Chinmay

Good destination
I had been to Mumbai for a week and during this week I have enjoyed a lot. There are lots of place to visit in Mumbai, even we fell one week is...
About Mumbai

Formerly known as Bombay, Mumbai is the capital of the western state of Maharashtra. The city is a natural harbour lying at the mouth of the Ulhas River on the west coast of India. The Arabian Sea lines the western border of Mumbai, which has an average elevation of 14 m. The city is sub-divided into two distinct regions, Mumbai City district (Island City) and Mumbai Suburban district, which together cover an area of 603.4 sq km. With a population of approximately 12.5 million, Mumbai ranks as the most populous city in India and the fifth most populous city in the world. Along with the neighbouring areas of Navi Mumbai and Thane, the city forms one of the most populous urban regions in the world. Mumbai has also been christened as an 'Alpha world city' in 2009 and has the highest GDP in South, West and Central Asia.

History of Mumbai

Mumbai was originally built on an archipelago of seven islands, namely Bombay Island, Parel, Mazagaon, Mahim, Colaba, Worli and Old Woman's Island (Little Colaba). These islands have been inhabited since the Stone Age and were collectively known as Heptanesia. The region was ruled by dynasties like Satavahanas, Konkan Mauryas and Rashtrakutas, from the 2nd to 9th century BC.

The islands came under the control of the Silharas (810 to 1260), King Bhimdev (1261 to 1346), and the Delhi Sultanate (1347 to 1407). An independent Gujarat Sultanate governed the islands from 1407 onwards. Bahadur Khan Gilani of the Bahamani Sultanate tried to establish control over the islands in 1493, but failed.

During the European rule, Sultan Bahadur Shah of the Gujarat Sultanate signed the Treaty of Bassein with the Portuguese on 23 December, 1534. Control over the seven islands of Bombay, along with Bassein and its dependencies, was thereafter surrendered to the Portuguese on 25 October, 1535. The British Empire took possession of most islands on 11 May, 1661, after the marriage treaty of Charles II of England and Catherine of Braganza.

After Baji Rao was defeated by the British East India Company in 1817, Deccan was incorporated in the Bombay Presidency. The seven islands were coalesced into a single landmass by the Hornby Vellard project and were made the capital of the Presidency. Post independence, the territory was restructured into Bombay State. In the 1950s, the Samyukta Maharashtra movement was initiated to create the state of Maharashtra.

On 1 May, 1960, the state was reorganised on linguistic lines, and was named Maharashtra State with Bombay as its capital. In the following years, Bombay witnessed several unfortunate events like Hindu-Muslim riots (1992–93), series of bomb blasts (1993), and terrorist attacks (2006 and 2008). However, the city still flourishes and currently serves as the commercial capital of India.

People & Culture of Mumbai

Rechristened as Mumbai in 1995, it has become the largest city in South Asia. It is home to the world's most prolific film industry and also houses several historic sites. Characteristic of natural beauty, ethnic cuisine and eclectic shopping destinations, Mumbai is a popular tourist
destination. The city of Mumbai is known for its 24x7 culture and vibrant nightlife.

**Things to do in Mumbai**

Mumbai has a lot of structures, monuments, cultural centres that are a standing testimony to its rich history. It is also home to a number of gardens and a national park, which are must-visits for travellers visiting Mumbai. There is a lot Mumbai tourism has to offer and travellers can choose to sign up for [Mumbai holiday packages](#) to explore the city better.

**Food & Shopping in Mumbai**

Mumbai’s food truly reflects its character – that it is a melting pot of different cultures. It is also considered as one of the highlights of Mumbai tourism; right from its street food such as *vada pav*, *pav bhaji* and *chaats* sold at Mumbai’s famous Chowpatty to cafes and restaurants that offer international cuisine.

**Travelling to Mumbai**

The best time to visit Mumbai is between November and February during which Mumbai hosts several music shows, International film festivals and more. Festivals and Events form an important part of life in Mumbai. Processions, prayers, songs and dance performances are held across the city during festivals. Being the home of Bollywood, Mumbai hosts many film festivals like the [Pumelo International Film Festival](#), Yensa short film festival, [Banganga Festival](#) and the Enoma International Film Festival.

Tourists can [reach Mumbai](#) from destinations around the country by air, road or rail. Mumbai has its domestic and international airport, known as Chatrapati Shivaji International/Domestic airport, well connected with almost all major cities in India and the world.

