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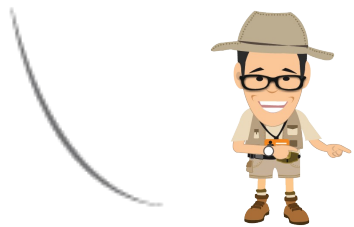
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Mumbai

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Charismatic, electrifying and open-hearted, Mumbai is the city of dreamers. A vibrant combination of seven islands on the Konkan coastline join together to make for the blend that Mumbai's tourism is. Visit Mumbai and experience splendid Victorian architecture and urban lifestyle welcome you in the most unique manner. Don't forget to visit Marine Drive, Bandra-Worli Sea Link, Gateway of India, Kanheri Caves and the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus during your stay.

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Famous For : City

Set amidst chaos, mayhem and obdurate beauty is the Gateway Of India and the love of Maharashtra tourism, Mumbai. A city with a historic past, a vibrant present and a bright future, Mumbai is rightly called the City of Dreams. The largest city in the country is an intriguing witness to the stark disparity between the glistening skyscrapers and the biggest slum dwelling in India. Also home to the world famous Indian entertainment industry, this Financial Capital of India is touted as one of the most cosmopolitan cities. An inspiring cultural pot, Mumbai plays host to diverse ethnicities and distinct spiritual beliefs. A visit to this mystic, charming and enthralling metropolitan will not disappoint you.

Anything said about Mumbai falls short of its glory and beauty. One of the most lively metropolitans in India, this city has so much nestled within it. Diverse cultures, distinct lifestyles and a surprising mix of modernity and urbanism along with age old traditions and customs. Everyone who visits Mumbai

falls in love with the city, for its beauty, chaos and intoxicating charm. You may dislike the city, but you can't help fall in love with it. Defined by brutal corporate culture, fast paced lifestyles, glittering film industry, scenic beaches and the largest slum dwelling in India, Mumbai is a surprising picture of contradictions. This City of Dreams is the prime centre of Hindi film industry. Film City in Mumbai is the favourite spot for most of the film makers. Many of our favourite flicks like Salaam Bombay, Ready and The Lunchbox are shot at this location.

Overcoming intense misfortune, mishaps and tragedy, the spirit of the city and its people is still evident in this bustling city. Amidst skyscrapers and glistening lights, this melting point of colourful cultures, intriguing traditions and distinct ethnicities stands tall with pride. Buzzing with events, festivities and glamour, Mumbai takes you elsewhere. Electrifying and dynamic, the city is never at a standstill. Truly called the 'city of dreams', Mumbai's charm and aura will have you captured and spell bound.

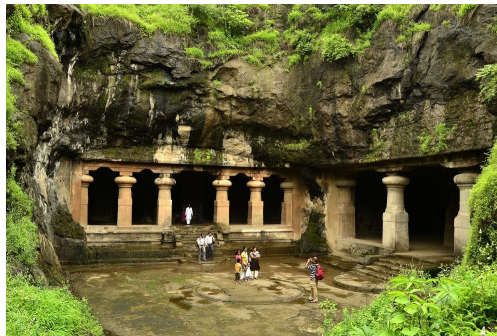
With an intriguing history defining it, the city has come a long way. Take a sneak peek into its vast history and know this beautiful city a wee bit better.

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When To





📍 Raigad, Gharapuri, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400094, India

The Elephanta Caves, Mumbai is located on island hills about 11 km north-east of the Apollo Bandar, Mumbai and 7 km from the shore of the mainland, approximately covering an area of 7 km in circumference. The island is named after a colossal elephant found in the island, which is popularly known as 'Gharapuri'. There are seven cave excavations in this group of caves which date back to the 6th and 7th centuries CE. Among the cave excavations, Cave 1 is the most impressive which represents the evolved Brahmanical rock-cut architecture. The cave in the Elephanta Caves is also famous for the exquisite and vibrant sculptures. On plan it almost resembles the Dumar Lena (Cave 29) of Ellora. The cave has a main entrance on the north with two other openings on the east and west respectively and a central hall with six rows of pillared columns, six in each row except on the western corner, where a shrine of lingam is provided.

There are three large square in the Elephanta Caves recesses divided off by pilasters each of them bearing a gigantic image of a dvarapala. The panel on the east has a figure of ardhhanarisvara, a form of Shiva with the combined energies of male and female; and on the west figures of Shiva and Parvati playing chauser is carved. The other notable panels in the main cave are Andhakasuravada murti; cosmic dance of Nataraja; Kalyanasundara murti; Gangadhara murti; Ravana shaking Kailasa and Siva as Lakulisa. A panel depicting Saptamatrikas near the eastern opening is also remarkable.

2 Bandra-Worli Sea Link



📍 Western Suburbs-South Mumbai, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400028, India

One of the many modern architectural marvels that India has to boast of, the Bandra-Worli Sea Link connects the Western Freeway that will link the Western Suburbs to Nariman Point in Mumbai's main business district. If you're in Mumbai, you must embark on a drive upon the bridge or simply stop and admire its might. It is India's

first cable-stayed bridged on the sea. The spectacular 8 lane engineering marvel has cut down the travel time for Mumbai citizens.

