

QUICK GETAWAYS FROM MUMBAI

MUMBAI

The city of Mumbai, formerly Bombay, owes its name to the stone goddess Mumbadevi, worshipped by the Kolis, who were the original inhabitants of the city. Mumbai is the commercial capital of India, and a fast paced, cosmopolitan city. A tour of Mumbai's monuments and sights is a great way to enjoy a holiday in Mumbai. Apart from sites in the city there are a few quick getaways around the city that make for great short trips.

MUMBAI SIGHTSEEING

The majestic Victoria Terminus brings back memories of colonial India, as does the impressive Gateway of India. Enjoy the beautiful beaches, tour the Prince of Wales museum and the Bombay Natural History Museum to know more about India's wildlife, and take a trip to one of the film studios in the city to watch a movie being made. Sample the buzzing nightlife at the city's numerous bars, clubs and restaurants. Shopping includes everything from couture, jewellery and household goods to antiques, carpets and shawls.

Mumbai is home to 'Bollywood', the famous Hindi film industry, and has earned itself the reputation of being the 'city where dreams come true'. Many youngsters from all over India and also from abroad flock to this thriving Mecca of Stardom with the hopes of becoming the next big movie star. Mumbai provides the corporate visitor as well as the holidaying tourist the right ambience and all the accompanying facilities, to make a visit they will always cherish.



GATEWAY OF INDIA



ELEPHANTA CAVES



BOLLYWOOD TOURISM



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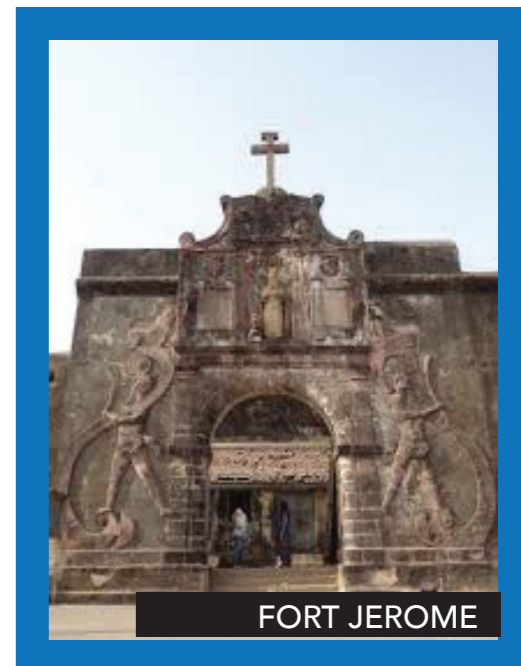
SOME GREAT GETAWAYS NOT FAR FROM THE CITY INCLUDE:

DAMAN

Daman is 170 kms out of Mumbai, and lies on the edge of Gujarat- Maharashtra border. It is a very popular beach getaway for cities of South Gujarat, though some of the beaches are rocky and not suitable for swimming. The place, being a former Portuguese colony, houses various buildings and monuments with Portuguese style architecture and town planning.

DAMAN SIGHTSEEING

Named after St. Jerome whose statue is placed on top of the main entrance, Fort Jerome houses the Church of Our Lady of the sea, and the Portuguese war cemetery which is nearly as old as the fort. The Bom Jesus Church showcases 6 beautiful statues of the Saints. The altar of the church is carved from wood and is a fine specimen of the Portuguese artisans work. The calm waters of Jampore beach are ideal for swimmers, with Casuarina plantations fringing the beach to provide shade from the sun. If you're a shutterbug then this beach can offer some enchanting photographs especially during the sunset. Nagoa beach is located near the Bucharwada village, and boasts crystal clear blue waters. One can enjoy the thrill of various water sports at this beach and it is perfect for swimming as well.



FORT JEROME

LONAVLA



VIEW FROM TIGER POINT

Located about 96 kilometers from Mumbai, Lonavala is known for its beautiful hills and waterfalls, and also for its famous 'chikki' and fudge. Like other hill stations in Maharashtra, here too you will find 'points' that offer breathtaking sights of the valley and the hills with tiny villages tucked in the folds.

LONAVALA SIGHTSEEING

One of the best points, about 6.5 kilometers from Lonavla, is Rajmachi Point which commands a view of Chhatrapati Shivaji's famous fort and the surrounding valley. Ryewood Park comprises extensive gardens, with an old temple dedicated to Shiva in the premises. Another hotspot with tourists is the Valvan Dam which has a garden at its foot. You can also visit Duke's Nose which is about 12 kilometers from Lonavla. The cliff owes its name to the Duke of Wellington, whose distinctive nose it resembles. Tiger's Leap, also known as Tiger's Point, is a cliff-top with a sheer drop of over 650 meters, giving an extensive view. Buses are available up to INS Shivaji and the remaining distance of about 1.6 kilometers has to be covered on foot. Just around Tiger's Leap is a small waterfall active only during the monsoon

MAHABLESHWAR

Located about 285 kilometers from Mumbai, Mahabaleshwar is a vast plateau bound by valleys on all sides. It reaches a height of 1,439 meters at its highest peak above sea level, known as Wilson or Sunrise Point. Mahabaleshwar comprises three villages: Malcolm Peth, Old 'Kshetra' Mahabaleshwar and part of a village called Shindola.