Mumbai has a well connected road transportation system. State owned buses connect Mumbai to all neighbouring points. Many Deluxe and Super Deluxe buses are available to travel in and out of the city.

Mumbai is the headquarters of two of Indian Railway zones: the Central Railway (CR) headquartered at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) and the Western Railway (WR) headquartered at the Church gate Mumbai is also well connected to most parts of India.

**Accommodation options in Mumbai**

Tourists can choose from a number of [popular hotels in Mumbai](#) spread across the CBD as well as other areas in the city.

**Information**

- **State:** Maharashtra
- **Famous for/as:** City
- **Altitude:** 14 M
- **Pincode:** 400001
- **District:** Mumbai City
- **Language:** Hindi, Marathi
- **STD code:** 022
- **Weather:** Summer 23 To 40°C, Winter 16 To 33°C
Featured review about Mumbai
Drop in Bomb-Bay!!

"Bombayyyy!!!! This city breathes gusto and madness - everything seems endless, the waters; the miles; the sands; the heights; the foods; the lights!! City indeed never sleeps. You come to bombay and get lost in the magical destination that it is and by the end of it you feel that even a fortnight wasn't enough! Events like barely leave the grip on the city - food festivals, art shows, theatre, exhibitions, concerts and the list fails to cease! The glory of the beach early morning in bombay and at night is worth an experience, the architecture of the town area really holds the gaze. Bombay holds beauty in it's every nook and cranney. Visit the city with an open heart and it will take you in- forever and for always!!

Food, sight-seeing and shopping: It's not just food that keeps you glued to bombay, it's actually the myraid hues of the culinary expertise!! The city is full of restaurants, eateries, cafes, bistros with thousands of cuisines. You name it and you have it! 'Quatro's' for example is this amazing vegetarian italian restaurant near palladium that assures you that being a herbivore all over again can actually be worth it - try the fried lasagne and the philadelphia cheesecake there, you'll die of satisfaction! This pub in bandra called 'Totos' will actually drive you crazy - it's a small place (amazing interiors) but the rock music here is ROCK-ING!!! Order a pitcher of draught beer (I liked it much much better here) and fries - you are ready to go, not too heavy on the pocket too!!! 'Gadda da vida' - the terrace lounge at the Novotel Hotel in juhu is the most magnificent place in the evening where one can be, the cool breeze, the pool side - everything just sets the mood!
If you are a 'junk-kard' hit 'colaba causeway' in town - you 'll find the most beautiful pieces of junk jewellery here and also the best kohlapuris - you are just spoilt for choice!! 'Tribal-route' is this store in andheri where one can find exquisite jewellery pieces along with home decor products, kitsch art products, lighting peices and preppy furniture, if you are in for something different this is the place for you! 'Masaba's' store on juhu-tara road is another place to look out for, kurtas, sarees and many other apparels with edgy colour-blocking can be a shopping treat!
If you have a thing for history 'town' can make you immensely happy, almost all the buildings have the old-world charm, then there's jahangir art gallery and the prince of wales museum with a splended expanse of green! The gateway of india though too much talked about should not be missed, sounds cliched but cliche is a cliche for a reason!! The ferry ride from gateway to the elephanta caves is nice and slow - it's an experience, the caves themselves! The newly found 'bandra-worli sealink' adds another feather to the hat - while on the sealink at night turn around and look at it from the cab as it trails away; there's nothing more beautiful you'd ever see!!

Activities & things to do: Go to carter road and just sit by the sea, moments will pass away without you even realising it! Mocha-mojo in bandra at midnight is the best thing ever - play fuseball, chit-chat, have granitas - it's FUN! Hang out in the prithvi theatre cafe- you might get lucky and catch a glimpse or two of the celebs - it's bombay afterall! The comedy store at phoenix is something you shouldn't miss - stand up comedy is not something you'll get everywhere - it's worth an experience!
AND do take a ride in the local train preferably in the afternoon to avoid rush - it's a RIDE
indeed!
Make a trip to 'khandala' when in bombay - shouldn't miss the hills around the beach!

