

DEAR MUMBAI,

A personalized travel guide

Letter Places

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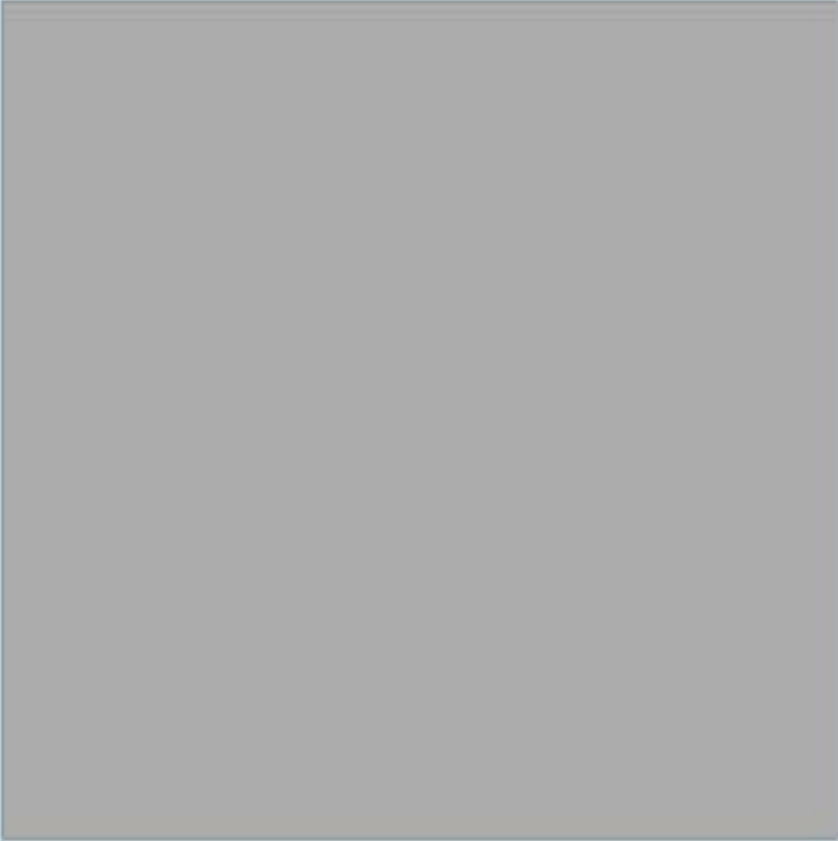
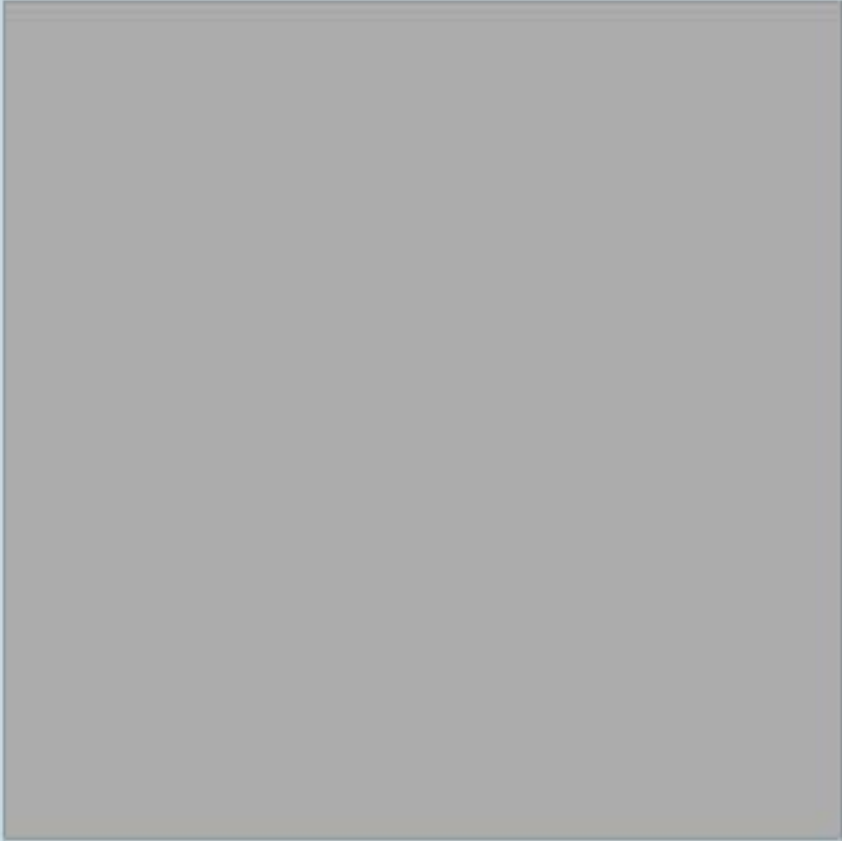
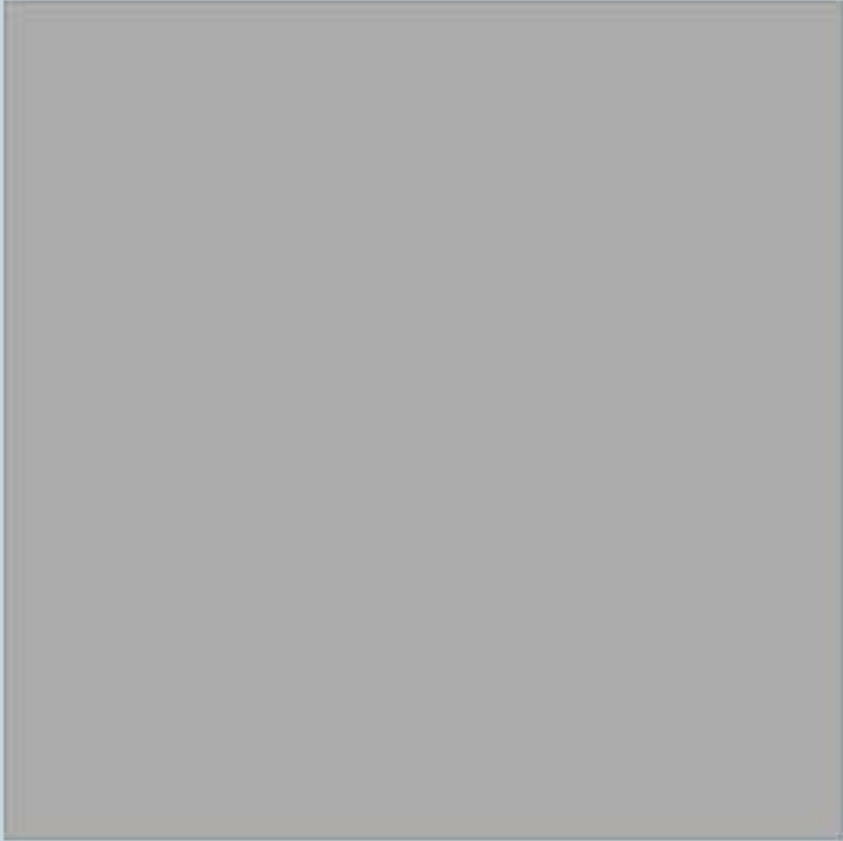
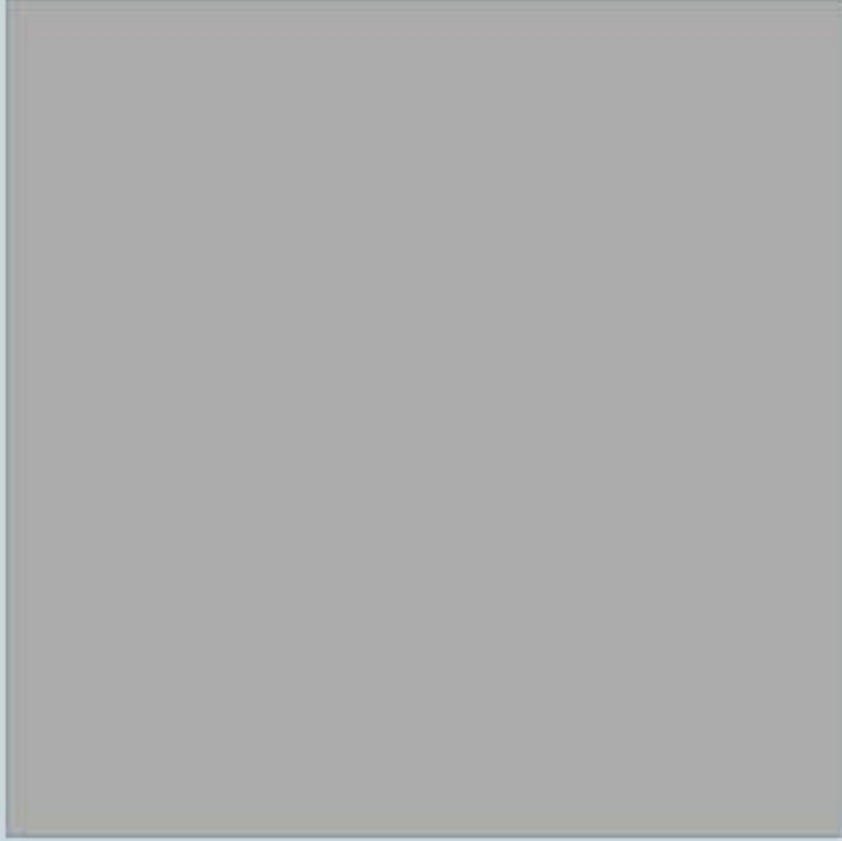
And even though I might get frustrated with the city, it will always be a safe space. Filled with comfort food and overcrowded memories.

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Home to some of the best South Indian restaurants in the state, I consider myself lucky to live a 10 minute walk away from the best it can offer. Madras Cafe is an icon. It opens at 6 am to the people already waiting outside. Regardless of who you are in the overt social classes of Bombay, Madras Cafe is a must.

Madras Cafe



COLABA CAUSEWAY



It somehow became a tradition to go to Colaba Causeway with the same friend every break. Before the monsoon started and the humidity at its lowest, we would go with our spending money in a small sling bag so no one could grab it and run. Bargaining for the same jewelry you could get at Forever21 for twice the price. The guy four stalls to the left of McDonalds knew us

Food Recommendation:
Theobroma Cafe for brownies

MARINE DRIVE



easily my favorite place in the city. I would recommend the spot closest to SaltwaterCafe just across the road. Sit on the parappette or walk across the promenade. If youre lucky and its a low tide you can go stand below right by the edge. Be careful of sloped seating.



Pizza by the Bay



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Anytime except the afternoon



Chowpaty beach at the end of the promenade.



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