MAHABALESHWAR SIGHTSEEING

Kate's Point gives visitors a view of the Dhom and Balakwadi dams. Close to it is the Needle Hole point where there is a natural hole in between its rock formation. Wilson Point, which is the highest point of the hill station, gets its name from Sir Leslie Wilson and is a must-do for splendid views of sunrise and sunset. The second-highest peak in Mahabaleshwar is Connaught Peak and gets its name from the Duke of Connaught. Boating is available on the Venna Lake. During the monsoon, waterfalls such as Lingmala Falls and Dhobi Falls come alive, adding to the scenic splendour of the place. You can also spend your evenings wandering in the main bazaar and enjoy strawberry-flavoured ice-cream or fresh strawberries with whipped cream.



WILSON POINT

MATHERAN



MONKEY POINT

Located around 90 km from Mumbai on the Western Ghats, Matheran lies at a height of 2625 feet above sea level. The name Matheran means either 'Forest on Top' or 'Woodland overhead'.

MATHERAN SIGHTSEEING

There are around 38 designated look-out points in Matheran, including the Panorma Point that provides a 360 degree view of the surrounding area and also the Neral town. From this point, the view of sunset and sunrise is breathtaking. The Louisa Point offers crystal clear views of the Prabal Fort. The other points are the One Tree Hill Point, Hart Point, Monkey Point, Porcupine Point, Rambagh Point, and more.

BOLLYWOOD TOUR OF MUMBAI

Bollywood is loving epithet given to the Hindi cinema industry that is based out of Mumbai. Bollywood produces over 1000 films per year and has a viewership of over 14 million per day. Screened in over 90 countries, Bollywood movies have gained International fame and recognition overseas at various Films festivals such as Cannes. On a Bollywood tour, you visit a studio where you experience a live film shoot, behind the scene activities, and if possible meet with actors and actresses. You can also visit the Bollywood Museum where you will get a glimpse of famous Bollywood actor's posters and photographs. You can experience the live Bollywood Dance Shows performed by professional dancers and participate in them as well. At the sets you will have an opportunity to see pre-designed sets and gain an insight into how they are shot to look like real locations. You can also drive past the homes of famous Bollywood stars.

ELEPHANTA CAVES

Elephanta Caves sit on an island, located on the Arabian Sea, 60 minutes by ferry from Mumbai. The caves are a network of sculpted caverns that consist of two groups—the larger group of five Hindu caves, and the smaller group of two Buddhist caves. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a fine specimen of rock cut architecture and art of medieval India. You will see a number of beautiful and majestic Gods and Goddesses sculptures here.

ALIBAUG BEACH

Located 108 kms outside Mumbai, Alibaug is a coastal town in the Konkan of Maharashtra. A popular weekend getaway destination from Mumbai, Alibaug offers serene and beautiful beaches, calm weather and dense coconut groves. Apart from the beaches, there are many historical temples in this. Kihim beach, Alibaug beach, Kanakeshwar Devasthan Temple, Kanakeshwar Forest, Kolaba Fort, and the Hanuman temple are among the popular spots here.

GOA



VAGATOR BEACH

This little emerald land neatly tucked into the west coast of India is popular for its beaches, nightlife and over 300 years of Portuguese history. Known for its churches, the architecture of Goa shows its Portuguese influences. The Basilica of Bom Jesus, Church of our Lady Immaculate and Se Cathedral are notable among these. Colourful houses, lush green fields, charming villages and perfect weather will enhance your Goa holiday. Explore the sandy white beaches from Calangute, Baga, Aswem and Anjuna to Palolem, Colva and Vagator, where you can laze, swim, or indulge in water sports. Worth a visit are the Archaeological museum and the Terekhol Fort Chapel of Saint Sebastian. Goa also offers a great variety of cuisine that has a blend of Konkani, Hindu and Portuguese flavours, especially in seafood.



KOLABA FORT

SHIRDI

This religious town is about 296 kms from Mumbai and best known as the home of the popular Guru Sai Baba. It is one the richest temple organisations in India. On any given day this pilgrim centre over 25000 devotees visit here; and on holidays over half a million people come here to visit. The two most famous temples here are the Shani Shingnapur Temple and the Sai Baba temple.



SAI BABA TEMPLE



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