

## Mumbai, Ajanta & Ellora Tour 04 Nights / 05 Days

### Mumbai – Aurangabad – Mumbai

#### Day 01 Hong Kong – Mumbai

Depart Hong Kong (HKG) CX 685 1720hrs, arrive Mumbai (BOM) 2145hrs (approx. flying time 6hrs 55mins), meet & greet, hotel transfer, overnight Mumbai.

#### Day 02 Mumbai – Aurangabad

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, morning free, car and driver will be at your disposal (without guide) for local running within Mumbai. Afternoon Airport transfer, depart Mumbai (BOM) 9W2691 1550hrs, arrive Aurangabad (IXU) 1700hrs (approx. flying time 01hr 10mins), hotel transfer, overnight Aurangabad.

#### Day 03 Aurangabad



**Ellora Caves**

Hotel breakfast, private tour takes you to **Ellora Caves** (closed on Tuesdays), carved out of the hillside with hand tools. Only 12 of the 34 caves are Buddhist while the 17 Hindu caves in the center are most impressive. The massive **Kailash Temple** (cave 16) is nearly one and half times taller than the Parthenon and occupies almost twice the area.

Shiva's Himalayan home, the temple is exquisitely sculpted with scenes from Hindu mythology, each

pulsing with drama and passion. The depiction of the demon Ravana shaking Mount Kailash is a masterpiece.

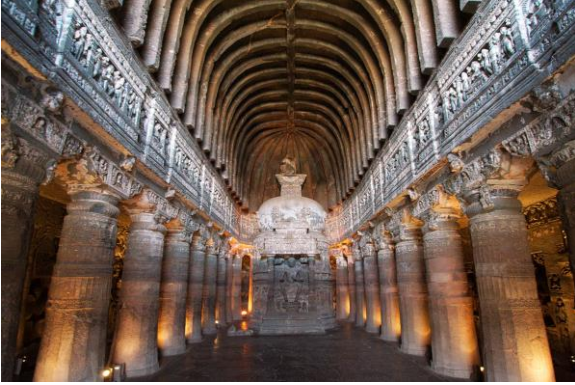
Continue to **Daulatabad Fort** dating back to medieval times, situated atop a hill, whereas **Aurangabad Caves** displays tantric influenced architectural designs located just on the outskirts of Aurangabad city. Visit **Bibi Ka Maqbara**, the tomb of Begum Rabia Durani, wife of Emperor Aurangzeb.

Hotel transfer, overnight Aurangabad.



**Daulatabad Fort**

## Day 04 Aurangabad – Mumbai



**Ajanta Caves**

Breakfast at hotel, private tour takes you to **Ajanta Caves** (closed on Mondays), discovered in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century by a British hunting party. See how well preserved, due to isolation, some of the paintings are, some older than two centuries. The 30 caves at Ajanta are a superb example of India's finest artistic treasures, depicting scenes from the life of the Buddha and Buddhist fables with skill and devotion. The best known caves (1, 12, 16, 17 & 19) contain magnificent depictions of the bodhisattvas.

Late evening Airport transfer, depart Aurangabad (IXU) AI411 2020hrs, arrive Mumbai (BOM) 2130hrs (approx. flying time 01hr 10mins), hotel transfer, overnight Mumbai.

## Day 05 Mumbai

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your full day tour begins with **Elephanta Caves**, head to the Gateway of India and collect tickets for the launch (boat or ferry) which takes approx. 01hr to reach the island. Discover the rock cut Hindu Temples at Elephanta, an amazing island with Indian sculptures that date back to the early 7<sup>th</sup> century. Huge panels depict episodes relating to Lord Shiva, the central one being the most imposing of a five meter bust, representing his three aspects as creator, preserver and destroyer.



**Elephanta Caves**



**Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu  
Sangrahalaya**

Continue to **Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya, Flora Fountain, Victoria Terminus, St. Thomas Cathedral, Malabar Hill and Hanging Gardens**. Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya is also known as *The Prince of Wales Museum*, founded by prominent citizens of Mumbai in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to welcome the Prince of Wales.

**Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya** museum collection comprises of many artefacts categorized by art, archaeology and natural history. The construction of **Flora Fountain** is a blend of water, architecture and sculpture, named after Flora, the Roman *Goddess of Abundance*. **Victoria Terminus** is one of the busiest train stations in India. The building exhibits a fusion of Victorian Italianate Gothic Revival architecture and traditional Indian architecture.



**Flora Fountain**

Airport transfer, depart Mumbai (BOM) CX660 at 0125hrs on THU DEC 13, arrive Hong Kong (HKG) 0920hrs (approx. flying time 05hrs 20mins).

**Package**

**Includes**

Round Trip Economy Class Airfare from Hong Kong to Mumbai

04 nights hotel accommodation

Daily breakfast at hotels

All transport services including all arrival / departure transfers at the airport

Private sightseeing and excursions as per program by Air Conditioned Tempo Traveller (09 Seater)

Local English speaking guide services in Mumbai & Aurangabad during sightseeing tours

*No Guide service in Mumbai on Day 02*

Entrances of each monument as per program per person per visit only including:

Mumbai – Elephanta Caves & Prince of Wales Museum

Aurangabad – Ajanta Caves, Ellors Caves, Bibi Ka Maqbara & Daulatabad Fort

Ferry ride to visit Elephanta Caves in Mumbai

Current GST 05% (Goods & service tax)

**Package Does Not Include**

Any expenses of personal nature (domestic airfare, meals, visa fees, Travel Insurance, laundry).

Domestic Airfare, Airport taxes, airfare taxes, Camera / Video fee at the monuments.

Anything else not mentioned under Package Includes.