

# Exploring Maharashtra

Fun Activities & Attractions near Aamby Valley



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The Karla & Bhaja Caves of Lonavala are here to give us a fascinating glimpse into the ancient Buddhist culture and artistry that thrived in the Indian Western Ghats.





# 1. Karla & Bhaja Buddhist Caves Duration: 03 hours

Karla caves are home to the largest rock-cut chaitya (Buddhist place of worship carved out of a rock cliff) in India & the Bhaja Caves are smaller than the Karla Caves but equally impressive, with 22 rock-cut caves containing viharas (monasteries) and chaityas (prayer halls).



What's more exciting about this trek is the route which takes you to the base village of the fort. The entire route is lush green passing through dense jungles and many waterfalls falling in the vicinity.





## 2. Korigad Fort Trek

Duration: 03-04 hours

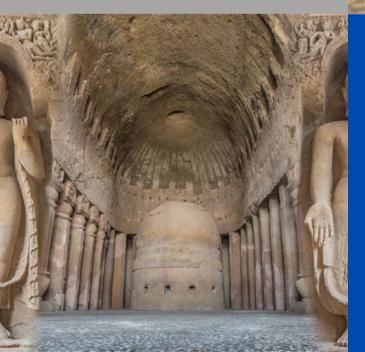
Korigad is a hill fort to the east of which lies two artificial lakes part of the Aamby Valley project which later drains into the Mulshi reservoir. It is an effortless trek, offering the best views of the surrounding region.

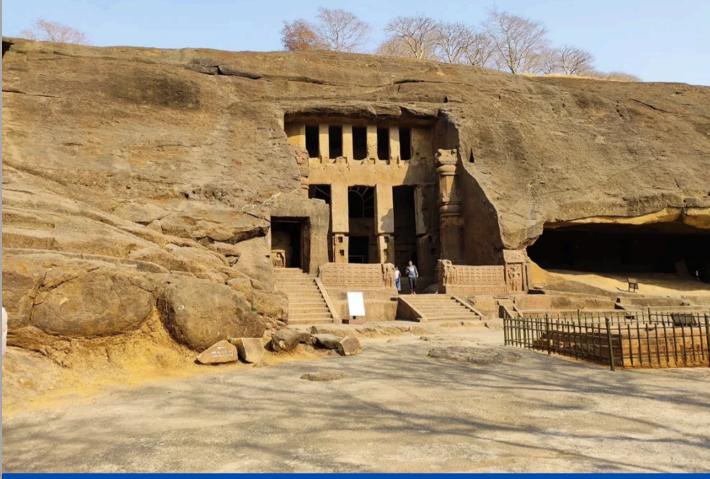


If you are keen to behold the famous, and well ahead of their time, cisterns at the Kanheri Caves in Mumbai, then you have to visit Caves 5 and 6.

Lastly, another cave you must not forget to visit is Cave 34.

This cave has a mesmerising ceiling adorned with beautiful paintings of Lord Buddha. In addition to the caves, the surrounding area is filled with lush plantations and diverse scenery





#### 3. Kanheri Caves

Duration: 04 hours

Set of 109 caves, featuring carvings and rock-cut monuments whose history can be traced as far back as the first century, the Kanheri Caves are nothing short of a marvel. These Caves are situated on a basalt outcrop in the woods of the famous Sanjay Gandhi National Park. Should you decide to pick only a few of the caves to visit, then you simply must visit cave 3 & 4.



Explore one of the beautiful ponds, known for its glassy still surface and colors of the spectrum that showcases water's mesmerizing quality. Pawna Lake is one of the spectacular wonders in India best known for its crystalline colored water makes the evening sight breathtaking to watch. The stunning mornings make it worth visiting the pond during sunrise.





#### 4. Pawna Lake

Duration: 02 hours

Nestled amidst the scenic locales of Kamshet, this lake came into existence after the construction of the Pawna Dam, and now it plays a scenic host for camping, picnics and sightseeing. One of the reason for its popularity is for its bluish emerald water which holds the beauty and its serenity.



Your visit to Mumbai is
Incomplete till you have
had a taste of Bollywood. If
you have been yearning to
see the workings of the
film industry up-close, we
have it all sorted out for
you





## 5. Bollywood Tour

Duration: 04-05 hours

Take a Bollywood Tour, check out the behind-the-scenes action and simply live the magic of movies. Bollywood is the world's second largest movie and music industry and india's largest. The incredible colours, music, dancing and action of the movies have captured the attention of the world and rapidly gaining more fans worldwide



During the tour, you'll learn about the history and significance of the Dhobi Ghat. While some dhobi families take help from machines too, much of the activities at this Dhobi Ghat of Mumbai are taken care of by hand. Every family member takes care of their part. One person flogs the clothes in the washing trough, while others hang them out to dry. Then someone will mint the clothes using bulky charcoal irons