Travel tips, How to reach, travel warnings etc: To reach bombay is the easiest thing because it is BOMBAY! Fly or take the train if really far - bombay is well connected - else buses are good if you stay closer! Within bombay travel is not difficult - you have autos, cabs, buses, local trains of course or you can hire a cab or hire a car and drive!! And it's safe, it is!
One warning - don't quite rely on the directions given by someone, try and ask more then 3 people for the same direction - bombay people like to have fun if you know what i mean!
Plan your days well 'cause it's a huge city, you shouldn't waste time in travel like set days aside for town and leave early morning to avoid the rush!" - Nupur Gupta, Bangalore, Feb 23, 2012

Salaam Mumbai

"Overcrowded, teeming with hundreds, lakhs, millions, you name it…. with people, always on the run, not looking at what is happening whether a person has fallen down, or does he require any assistance, if he has, nothing just rushing in, getting in and out. Everywhere sea of humanity and utter chaos. But in the midst of all this, there is a sense of excitement, a sense of belonging to a great city of Mumbai, where every youth aspires to become rich overnight.
I was amazed at the jest, with which every shop in Mumbai was decorated for Christmas and New Year as if the 26/11 incident had not taken place and all the Mumbaikars were quite calm and doing their business in a very calm manner. I admired their spirit. This sense of calmness and oneness should be there in every Indian.

Food, sight-seeing and shopping: Mumbai caters to all the cuisines of everyone and every taste. The famous being the vadapavs, missle pavs and sugarcane juice which can be found at every nook and corner of Mumbai.
The famous sightseeing places are: Gateway of India (as usual the Gateway was full of people totally in awe of the structure), Taj hotel (At the sight of Taj, we were amazed to see that the structure where it got destroyed was being repaired and everything was going on very calmly. It reminded me of our Indian culture and heritage), Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus(Earlier known as Victoria Terminus. The architecture is of the British era, where both the local and the inter-state trains will be chugging in and out), Marine Drive (This is perhaps the best place where people leave their worries behind and enjoy watching the sun dipping into the sea), Juhu( The most common place where families come with their kids) , Tarapore Aquarium(It has got a display of variety of different species of fish, turtle and tortoises. This aquarium can become the best tourist spot if maintained properly), Siddhi Vinayak Temple(Every person who visits Mumbai will not come back without visiting this temple as there is a belief that whatever is wished there will take place), MahaLakshmi Temple(Popular temple after the Siddhi Vinayak Temple, frequented by many), Haji Ali(It is in the midst of the sea and can be accessed only when there are low tides), Elephanta Caves(Which can be reached by a ferry and a full one day is needed to see it) Colaba is best for shopping of beads, slippers, shoes and accessories, dresses, chains, bags, purses. Next for shopping is Fashion Street, then Crawford Market where dresses can be bought at a cheaper rate.
Hiranandani is also a shopping paradise.
Activities & things to do: Mumbai is famous for its Local Trains which forms the backbone of Mumbai & every tourist must experience it. We also did the same by getting jostled while getting in and out.
One can experience the Buggy rides for which Mumbai is very famous for. It was a thrilling ride as the buggy takes you on a full circle ride for Rs.300.
Anyone who has a fancy for watching Theatre & plays can go to the Prithvi Theatre. There are plenty of art galleries to see. One can go for long walks on the Marine Drive.

Travel tips, How to reach, travel warnings etc: Mumbai can be accessed from every city in India by Train, Bus & flight. While travelling in Locals one has to be very cautious about the belongings, mostly cellphones & purses, as my son lost his cellphone while travelling in the local train." - **amitesh**, Hyderabad, May 29, 2010

**Karnala Bird Sanctuary**

"Travelling is fun when you take hold of the mean machine and cruise. Specially on a Royal Enfield where riding pleasure is nothing less than attaining Nirvana.
Travelling on a bike is like flying low in the nature where you feel the breeze much better than sitting like mannequins in the box called as car. In a car nature appears like moving pictures and where you miss the 'in' feeling.

Secondly, car has restrictions when it comes to cruising the dirt tracks or the natural path into the unexplored.

Keeping this is mind and the time available, I decided to explore to my favourite destination - Karnala Bird Santuary. Karnala is just 10kms from Panvel and appx. 61 km from Mumbai. During non peak hours one can reach in an hour from Mumbai.

Karnala is a great place for weekend break with friends and family. It has thick forest with variety of birds, wild mushrooms and plenty of monkeys swinging from tree to tree.

The prime attraction at Karnala is the Karnala Fort. On weekends one can see many trekkers, nature photographers and school kids. Apart from trekking, rappelling also takes place at the pinnacle of Karnala fort. The peak is crested by a thumb-shaped pinnacle hence it is also known as 'Thumbs-Up' fort.

Though there are small hotels and resorts around, one needs to carry sufficient water and light snacks for hiking. It is advisable to start the hike early in the morning and return early. Cellphones work here but has limitations. It takes from an hour to two hour hike to reach the top, depending on the level of trekker you are. There are various trails one can follow. The map is available at the base at mere Re. 1/-. The entry fee per person is Rs. 20/-. 

