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### RUINS OF KANHERI CAVES



I've been to Sanjay Gandhi National Park twice so far. Once just to see the park itself. once I visit Kanheri Caves, that day I tried walking for a few km before I gave up hope to reach Kanheri before sunset and went back.


This time, I was at Kanheri Caves. Somehow, I didn't do a internet look-up for Kanheri Caves and I had seen Elephanta caves and had expected Kanheri in similar lines.



#### Introduction to Kanheri Caves

Well, Kanheri Caves is a bunch of caves, 109caves to be precise and all Buddhist. No, I couldn't visit all 109caves I might have seen some 30+ caves. Many had given up after some 10 caves. The caves were dug up and sculpted in assorted eras from 1st BC to 10th AD.

The caves here are a blend of the art and architecture of Hinayana and Mahayana sects of Buddhism. The caves 3, 11, 34, 41, 67, 87 and 90 are the most important architecturally with their granite relief sculptures and some an unfinished one.



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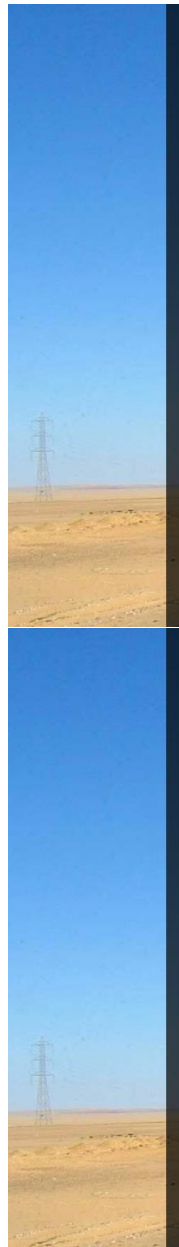
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The first cave was a 2 storied one. There were a few pillars beneath and a room over a very high platform. It would have been atleast 4 ft high.



The 2nd and 3rd caves had 2 stupas. Behind the 2nd cave's stupa in the back wall, was a panel of seated Buddha on lotus, surrounded by 2 fan bearers and 2 flying beings holding the Lotus stem.



Bodhisattvas

Around the stupa in the 3rd cave were vast and several panels. On the left wall were 14 seated miniature Bodhisattvas.

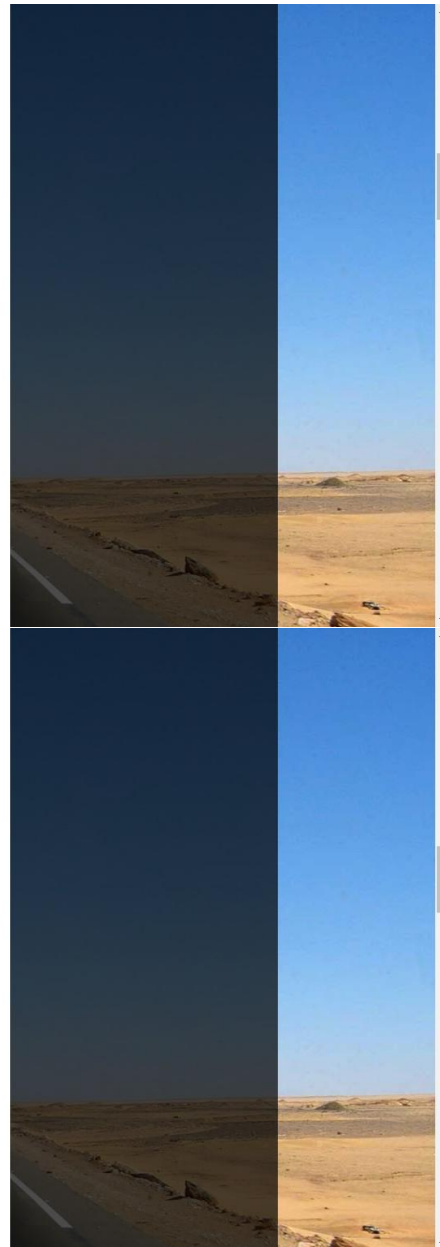


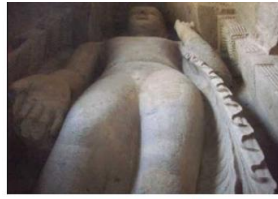
Standing Buddha

On the back wall were multiple panels of Standing Buddha surrounded by several celestial beings, assorted standing Buddhas and Bodhisattvas and some were broken. On the right wall were 4 standing Bodhisattvas.



The 5th cave was a huge one! Just outside were 2 pillars on either sides





Buddha in Standing Position

On the walls on either sides of entrance were huge standing Buddhas, reminded me of Gomateshwara.