3 Gateway of India



📍 Apollo Bunder, Colaba, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400001, India

Perhaps the most well-known of the oldest landmarks in the city, the 'Gateway of India' is synonymous with the name, Mumbai. Built for commemorating King George V's visit to India in 1911, this spectacular arch in basalt also symbolised the might of British triumph in India and could be completed only by 1924.

Ironically, it also became a symbol of British downfall as the last British regiment marched out through this very same spot.

What To
SEE



5 Sights

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1 Elephanta Caves

The architecture of this structure is based on the Islamic style, which dominated Gujarat's landscape in the 16th century. A mute witness to rich chunks of Mumbai history, the Gateway of India stoically stands at Apollo Bunder and seems to watch over the Mumbai Harbour.

4 Marine Drive



Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Road, Chowpatty, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400007, India

One of the most talked about places in Mumbai, Marine drive is really a promenade hugging the coast with its curve set in utter perfection from Nariman Point to Chowpatty Beach, at the foot of Malabar hills. A walk along Marine drive as the evening melts into night and the sun dives beyond the Arabian Sea is must have on your itinerary of things to do in Mumbai - an experience without which you cannot truly say you have been to and experienced Mumbai in its element.

As you eye the horizon, watching the sun sink, while the waves crash against the beautiful huge sea rocks, you can witness before your eyes how the streets lights of Back Bay transform

Marine drive into a length of flickering lights that appear as a choker of twinkling jewels fit for a Queen; hence the name, Queen's Necklace.

5 Mahalakshmi Temple

Bhulabhai Desai Road, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400026 India

One of the oldest temples situated in the 'city of dreams,' Mahalaxmi Temple is dedicated to the Goddess Mahalaxmi or the 'Goddess of Wealth.' The shrine was built around the 16th - 17th century. Goddess Laxmi is the main presiding deity of the temple while Goddess Saraswati and Kali are the other two deities who are worshipped here. Together, these three idols are known as Mahalaxmi, Mahakali, and Mahasaraswati. The temple is thronged with devotees and tourists throughout the year.



1 The Ghetto



30B, Bhulabhai Desai Marg, Breach Candy, Mahalaxmi Temple Opposite Tirupati Apartments Mumbai, Maharashtra 400026, India

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Living up to its name, Ghetto has a very laid back ambience with a very informal dress code, which means that you can saunter in wearing your shorts and flip-flops. Just grab a beer, play a few rounds of pool or simply kick back and relax. As far as decorations are concerned, it is limited to neon lights, wall graffiti and Morrison paintings, which doesn't sound like much, but it does make quite an interesting

picture. The bar is well stocked with a good variety of cocktails and the drinks are quite reasonably priced. There is a separate smoking section available.

The clientele ranges from college students and professionals to old hats and that adds to the quirkiness of the atmosphere. The music played is usually of the classic rock variety, and they must have a pretty good collection, because you never go "Hey, they've played that one before!" If you feel like snacking, their starter menu apart from regular Indian starters includes, Tangy sausages, Shepherd's pie, stuffed mushrooms, fried chicken strips, skinned potatoes, hunter's chicken, all of which are so good, you will eventually end up having your dinner.

2 Aer Lounge



Four Seasons Hotel, 34th Floor, 114, E. Moses Road, Worli, Mumbai,

Maharashtra 400018, India

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Aer Lounge

is a 34 floor open air lounge which is located in Worli. The lounge cum bar is known for its sprawling open spaces and a wonderful rooftop ambience overlooking the streets of Worli. It also gives one magnificent panoramic views of the city and the Arabian Sea. During the monsoons, a canopy and windscreen are set up, which shield the whole space from torrential showers, so you can sit back and enjoy the monsoons. It seats 80 people at one go. Music played here is mostly jazz, club, funk, house and classic hits from the 90's and 80's.

3 Khyber Restaurant



145, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Near Rhythm House, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400020, India

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Brave the conundrum of South Mumbai and reach Kala Ghoda, where eating at Khyber is going to be like spa for your taste buds and senses. A beautifully themed décor, staff that pampers you like a king and food that is the stuff of legends... Do you need anything else for a magical meal? Start your meal with the Chicken and Lamb Kebab Platter, follow up with the Mutton Biryani and Chicken Makhnawala with the world's best Roomali Roti and Tandoori Parantha.

If you belong to the family of herbivores, try out the Paneer Honey Mustard Tikka, Maa ki Daal and the soft, crumbly breads. End this fantastic meal with a soft and melt-in-your-mouth Gulab Jamun and a tongue-pleasing cup of Rabri and walk away with memories of a fantastic dining experience. The best part about this place is that a meal here won't run your bank account into negatives!

4 Shree Thaker Bhojanalay



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