The view from the top is simply breath taking as your eyes are attracted to the vastness of the Arabian Sea. Also the view of Sahyadri range is magnificent. At The base of the pinnacle there
are some small rock-cut caves which are filled with water. These water tanks are of Buddhist origin where monks used to meditate here.

Bird Watching at Karnala:

Early morning is the right time to catch the birds in action. The chirping of birds here makes you feel that you have gone back in the time machine. Though the area is mere 4.5 sq. km, it is home to some 80+ bird species. The best time is during winter when migratory birds from Himalayas and as far as Siberia visit this small place. One has to be equipped with good binoculars and a natural interest in birds. The birds which can be spotted here includes wood-peckers, Himalayan thrust, Golden Orioles, Minivets, Barbets, Green bee eaters, Owls, Drongos, Crested Serpent Eagles, Paradise Flycatchers, Flowerpeckers, Petronias etc. Simply follow the paths which are marked with proper symbols. Travel in small groups to identify maximum bird species. A serious birder will have to carry field guides for quick identification of birds. Once you are hooked to birding, you shall return here once a month.

Apart from hiking and birding, there are plant nurseries near by which stock variety of plants from floral to herbal at a reasonable rates. There is Yusuf Meherali Center close by.

Well that's it as the first of the Travel Series, till then - bye!

Food, sight-seeing and shopping: Woods Resort, Rishi Garden Resort and for food Kshanbhar-Vistranti or Kamat's.

Activities & things to do: Bird Watching in winter, Trekking, Rappelling, Nature walks in Monsoon

Travel tips, How to reach, travel warnings etc: Mumbai-Panvel-Karnala. Karnala Fort / Sanctuary is 10 km from Panvel" - Amiit Sheth, Apr 21, 2007

The city of dreams or a dream city?

"Bombay or Mumbai. It has changed a lot and not so much at all. Every time I go, I fall in love with it a little bit more. There are some things that have almost become a tradition with me now. I must do/visit them. It took many trips for me to discover them. You may not be able to do them all in one trip but try some of them at least. Distances aren’t much but traffic spoils it a bit. So, depending on which side you will be staying, you can try some stuff. Am writing them down area wise so you can club them in one, depending on where you are.

Food, sight-seeing and shopping: Town side:

Please, please do go to Haji Ali in Mahalaxmi. All cab drivers know it. I am in love with it. It won’t take long to go there. But it will change your life. And once you get out, do have strawberry and Cream ice-cream at the Haji Ali Juice corner. You’d never have tasted anything like it.
Across the road is the Heera Panna complex, which is great for gadgets, mobiles, Zippos, fake watches etc. Much like Palika but better, cleaner and safer. You must bargain there. They will try and rob you except for one or two shops.

Once near town, please, please try and go to Leopold. I absolutely love that place. It is in Colaba, across from the Benetton showroom. That corner is called the Kala Ghoda I think. It is a very down-to-earth drinking place where foreigners hang out. Don’t go for dinner, go for an evening beer. It’s better for a laid back evening as you must visit some other places for dinner.

Near there, in one of the back lanes is a famous place called Baghdadi and Bade miyan. Pick up a roll from bade miyaan and try this special Iranian roti at Baghdadi. It is unmissable. You can also go to Ayub’s for rolls if it’s really late. The back lane has the kitchen from where they will give it to you even as late as 3 am.

Also in town is the fountain. Where you get very cheap books and the fashion Street is there. Completely missable.

Another place I love is a pub called ‘Not just Jazz by the Bay’ across from Baskin Robbins on Marine Drive. They have Karaoke nights there. It’s a blast. Walk along the Marine Drive for a short distance before taking a cab. It is lovely.

What you cannot and must not miss, even if you have to cross half the world to reach is the Hard Rock Café. It is Bombay Dyeing Mills in Worli. You must, must go there. Try and check out Sheiro also. It is fantastically beautiful, quieter and more sophisticated. Maybe have one beer there, in the same complex, before going to Hard Rock. Hard Rock closes at 1.30. Most places in town close around that time. Hard Rock is the best place in Bombay right now. Go there definitely. Have a beer at Leopold, Shiero and then go to HRC. They have 1000 bucks cover charge.

