

Aboard the Deccan Odyssey

10 days | Starts/Ends: Mumbai



Journey through the state of Maharashtra aboard the Deccan Odyssey, an exclusive luxury train. Visiting Mumbai, home of Bollywood, the beaches of tropical Goa, and the stunning caves of Ajanta and Ellora, this is a 5 star holiday to remember!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Mumbai - Gateway to India, the Prince of Wales museum, Dhobi ghats and Elephanta Caves
- Tropical Goa - The Convent and Church of St Francis of Assisi and the Basilica of Bom Jesus
- Kolhapur - The land of magnificent temples
- Aurangabad - Visit the beautiful Ellora cave complex
- Ajanta - UNESCO World Heritage Listed Buddhist caves
- Nashik - Riverside and Panchwati Ghats
- Sindhudurg - Explore Sindhudurg Fort and Town

What's Included

- 9 breakfast, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- 2 nights superior hotels (Deluxe hotels available upon request)

- 7 nights - Deccan Odyssey luxury train
- Boat excursion to Elephanta Caves
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 10
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Services of English-speaking Indian specialist guides at some sites
- Entrance fees to all included sights
- Chauffeur driven air-conditioned vehicles and touring coaches

What's Not Included

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

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Mumbai

Once you arrive into Mumbai, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is free to explore Mumbai or relax at the hotel. **Overnight - Mumbai**

Day 2 : Mumbai City Tour

Mumbai or Bombay, as it was formerly known - remains India's city of dreams. Today we embark on a glittering city tour, with a morning visit to the cave temples of Elephanta Island sculpted during the 5th to the 8th centuries. In the afternoon enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city, and in the evening a leisurely horse

and buggy ride along Marine Drive. **Overnight - Mumbai (B)**

Day 3 : Heritage Walking Tour



Mumbai - Nashik. This morning take a guided heritage walking tour, visiting the main buildings in South Mumbai, which form an integral part of the cities architectural heritage. Late this afternoon transfer to the train station to board the opulent Deccan Odyssey train, which will be your home for the next seven nights. After enjoying a welcome drink and completing formalities your train will depart Mumbai for Nashik. **Overnight - Deccan Odyssey (B, D)**

Day 4 : Vineyard Tour and Tasting

Nashik - Aurangabad. Arriving into Nashik this morning you'll disembark and explore the Godavari Ghats where you can observe Hindu rituals being performed. You'll then continue through the market, observing the hustle and bustle of local life.

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Later you'll continue to the Grover Zampa vineyards to tour one of India's finest wine producing vineyards. Grapes such as Chenin, Chardonnay and Shiraz are grown here and your sommelier will introduce you to the different wines produced here.

After a delicious lunch you'll re-board the Deccan Odyssey and depart for Aurangabad.

Overnight - Deccan Odyssey (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Ellora Caves



Aurangabad - Jalgon. After breakfast this morning the train will reach Aurangabad in Maharashtra state, you'll then proceed to the UNESCO-listed Ellora Caves, comprising of 34 cave temples dedicated to three different religions - Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. There 12 Buddhist caves to the south, 17 Hindu caves in the center and 5 Jain caves to the north. The star attraction of the caves is Kailash temple, which is believed to be a replica of Lord Shiva's celestial abode on Mt. Kailash. We return to the train for lunch and a relaxing afternoon as the train makes it's way towards Jalgon. **Overnight - Deccan Odyssey (B, L, D)**

Day 6 : Ajanta Caves

Jalgaon - Kolhapur. As you enjoy a delicious breakfast, the Deccan Odyssey rolls into Jalgaon station, from here you'll drive to the UNESCO-listed Ajanta Caves. Here discover magnificent caves with exquisite ancient murals and sculptures depicting the life of Buddha. Older than the Ellora caves (200 BC to 650 AD) the Buddhist caves of Ajanta are also cut from the volcanic lava.

Back on board enjoy a delicious lunch and perhaps partake in some of the optional

activities available on board, such as a film screening, a traditional game of carrom or a relaxing massage at the onboard spa.

Overnight - Deccan Odyssey (B, L, D)

Day 7 : Kolhapur Royal Palace



Kolhapur - Goa. Take in the beautiful surroundings of Maharashtra state as your train rolls into the city of Kolhapur this morning. Today you'll explore Kolhapur - an ancient city with a mythical past. First stop is the 19th century built Royal Palace and museum which houses some of India's rarest paintings and archaeological artifacts. You'll then visit the Town Hall museum before some time to shop at the local market. Later visit the exquisitely carved Mahalakshmi Hindu Temple, this 1,300 year old temple is dedicated to the Goddess Shakti. There may also be the opportunity to witness a traditional ancient Martial Arts exhibition locally known as "Mardani Khel". This evening the Deccan Odyssey will depart for the party capital of India, Goa.

Overnight - Deccan Odyssey (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Goa



Goa - Sindhudurg. Enjoy a day in the former Portuguese enclave of Goa with some fun in the sun. Start by visiting Fontainhas, the Latin Quarters of Panjim that have some well-preserved houses built in the Portuguese architectural style. You'll experience the

culture of this UNESCO World Heritage area on a walking tour. Next we visit Ribandar, the former capital of Goa. Take a walk through ancient churches and the ruins of the St. Augustine tower which was once the pride of Goa. Enjoy a drive to the Sahakari spice plantation for a traditional Goan feast which will have influence from 400 years of Portuguese rule. After lunch, enjoy a Goan folk performance and a tour of the spice plantation. Take a sneak peek into Goan life with a visit to an old Portuguese house before you return to the train and travel through the incredibly scenic Konkan region en route to Ratnagiri. **Overnight - Deccan Odyssey (B, L, D)**

Day 9 : Sindhudurg Fort

Sindhudurg - Mumbai. Today the train enters Sindhudurg, after breakfast you'll disembark and visit the Sindhudurg Fort, located off the shores of Malvan on the Arabian Sea. Built by Shivaji Maharaj, it was an attempt to curb the rise in influence from foreign colonisers. This afternoon you'll take a tour of the highlights of the holy city of Sindhudurg before rejoining the train to take the journey to Mumbai. **Overnight - Deccan Odyssey (B, L, D)**

Day 10 : Mumbai

Arrive in Mumbai where your journey on the Deccan Odyssey comes to an end. Breakfast onboard before transfer to airport for onward travel. (B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

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 / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Apr	USD 8,995	USD 12,675

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