Stupa

Inside the cave were about 10-12 pillars on either sides. Right at the centre was a stupa. The ceiling was a curved one. A top each pillar was a scene depicted a story of Buddha's life.



Buddha

The 6th cave was side attachment to the 6th cave that had 2 standing Buddha reliefs on either sides.



The 7th cave was very small and had a mini stupa inside and all around were several, fabulous relief sculptures.

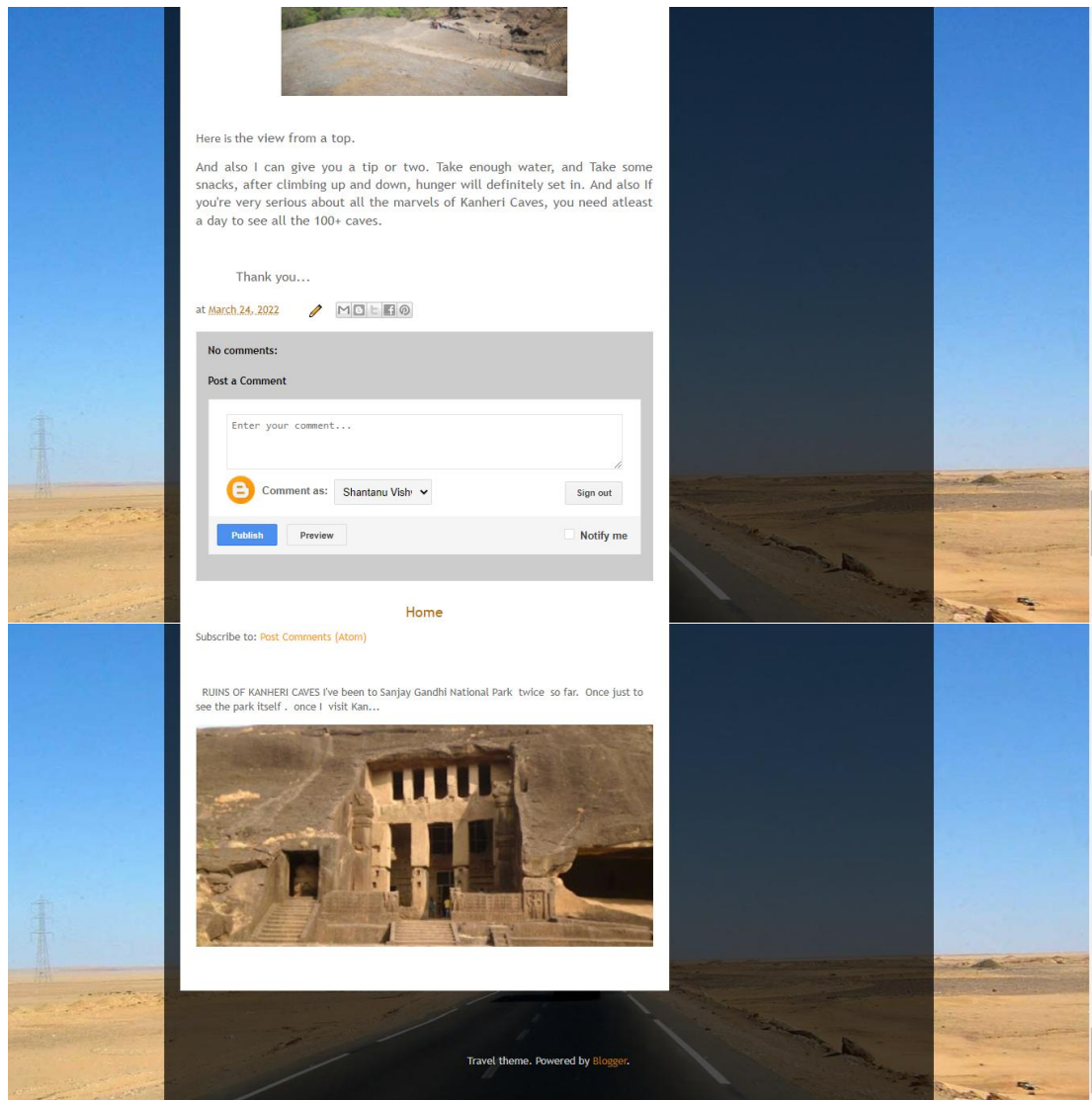


All these 7 caves were in a single line. After the 7th cave there were several deviations and directions of dirt track and upward and downward journeys



On the outside and all walls inside, several seated, standing Buddhas, several Bodhisattvas. Mostly miniatures neatly arranged.





Here is the view from a top.

And also I can give you a tip or two. Take enough water, and Take some snacks, after climbing up and down, hunger will definitely set in. And also If you're very serious about all the marvels of Kanheri Caves, you need atleast a day to see all the 100+ caves.

Thank you...

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