Suburbs

One thing that is a must but you may not be able to do it because of time is watching a play at the Prithvi Theatre. Last show is usually 7:30. If you don’t have the time, but feel like a nice cup of Irish Cream Coffee, do go to their café. This is in Juhu, very near Holiday Inn and a short distance from Marriott. Next to Alfredo’s and Barista.

I try to always visit the Mt. Mary Church in Bandra, near Bandstand. Mornings are great for that, but so is any time of the day. I go in the morning as I can go as early as 7:30 also which leaves the rest of the day free. Auto drivers ussually get confused and take you to St. Anthony church. You may need directions from a local. It is up a climbing road.

There are a lot of places you can part at in the suburbs too. There is Enigma in the Marriott (Juhu). Mostly celebs and opens till late (about 3 am). You can eat in the coffee shop
afterwards. Entry is a bit much, Rs. 3000 I think.

But it’s better to go to the local places like Hawaiian Shack, which is very popular amongst the Advertising and such people. It is in Bandra. On linking road, there is a Mc Donald. Across the street from it is a lane. Go down that road and ask someone. Everyone knows it. I don’t know the name of the exact road.

You can also go to Zenzei, Poison and Seijo & Sojourn on Waterfield Road in Bandra. Near ICICI bank. Poison is a pub in the same building. Much like a UK underground pub. It is in the basement too. 1000 bucks entry. Seijo & Sojourn is a pub and restaurant on the first floor of the same building. Also very good. Zenzei is very popular also. On the same road, towards linking road.

Very near Zenzei and a Lakme Salon is a new place called Red Box. Went for breakfast one day as they have a Hot Breads kind of readymade counter. But checked out booze prices. Very, very cheap. 60 bucks for a pint. Looks nice but never tried it for dinner.

Near there is OMO. A fabulous shop for clothes, shoes and accessories. This is also Waterfield Road, Bandra. Near Linking Road and National College. It is on the second floor of a building that has TISYA board prominently. Across the road from a shop called Outfits (very cool clothes, jeans etc. from Hong Kong etc). That is the woman’s store. But they can give you directions to the men’s store, nearby. I will try too. Across from ICICI, there is a bunch of shops called Leo and Babes, Kings etc. Go down that road straight. Keep a look out on the right. Outside one of the houses is a very small board with OMO on it. It is a garage kind of room attached to a house. That’s the men’s store. Nice pants and kurtas etc. worth a look.

A lot of time I go to Biona, a café on Hill Road for breakfast for a quick lunch. It’s a cute café with good food which is rare in Bombay. Nice desserts too. Plus readymade biryani for when you are in a hurry. Ask auto walla to take you to Globus. If you are coming from Linking Road, Globus will be on your right. Take the left from there. Biona is on the left on Hill Road. Next to Sleep-ins and Independent café.

Please go to Bandstand in Bandra one evening if you have the time. It’s a lovely walk. Even late at night, you have people hanging out at 3 or 4 am. They just sit and drink and hang out.

You can go to Toto’s Garage, a laid back place in Bandra, near Pali Market. Good rock music. Only if you have the time. Near there, you can get beer at a theka like tiny corner shop long after everything is closed.

In Juhu, please go to the beach and have chuski and sit on one of the many shacks’ edge and listen to the waves. There is a nice Mocha across the street for coffee.

On the Juhu road, much before Marriott is a lovely restaurant. New. Called Aurrius. It doesn’t have a front gate or anything, so you may miss it. Look out for Ajanta Hotel (tell your auto walla
Ajanta hotel). Cross the road and enter a iron gate. Inside is Aurrius. Sit out in the open. It’s very pretty and overlooks the sea. Not if you are alone though, it’s boring. There is also Vie near there. Also nice.

You can go to a lot of places alone also in Bombay. No one cares. You can also go to this place called Alfredo’s for lunch or evening beer. It’s small and quaint. Near Holiday Inn. There is also Temple Flower, a nice restaurant there. If you want to try crabs or seafood, don’t miss Mahesh, very close by. It’s very famous.

If you want to party besides these places (Aurriius and Vie are quieter. Enigma is a club), you can go to Rock Bottom in Ramee Guestline, near Holiday Inn. I don’t like it that much but it’s there. As is their rooftop, an Indian restaurant. Boring.

Linking road is very good for cheap chappals and leather stuff if you want to pick up something. There are a lot of shops with cool stuff all over Bombay. I always visit Linking road for shoes, OMO and outfits for clothes and frequent these places to eat. There must be lots of other places but these are my world in Bombay. I discover something new every time. Do try and do as much as you can while you are there. The city never sleeps. You can midnight buffets at Holiday Inn and Marriott. You can get a drink almost anywhere.

