

Bombay Dreams - 4 days

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A World Of Discovery



Formally known as Bombay, exhilarating and charismatic Mumbai is the most populated city in the world, India's financial powerhouse, the home of Bollywood and the setting of the hit film 'Slum Dog Millionaire'.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET

Trip Highlights

- Elephanta Caves
- Crawford Market
- Dhobi Talao
- Prince of Wales museum

What's Included

- 3 breakfasts
- Return transfers by chauffeur-driven air-conditioned vehicle from Mumbai airport
- 3 nights 3-4 star accommodation
- Morning Elephanta Caves excursion including cruise
- Afternoon guided Mumbai sightseeing tour
- Entrance fees to all included sights
- 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

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : City of Dreams

Arrive Mumbai. You will be met and transferred to your hotel for three nights. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Mumbai - or Bombay, as it was formerly known - remains India's city of dreams. Despite extreme poverty and eye-watering pollution, it is so dynamic

that paupers still flock there in the hope of becoming successful entrepreneurs. Built largely by the British around one of the best-protected natural harbours in the world, Mumbai is India's strategic economic centre. The city is also home to the country's prolific Bollywood film industry, which cranks out more feature films than any place in the world and of course the setting for the hit film 'Slum Dog Millionaire'.

The main draw of Mumbai, like much of India, remains its contradictions. Within minutes (or a few miles) you can be awestruck by the palatial houses on Malabar Hill and then depressed by the makeshift shacks and the bedraggled children in the city's poverty-stricken neighbourhoods. **Overnight - Mumbai**

Day 2 : Elephanta Caves & City Tour

Enjoy a cruise to the Elephanta caves in the morning. The island of Elephanta is about 10 kms from Mumbai. The 4 rock-cut temples are believed to have been cut between 450-750AD. After an hour's boat trip to the island, walk the steps up the hillside to the caves. Shiva is the most depicted form.

This afternoon city tour leads us to the Gateway of India - a former colonial monument and now a popular emblem of the city and a hubbub of life. The gate was built 1924-1927 to commemorate King George V's visit in 1911. The biggest museum in India is next door - the Prince of Wales Museum. Sample bhel puri (Mumbai's favourite snack) at Chowpatty Beach along what is known as Marine Drive. It's one of the city's most popular promenades.

No visit to Mumbai is complete without a visit to the bazaars of Kalbadevi and Bluleshwar, north of Crawford Market. Crawford Market is also worth a look. **Overnight - Mumbai** (B)

Day 3 : Free day

Today is a free day for you to explore independently. There's plenty to see and do in Mumbai - maybe go in search of wildlife at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park - home to leopards

cobras and more, or feed the holy cows at Bombay Panjrapole trust. You can also take a scenic horse and buggy ride along Marine drive towards Chowpatty Beach **Overnight - Mumbai** (B)

Day 4 : Mumbai

Morning is at leisure. Later transfer to Mumbai airport for your onward flight. (B)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Climate

India has a three-season year known as the hot, the wet and the cool. The best time to visit is between late September and April when temperatures are cooler and therefore ideal for sightseeing. In the summer months of May to July it is less crowded and conditions are perfect for sightseeing and photography, although parts of India are extremely hot. July signals the start of the monsoon or wet season that continues until early or mid September. Although the weather is humid, the days are punctuated by intermittent rainfall and the monsoon in India is actually quite spectacular and quite refreshing.

Health Requirements

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last ten years. Food and waterborne diseases are more common, so we recommend vaccinations for Typhoid (valid 3 years) and Hepatitis A (validity varies). You are also advised to take anti-Malarial medication.

Currency

The Indian Rupees (INR) is non-exportable and only available in India. Pounds Sterling, US Dollars and Euros are easily exchanged upon arrival at any major bank or your hotel. ATM's are also available in all major towns and cities.

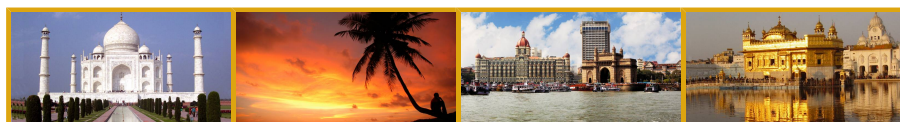
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EURO 1 = INR 65
AUD 1 = INR 47

Time

India is 5 hours 30 mins ahead of GMT.

Essential Packing

- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- A photocopy of your passport data pages.
- The voltage in India is 230-240V. Most outlets in India accept round 3 pin plugs (not a UK, European or USA plugs). You should pack a Universal Adaptor and check that it is suitable for India.
- Insect repellent to guard against pesky mosquitos
- Spare camera batteries/memory card so you can go snap happy.
- Consider packing some pencils, pens or modest educational supplies that can be given to village schools or street children.
- If you fancy a tittle, take advantage of Duty Free buys.
- Buy some Indian Rupees at the airport on arrival.
- Buy a phrasebook and practice your holiday Hindi.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.

Holiday Money

Funds collected in India for entrance fees and tip kitty (if applicable to your holiday) or optional excursion that you may wish to participate in are payable in local currency (INR).

Pre-Tour Accommodation

If arriving on day 1 of a holiday, that includes an airport arrival transfer (as indicated in the 'What you Get' section of this Go Guide) we will be at the airport, ready to transfer you to your hotel. Further if you are booking pre-tour accommodation with us an airport arrival transfer will also be provided. If arriving prior to 9am on day 1 (essentially on a flight that arrives very, very early in the morning) you will need to purchase a night of pre-tour accommodation to save you waiting until standard hotel check in time, which is generally 2pm.

Arrival Transfers

If your tour or short stay includes an airport arrival transfer (as indicated in the 'What you Get' section of this Go Guide) from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, our arrival procedure is as follows:

Arrive to Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, where after you have attended to customs and immigration formalities, please proceed to the arrival hall. Please have your tour voucher handy and make it available to our representative who will be waiting for you in the arrivals hall, holding a prominent on the go tours logo signboard, ready

to escort you to our awaiting transportation and onward to your tour start hotel

If, for any reason you have trouble locating our representative (after waiting 20 minutes in the arrival hall) or your flight to India is delayed please call the emergency contact number as stated on your tour voucher and our local office who will then advise on the best course of action.

If travelling on our Captivating Kerala tour (with arrival via Kochi Airport) or one of our 'Short Stays' where an airport arrival transfer is included in your holiday, the procedure for meeting you at the airport is the same as those detailed above.

Visas

All foreign nationals must obtain a visa for a visit to India and it is essential the visa be procured prior to travel. A 6 month single entry visa (valid from the date of issue) is issued for most nationals planning to visit India. If you are planning to visit a neighbouring country such as Nepal, Bhutan or Sri Lanka and return to India you will require a multiple entry visa which must be procured in advance of travel. In order to obtain this, you will need to provide the embassy with a detailed itinerary and full flight information, showing the dates and ports of exit and re-entry to India.

If you are a resident in the UK we offer a visa service to save you the inconvenience of having to queue at the embassy, please visit our website or contact us for further information.

Visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement prior to departure is solely the responsibility of the traveller and not of on the go. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of return from India.

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