateways, fortifications, and historical structures before transferring to Aurangabad Airport for your flight to Mumbai.
- Upon arrival in Mumbai, connect with your onward international or domestic flight, concluding your memorable journey through Maharashtra's cultural and architectural treasures.
- End of Tour.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 - 15 April 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,489	823	704	707	635	625	585	555
4★ Deluxe	1,695	914	795	798	726	716	676	646
5★ Luxury	2,141	1,209	1,030	1,033	961	951	911	881

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,459	792	674	677	605	595	555	525
4★ Deluxe	1,580	861	742	745	673	663	623	593
5★ Luxury	2,111	1,194	1,015	1,018	945	936	896	866

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 189 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 305 | 5★ Luxury: USD 515

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 9 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 36 | 5★ Luxury: USD 61

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 4 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.

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- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Mumbai - Aurangabad flight fare approx INR 5,500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments.
- Meals other than mentioned in day plan.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities & optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 4 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.

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- **Rate Modifications:** Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.