

08 Days Mumbai – Nashik – Shirdi-Aurangabad – Pune -Mumbai

Day 1: Mumbai/ Nasik

Arrive Mumbai, on arrival after customs & immigrations, Proceed to Nasik by surface (185 Kms – 4 hrs drive)

On arrival, check in at hotel **Overnight at the hotel**

Day 2: Nasik / Shirdi

After Breakfast proceed for City tour of Nasik, visit Trimbakeshwar Temple, Narayan Temple and Sita Gupta and then visit Sula Vineyards. Sula is perhaps India's most popular and most accessible winery. From humble beginnings in 1997, Sula has admirably developed into a world class winery. It's located a short distance west of Nashik, near Gangapur Dam. Don't miss combining wine with music at Sulafest, held there in February/March every year. Sula also offers a one day wine appreciation course every Thursday. After **Lunch** proceed to Shirdiby surface (217 Kms -3 hrs drive)

On arrival check in at hotel.

Visit the holy town in Maharashtra, Known as Shirdi, is held in great reverence by people. The reason for this is that the town is believed to be the place where Sai Baba lived for a major part of his life and he left for the holy abode from here only. Today Shirdi houses the Sai Baba temple.

Overnight at the hotel



Day 3: Shirdi / Aurangabad

Breakfast at the hotel

Proceed to Aurangabad by surface (116 Kms/2hrs drive) enroute visit Ellora Caves.

Visit to Ellora caves (Closed on Tuesday)

30 kms. From Aurangabad. **Ellora** represents to the world the finest and greatest in terms of sheer magnificence of Indian sculpture. The awe-inspiring mammoth Kailash Temple is carved out of solid rock. It is dedicated to Mount Kailash of the Himalayas the abode of Lord Shiva. This monolithic structure is a very rare phenomenon that demanded the most careful planning, based not on what was added but what was removed! Ellora is a repository of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain religious expression, a sheer volume of information in carved pageantry. Thirty four shrines synthesize Indian religion and Indian passion for sculpture The *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* are also depicted here in carvings as also the many faceted personality of Lord Shiva. Ellora is priceless page out of history. On arrival check in at hotel

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Day 4: Aurangabad

Breakfast at Hotel

Full day sightseeing of Ajanta Caves

Ajanta Caves – (closed on Monday) From Aurangabad lies Ajanta – of caves, hewn out of rock by Buddhist monks who found sanctuary and left a legend for posterity. These thirty caves with twenty four monasteries and five temples have wall paintings and appeal that is timeless. The craftsmanship astounds scholars and art lovers even today.



Some of the most exquisite paintings depict the life and teachings of Buddha as well as his earlier life as a prince. The Ajanta caves are like chapters of a splendid epic tale in visual form. Natural light brightens the caves at different times of the day leaving visitors awe struck by the sheer brilliance of those ancient masters who created this marvel of arts and architectural splendour.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 5: Aurangabad / Pune

Breakfast at hotel

Proceed to Pune by surface (250 Kms – 5 hrs drive) On arrival check in at hotel

Rest of the day at leisure

Overnight at the hotel

Day 6: Pune/ Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel

Proceed to Ashram of Bhagwan Rajneesh (Osho Ashram), in a 32 acre beautiful campus, is in Koregaon Park area of Pune. The ashram is a prime attraction for tourists who are followers of Bhagwan Rajneesh ideologies & preaching. It is a resort for Meditation and Yoga. Regular training programs on spiritual uplift and meditation are conducted in this place. Osho Kundalini meditation, Osho Nadabrahma meditation, Osho dynamic meditation and Osho Nataraj mediation are some of the techniques taught here, the training offers the practice of meditation to get rid of stress and strain from daily life. Then visit The Aga Khan's Palace, Bund Gardens, National Defense Academy, Parvati Hill and Temples, Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, Shaniwarwada and then proceed to Mumbai

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Day 7 : Mumbai

Breakfast at the hotel

Half day city sightseeing

Visit the Gateway of India, Mumbai's principal landmark. This archway was erected on the waterfront in 1924 to commemorate King George V's visit to this colony in 1911. Drive past the Bombay High Court built in Gothic style and the Old secretariat. The ornamental university building with its 280 ft. high Rajabhai Clock Tower, the ornate Victoria Terminus, the colourful Crawford Market, the Flora Fountain in the large bustling square at the heart of the city, the Prince of Wales Museum which houses a varied collection of China-ware, miniature paintings and sculpture. Afghan Church built in memory of those who fell in the First Afghan War. Drive along the Marine Drive which is known as the Queen's Necklace. View the memorial to Haji Ali, a Muslim Saint. This unusual shrine stands on an island 500m out at sea and is linked by a causeway to the mainland. Malabar Hill with the Kamla Nehra Park. Visit the Hanging Gardens which offer a splendid view of the city, and drive past the Mahalaxmi Temple. Stop at the Jain Temple and also visit Mani Bhavan where Mahatma Gandhi stayed during his visits to Bombay. Drive past the Taraporewalla Aquarium.



Free for shopping

Overnight at the hotel

Day 8: Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel

Check out time is 1200 noon

Transfer to the airport to board your international flight for your onwards destination

*****TOUR ENDS*****