There are a lot of Barista and café days but there are so many other places with history that make the city.

Activities & things to do: Shop for shoes and leather. Do go to the sea side. Worli and bandstand are ideal. juhu is good for a family outing. Do take a day trip to the caves. Get on a ferry from the Gateway of India. They are closed on Mondays though. Party like mad at one of their various clubs. Hard Rock Cafe, Sheiro, Posion, Vie, Aurriius, Avalon, Enigma, Velocity...the list is endless. Go gadget shopping at Heera Panna. Get religious at Siddhi Vinayak, Mt. Mary or Haji Ali. Or take a trip to Filmcity.

Travel tips, How to reach, travel warnings etc: Mumbai is connected by air with almost everywhere. Being a throbbing city, the fares are not too much either as there are so many flights in that sector. Try travel sites for special deals and offers for flights. Within the city, I take autos all the time. They never refuse to go anywhere if they are on the right side of the road. They don’t try and cheat you. The calculation is - whatever the reading on the meter, it is one rupee less. For instance it shows, 1.0, you pay them 9 rupees which is the least fare even if you are going 10 feet away. If it shows 3.6, you pay 35 rupees. It’s simple, once you get the hang of it. Cabs are very cheap too."

- Travelmaniac, Delhi, Mar 29, 2007

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Top attractions in Mumbai recommended by HolidayIQ.com travellers

1 Marine Drive
Type: Offbeat Attraction
Entry: Free  
Ranked: 1 Of 906  
Ratings: 6.10/7 (87 Reviews)

"A good place to relax, to zone out from the regular rut. Stare at massiveness of the sea. Marvel at the opulence of the city. Just turn around and grab a drink at any of the cafes right across the road. Be ready to be asked to move by the local..." - Singhal, Achhnera, 1 week ago

2 Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus

Type: Historic Place  
Entry: Free  
Ranked: 2 Of 906  
Ratings: 5.74/7 (52 Reviews)

"this is the most crowded place i have seen. Very well build superb architecture. if you want to see the actual crowd reach there at office time that is between 8 - 11 am or 5-8 pm . Nice palace. if u visit mumbai you should go CST " - Chinmay Khandelwal, Indore, 3 days ago

3 Juhu Beach

Type: Beach  
Entry: Free  
Ranked: 3 Of 906  
Ratings: 5.31/7 (42 Reviews)

"Talking about the location JUHU beach is very nice with plenty of bollywood stars staying nearby the place is good to go for a trip. However the beach is very dirty because of the crowd and the nearby eateries. best time to visit is during ganpati..." - Amit Saha, , 6 days ago

4 Gateway of India

Type: Monument  
Entry: Free  
Ranked: 4 Of 906  
Ratings: 6.15/7 (40 Reviews)

"When in Mumbai, do visit Gateway of India. As this place is part of the historical Bombay, you'll enjoy walking around the area and observing the architecture." - Bikash Bhandary, Guwahati, 3 days ago

5 Siddhivinayak Temple

Type: Temple  
Entry: Free  
Ranked: 5 Of 906  
Ratings: 6.45/7 (24 Reviews)  
Timings: Monday - Friday - 05:30 To 22:00 , Saturday - 05:30 To 22:00 , Sunday - 05:30 To 22:00

"I have visited this temple on sunday at the noon time. i am lucky over there doesnt found much
crowd over there. My number comes with in 45 min from the time i reached there. Very nice place well managed." - Chinmay Khandelwal, Indore, 3 days ago

Linking Road
Type: Market
Entry: Free
Ranked: 6 Of 906
Ratings: 5.18/7 (16 Reviews)
"well nice broad roads. great bargains on shoes all brand s on this road. also clothes but prefer hill road for clothes.bargain on the streets.shops have a fixed rate but have lots of sales..quality okay of most shoes..but crash sales are usually..." - Nicasia Fernandes, Panaji, 1 month ago

Bandra Worli Sea Link
Type: Bridge
Entry: Paid
Ranked: 7 Of 906
Ratings: 6.16/7 (16 Reviews)
"Its a sea link developed by NHAI, convenient during rush hours, during night time we can see the lightings of Mumbai & suburbs area, its a amazing seen which we can not see in other cities. Although Mumbai is a Business capital and Metro city in..." - Muktesh Ramawat, Jodhpur, 1 month ago

