Ajanta & Ellora 4 days

See the remarkable, rock-hewn 2nd century B.C. caves of Ajanta adorned with exquisite paintings and sculptures of Buddha and view the impressive temples and monasteries of Ellora, home to the renowned Kailasa Temple.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Mumbai / Ends in: Mumbai
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:3, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: Standard
- Tour Guide: Local guide during scheduled sightseeing

TOUR MAP:

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
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Day 1: Mumbai

Mumbai - Aurangabad. Early morning transfer to the airport for your included fight to Aurangabad. Onward transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, we undertake a city sightseeing tour of Aurangabad. The Pani Chakki is a late 17th century water mill that displays the engineering skills of Malik Ambar, the architect of Aurangabad City. It is surrounded by a picturesque garden-landscape dotted with fish tanks. The Bibi-ka-maqbara was built by Aurangzeb's son as a tribute to his mother, Begum Rabia-ud-Durani. It is a replica of the Taj Mahal, and stands out as the only example of Mogul architecture on the Deccan Plateau. Also visit the Aurangabad Caves No. 7 & 8, caves from the Mahayana school of Buddhism. Overnight - Aurangabad

Day 2:

Enjoy a full day excursion to Ajanta Caves. Nestling in an inner fold of the Sahyadri hills, 100 kms from the city of Aurangabad in the shape of a mammoth horseshoe are the 30 rock-hewn caves of Ajanta, dating from 2nd century B.C. Discovered in 1819, by a group of British Offcers, these startling achievements took around 600 years to create. Carved with little more than a hammer and chisel, Ajanta, once the retreat of the Buddhist monastic orders features several 'Chaityas' and Viharas. The exquisite paintings and sculptures of Buddha's life belong to the Mahayana period. Overnight - Aurangabad

Day 3:

In the morning head out to Ellora Caves. Impressive in their own right are the rock-hewn temples and monasteries of Ellora that lie just 30 kms away from Aurangabad City and are the meeting point of the Buddhists, Jains and Hindus. In all, there are 34 elaborate cave temples. This afternoon enjoy an excursion to Daulatabad Fort, a labyrinthine structure that was once covered in Persian tiles. Overnight - Aurangabad

Day 4: Aurangabad - Mumbai by flight

Aurangabad - Mumbai. Transfer to the airport and fly to Mumbai. Upon arrival to Mumbai our arrangements end. If you are booking extra accommodation with us in Mumbai, you will be transferred to your hotel and the following day returned to the airport for your onward international flight.

Alternatively, you are able to book a hotel day use room with us. Where by a car, driver and room will be made available to you for use until the time of your international flight, later in the day.

Please Note: Ajanta Caves are closed on Monday, Ellora Caves are closed on Tuesday.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Aurangabad - Bibi-ka-Maqbara (Taj Mahal replica), Panchakkib (water mill) and Aurangabad Caves
- Ajanta - Caves in the shape of a mammoth horseshoe.
- Ellora - Caves and Daulatabad Fort

What's Included

- Return economy class flights from Mumbai to Aurangabad
- 3 nights standard accommodation (superior and deluxe available upon request) at the President Park Hotel or similar
- Entrance fees applicable to excursions
- 3 breakfasts included
- Ajanta, Ellora and Aurangabad excursions
- Services of an English speaking local guide during scheduled sightseeing

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $1,269

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel i.e. during India's peak travel season of 21 Dec - 10 Jan, additional supplements will apply. Equally, if you with to travel to India during the summer, rates will be cheaper than those quoted. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Prices are based on standard accommodation. Superior and deluxe accommodation available upon request. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 our more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.