#### 6. Dhobi Ghat

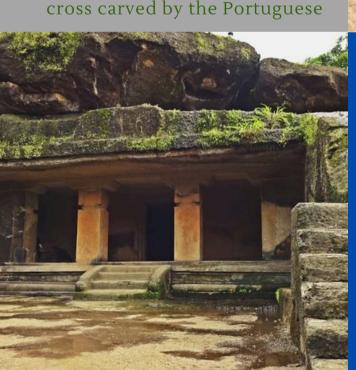
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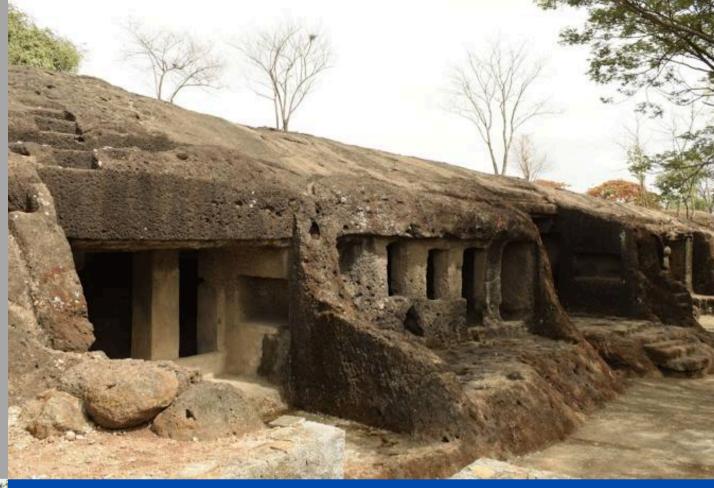
Immerse yourself in Mumbai's culture and history with a guided tour of the Mahalaxmi Dhobi Ghat, the city's largest open-air laundry facility.

People bring dirty clothes from all over Mumbai. And hundreds of washermen and women – dhobis, work their shifts through the day to get the clothes back to their fresh, crisp, and spotless state.



- Mahakali caves are a group of 19 rock-cut monuments. They are also known as Kondivite Caves.
- Jogeshwari caves have 6 sculptural panels depicting episodes from Shaivism, including the marriage of Shiva and Parvati. The carvings are exceptional because they stand out of the wall in 3 dimensions
- Mandapeshwari caves are carved into rock and contain sculptures, a Shiv Mandir, and a cross carved by the Portuguese





### 7. Caves of Mumbai

Duration: 04 hours each caves

Visit one or more of these stunning caves in and around Mumbai. Choose from Mahakali caves, Jogeshwari caves or Mandapeshwar caves.



As well as eating, you'll be walking through its busy streets and khao gallis (eating lanes) soaking in the atmosphere and learning about the food.











# 8. Mumbai Food Tour Duration: 04 hours

The journey starts by catching a train to our first destination - Mumbai's most famous beach, Girgaon Chowpatty where we will sample some of the most delicious snacks with the best sunset view of Mumbai has to offer. After indulging in the local delicacies, we will take a leisurely 5-minute walk to our next destination where we will try the oldest food in Mumbai from the Portuguese period.



The tour includes heritage sites and monuments Gateway of India,
Maharashtra Police
Headquarters building,
Prince of Wales Museum,
Gothic Revival building
and many more.





## 9. Open Deck Bus Heritage Tour

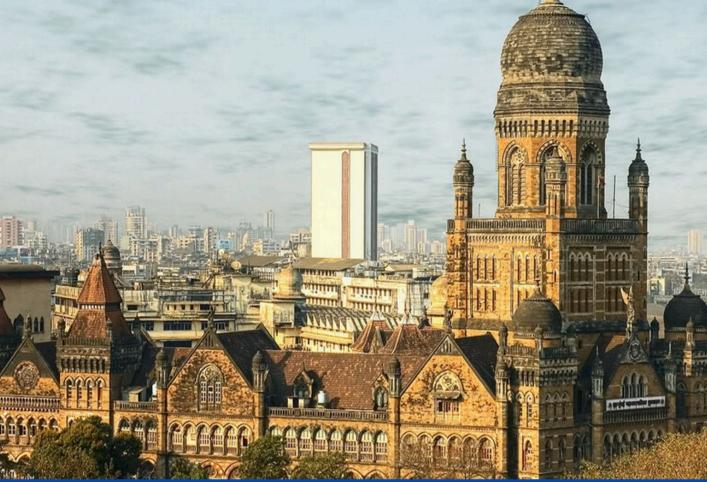
Duration: 03 hours

The open deck bus tour allows passengers to experience the rich legacy and heritage of South Mumbai. Explore historical landmarks, cultural sites, modern attractions, and natural beauty spots.



The spatial, social and cultural history of the city is brought to life through fascinating stories and anecdotes. This walk attempts to bridge "heritage" and "contemporary" aspects of Mumbai to create meaningful and memorable experiences for participants.





### 10. Mumbai Heritage Walk

Duration: 02-04 hours

The real essence of Mumbai can only be discovered on foot and with someone who is knowledgeable about the city – its people, its history, its architecture, its culture and intimately familiar with its streets.