Essel World
Type: Theme Park
Entry: Paid
Ranked: 8 Of 906
Ratings: 6.26/7 (12 Reviews)
Timings: Monday - Friday - 10:00 To 19:00 , Saturday - 10:00 To 20:00 , Sunday - 10:00 To 20:00 , Public Holidays - 10:00 To 20:00
"It was very good experience to visit Esselworld and Waterpark, both on separate days. Striking car is must. Surya Jula also was exciting. If you go in group it would be more better." - Meena narendra Chaudhary, 2 months ago

Water Kingdom
Type: Theme Park
Entry: Free
Ranked: 9 Of 906
Ratings: 5.91/7 (11 Reviews)
"Along with Essel world this also a very good spot to visit, but it will take whole day so it is better to visit both on 2 separate days. All water games are exciting specially in hot wether of Mumbai." - Meena narendra Chaudhary, 2 months ago
Haji Ali Dargah

**Type:** Dargah

**Entry:** Free

**Ranked:** 10 Of 906

**Ratings:** 6.21/7 (11 Reviews)

**Timings:**
Monday - Friday - 05:30 To 22:00 , Saturday - 05:30 To 22:00 , Sunday - 05:30 To 22:00 , Public Holidays - 05:30 To 22:00

"Holy place with very historical, Dargah set of high rising rocks in 1916-17. around 10000 people visit this holy place, Haji Ali Dargah for community like Hindu, Muslim, Christians and also Sikhs. " - Mohammed Moizuddin, Hyderabad, 1 month ago

**Popular hotels in Mumbai recommended by HolidayIQ.com travellers**

1. **Bawa International Hotel**

   **Price:** Rs. 5,000 - 13,000

   **Ranked:** 1 Of 735

   **Ratings:** 5.05/7 (1008 Reviews)

   **Address:**
   Nehru Road , Near Domestic Airport
   Vile Parle (E),
   Mumbai

   **Phone:** 022-26113636

   **Website:** Www.bawahotels.com

   "Good hospitality, very comfortable bed, neat and clean rooms. Pleasant location and very convenient to reach from Airport ( 5 minute drive). it good place to spend time with family, very good food quality. the Hotel staff are very..." - Ramesh shiraguppi, Bangalore, Today

2. **Bawa Continental Hotel**

   **Price:** Rs. 6,500 - 10,500

   **Ranked:** 2 Of 735

   **Ratings:** 5.36/7 (317 Reviews)

   **Address:**
   Opp. Theosophical Society,
   Juhu,
   Mumbai

   **Phone:** 022-26117503

   **Website:** Www.bawahotels.com

   "I am really impressed. By. The services provided by this hotel and congrats holiday for your efforts.food is very good.ggood for family to stay..nice ac rooms overall very nice facilities provided by hotel management and it is good...holiday..." - Gi In, 6 days ago

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3 Bawa Regency

**Price:** Rs. 3,000 - 4,000  
**Ranked:** 3 Of 735  
**Ratings:** 4.99/7 (265 Reviews)  
**Address:** Gokul Das Pasta Road  
Behid Chitra Cinema  
Dadar East, Mumbai  
**Phone:** 022-40498383  
**Website:** Www.bawahotels.com

"Really this hotel is situated near DADAR Railway station. Room service and house keeping also very nice. I will recommend this hotel for anybody going to Mumbai. Rooms also looking very good. Specifiaaly i have tell about the room service. All the..." - *C Sundaram*, Coimbatore, 6 days ago

4 Highway Inn Hotel

**Price:** Rs. 2,800 - 4,400  
**Ranked:** 4 Of 735  
**Ratings:** 5/7 (249 Reviews)  
**Address:** Sir M. V. Road  
Andheri-Kurla Road  
Andheri-(East)  
**Phone:** 022-67311111  
**Website:** Www.hotelhighwayinn.com

"we had stayed in hotel for two day n the hotel and surroundings r good n we had a great experience to stay there.and te hotel is very clean n we liked it very much all our friends used to stay there only from that day in one i would like to say..." - *Manoj Aarwal*, Banda, 1 week ago

5 Avion Hotel

**Price:** Rs. Upto 4,800  
**Ranked:** 5 Of 735  
**Ratings:** 5.08/7 (224 Reviews)  
**Address:** Nehru Road  
Vile Parle (E)  
**Phone:** 022-26123902  
**Website:** Www.avionhotel.com  
**Preferred by:** Couple | Mumbai, Delhi Travellers
"The Avion Hotel was the good hotel we stayed in when we toured in Mumbai and it was everything as I expected. The hotel location is excellent, Room is also good. Wonderful reception and excellent staff service. The amenities of Avion hotel is..." - **Rita Gohel**, Ahmedabad, 2 weeks ago

