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Essentials

Area: 603.4 sq km
Population: 18.4 million (2011)

Currency: Indian Rupee
 One Indian Rupee = 70USD

Languages : Hindi, English and Marathi

Visa:
 All individual visa seekers can apply for the Indian Visa through Online application link. For more info log on to www.indianvisaonline.gov.in.

MUMBAI

Ensconced on the western coast of India, Mumbai is an extraordinary juxtaposition of people and culture, human strength and resilience, alluring many from the farthest reaches of the world to try their luck in the city of dreams.



What to see

Explore



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Kala Ghoda Area

The art district is flush with art galleries, pop coloured walls with vibrant graffiti, and petite boutique stores and quaint cafes.

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Flora Fountain



The fountain is surrounded by vendors selling second-hand and new books. Kitaab Khana - a prominent bookshop, is a must-visit place for book lovers.

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Film City



The Film City in Goregaon is one of the most fun places in Mumbai. Feel the historical world while standing few feet away from the ultra-modern movie sets.



Gateway of India

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Built to commemorate George V and Queen Mary's visit, this compelling structure by the Arabian Sea is a 'must visit'. Hop on the Victorian style horse-driven carriages that are available at the Gateway.

Chhatrapati Shivaji

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Best visited on a Sunday, the UNESCO World Heritage site with its Victorian Gothic Revival architecture is awe-inspiring. It is a terminus for both long and short distance trains, including the locals along the line.



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MUMBAI

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Mumbai was formerly a set of seven islands. They took 60 years, between 1784 to 1845, to merge into a single land mass.

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Bombay is believed to have come from the phrase 'Bom Bahia', which translates to a beautiful bay.

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Mumbai was home to the first airport in India. It was called Juhu Aerodrome and was established in 1928.

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The famous network of Dabbawalas is unique to only Mumbai. It is one of the best managed supply chains in the world.

Linking Road

The road in Bandra is best to buy clothes, accessories and more. It houses a combination of high-end boutiques and street vendors and provides ample options for you stay updated on latest fashion trends.



Where & what to buy



Zaveri Bazaar

The market is lined with historic stores selling items ranging from home décor accessories to jewellery and gems. If you wish to buy some precious stones for yourself, this place is the best bet.



Crawford Market

A good way to shop like the locals would be to head to Crawford Market. Housed in a historic colonial market, upon entry one is awarded with splendid sights of local fresh produce, vegetables, fruits, etc. The market has dedicated lanes for home decor, crockery, stationary, perfumes, theme-party items, artificial flowers, fairy lights and much more.

Colaba Causeway

Wander freely along the road where a plethora of stalls sell gorgeous scarves, shawls, handicrafts, clothes and books along with antique maps and gramophones. This spot is also the best place to pick up souvenirs like fridge magnets, vintage clocks and key chains.





Experiences

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Elephanta Caves

Situated approximately 9 km off the coast of Mumbai, a short ferry ride gets one to Elephanta Island that is home to sculpted caves. There are two groups of caves including a set of five Hindu caves and two Buddhist caves.

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Marine Drive

The best aspect of the city is the coastline and its beaches. Marine Drive, also known as the 'Queen's necklace', is a 3-km long stretch of rocky coastline. Sailing enthusiasts can also rent sail boats and enjoy the solitude of the water.

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Theatre love

Another must visit in Mumbai is Prithvi Theatre in Juhu. Plays from every genre and corner of India are performed at this theatre. Workshops are also organised here to inculcate a strong passion for theatre among budding theatre students.



Eat Right

Dine Out



Also try this...

Misal Pav is a full-flavoured mouth-watering dish, which is made with the help of sprouted beans and eaten with the Indian bread.

Bhel Puri is a famous street food of Mumbai. It is crispy puffed rice filled with potatoes, onions, etc.

Frankie is another famous dish originated in Mumbai. It consists of flour wraps filled with mutton, eggs, mashed potatoes, chicken, etc.



Leopold Cafe



Visit Leopold Café for a menu heavily influenced by continental cuisine. Ensure you reach early to book yourself. The quaint restaurant is dominated by a wooden set-up replicating European cafes.

Colaba Causeway



The pavement across Café Mondegar has one of the best vada pav sellers ever. You can also get them packed and relish them while enjoying the sea breeze on Marine Drive.

Bademiya



Located behind Café Mondegar, its food counter has separate sections for the vegetarian and non-vegetarian fare. Established as a makeshift kebab counter, Bademiya is an intricate part of the city's ethos.

Kyani and Co.



Enjoy Bun maska, keema pav, scrambled eggs and Irani chai, seated at the iconic glass-topped table, surrounded by ageing wooden walls and mirrors. Finish your meal with a mawa cake and caramel custard, you won't regret!

K Rustom



K Rustom at Churchgate is one of the oldest ice cream parlours in the city. Opt for the utterly delicious ice cream sandwiches that come in a host of flavours, followed by a leisurely stroll down Marine Drive.