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**Taj Mahal Palace**

Price: Rs. 26,500 - 170,000  
Ranked: 6 Of 735  
Ratings: 6/7 (185 Reviews)  
Address: Apollo Bunder, Mumbai  
Phone: 022-56653366  
Website: www.tajhotels.com  
Preferred by: Couple | Rajkot Travellers

"Stayed in last week in The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. We had a beautiful view of The Gateway of India and the sea beyond. The room was luxury and the service amazing and fast. The restaurants and swimmingpool was also excellent. I recommended..." - **Sushant Patil**, Mumbai, 4 days ago

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**Bawa Suites**

Price: Rs. 6,000 - 9,000  
Ranked: 7 Of 735  
Ratings: 5.33/7 (100 Reviews)  
Address: 352, Linking Road Khar West, Mumbai  
Phone: 022-26494416  
Website: www.bawahotels.com

"Good hotel .for the couple and for family and for single person it is the best hotel. I stay here for three days with my g f.it is in mumbai city easy to rech there .the room service was very good. Appearance was good .food was owsome.acitivity..." - **Mahir Jain**, 6 days ago

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**Taj Lands End**

Price: Rs. 26,500 - 200,000  
Ranked: 8 Of 735  
Ratings: 5.98/7 (104 Reviews)  
Address: Band Stand
Bandra West
Mumbai
**Phone:** 022-66681234
**Website:** www.tajhotels.com

"Good experience with hotel stay and food was good service was good good experience with group location is good Like to visit again for conference and personal stay. good place Hotel service and food was good. Cool and calm atmosphere Good..." - *Rahul*, 7 days ago

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9 Oritel Service Apartments

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"I have experienced a pleasant stay with my colleagues. Whenever we come to Mumbai either for personal visits or official work, I prefer to stay at Oritel I only. Thanks for the Best in class service with affordable price. In the crowd of Mumbai,..." - *Anandbhandhari*, 4 days ago

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10 JW Marriot Hotel

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"This is destination of evening or night of many celebrities of bollywood and Famous persons of Mumbai. Great big lobby and restaurant, it is the only place in mumbai where you can get food even at very late night. always have a feeling of richness..." - *Sanjay Sharma*, Agra, Yesterday

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Best way to travel from Delhi to Mumbai

Mumbai is located at a distance of 1157 from Delhi. Mumbai, also called the Financial Capital is well-connected to Delhi by air, rail and road. However, the best way to reach Mumbai from Delhi is by flight. The flight distance between the two cities is 1163 km and it takes around 1 hour 30 minutes to cover this distance. Almost all airlines like Indigo, SpiceJet, Jet lite and Air India have daily flights operating from Delhi to Mumbai.

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- Jaipur To Mumbai (936Km)

Mumbai weather

Best Season / Best Time to Visit Mumbai

Mumbai, the capital city of Maharashtra experiences a tropical, wet climate. Being a coastal area, the city experiences high humidity with moderate temperatures, which remain fairly constant throughout the year. The city has an average temperature of 27º Celsius.

The months from March to May are considered as summer in Mumbai and the temperature remains between 25º Celsius to 35º Celsius. The weather during these months is quite humid, though the evenings are pleasant as compared to the day. A light sea breeze can be experienced during the evenings and night which makes the heat bearable. The months of April and May are usually the hottest and most humid, with temperature often going as high as 35º Celsius.

Mumbai received a very healthy monsoon and almost every year the city experiences its share of monsoon floods. Monsoon starts around June and continues till September. During this time the city receives heavy showers. The average annual rainfall that the city gets is around 2200 mm and July is often the wettest month, receiving the maximum rainfall.

The months between October to December is considers as the post-monsoon season. During this time the monsoon recedes and the weather remains dry and pleasant. The temperature gradually goes down with the month of November experiencing sunny days and warm, pleasant nights.

The city experiences winter between December and February and during this time the average
temperature remains between 15° Celsius to 25° Celsius. Although never too cold due to its close proximity to the sea, the city does enjoy does have the occasional chilly days brought in by the cold northern winds.

The winter months of December to February is the best season to visit the city. Apart from this being the festive season, during this time the weather is pleasant and temperatures comfortable. The monsoons completely recede by this time and the weather is dry and clear with moderate temperatures and a pleasant breeze.

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