

# GANESH CHATURTHI



## MUMBAI - AURANGABAD - MUMBAI - GOA - MUMBAI

**Ganesh Chaturthi** is celebrated as the Birth Anniversary of Lord Ganesha, the God of Wisdom and Prosperity. It falls on the fourth day of Bhadrapada, The festival of Ganesha Chaturthi is celebrated with lot of devotion and zest in all the parts of India but with particular interest in Mumbai. Approximately 6000 idols of Ganesha are commissioned for Ganesha Chaturthi in Mumbai alone.

The idol of Ganesha is installed at homes and temples and worshipped for ten days. On the last day, a grand procession is carried out and the idol is immersed in the water. Artists make many idols of Ganesha, big or small during the Ganesha Chaturthi. The houses are cleaned up before the idol of Ganesha is installed. The idol is brought home with face covered with a saffron cloth amidst chanting of shlokas.

## 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: MUMBAI ARRIVAL

Fly to Mumbai. On arrival in Mumbai, you will be Greeted and Escorted by Indo Asia Tour Executive to your Hotel.

On arrival at hotel check in. (Room will be available from 1200 Noon)

Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay. India's most cosmopolitan city, an ancient port and trading center. This palm--fringed shore of the Arabian Sea was the British Empire's entrance to its `Crown Jewel'. Mumbai is also center for Hindi films made in India called "Bollywood", with a credit of almost 900 films a year.

Overnight at the Hotel

## 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: MUMBAI - AURANGABAD

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board the flight for Aurangabad.



**BIBI KA MAQBARA - AURANGABAD**

On arrival at Aurangabad, transfer to the hotel and check in.

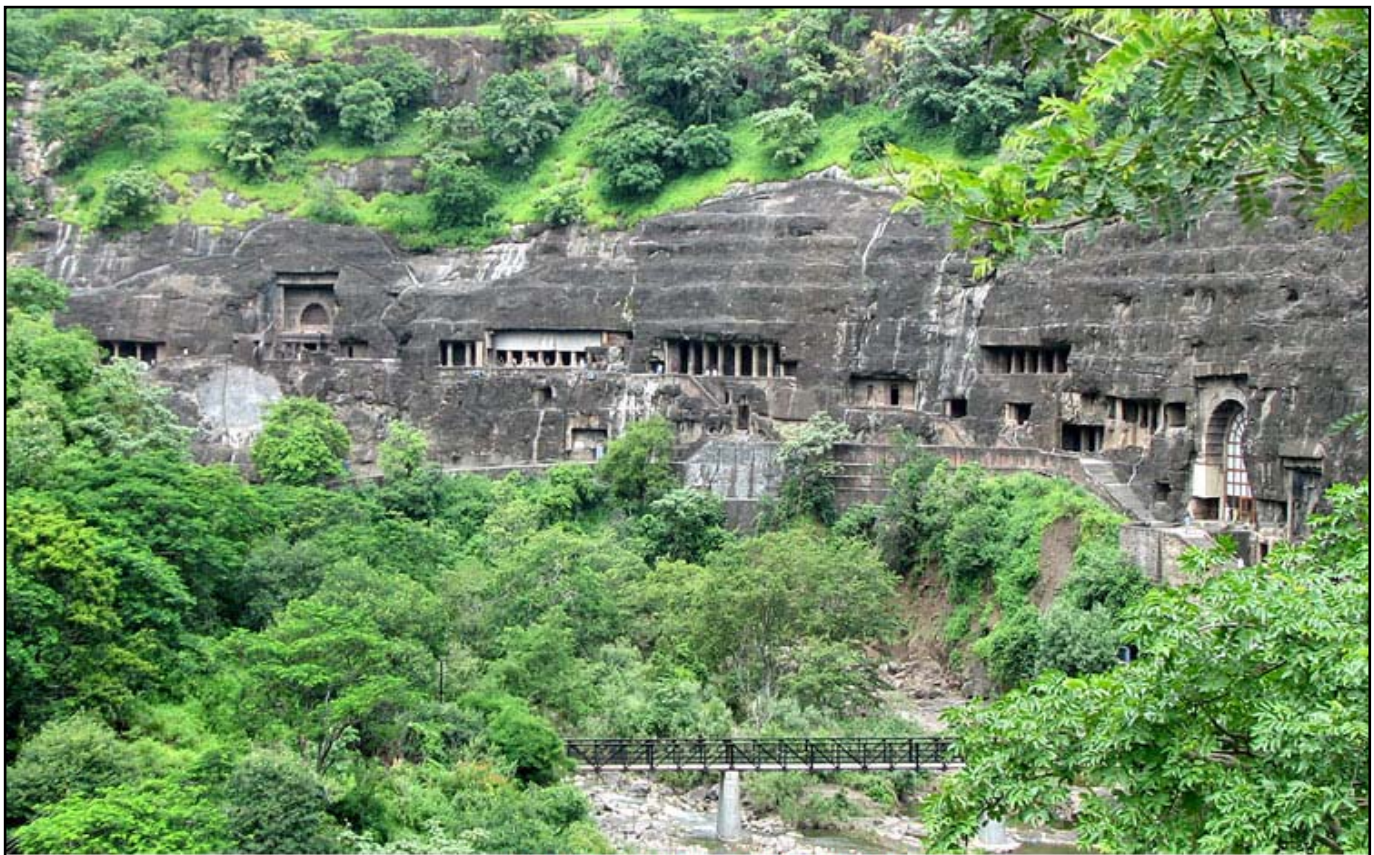
Later after some rest visit **Bibi Ka Maqbara**, bearing a little resemblance from Taj Mahal, the tomb of Begum Rabia-ud-Durani, wife of Emperor Aurangzeb. Thus, it is also called, "Poor Man's Taj Mahal". The monument is an excellent example of Persian Architecture, with excessive captivating look.

Also visit **Himroo Factory**, situated in the old town near Zaffar Gate, produces hand-woven Himroo shawls from cotton, silk and silver threads. This art, known as Kam Khab, is considered to be a cheaper alternative to the prized brocades of silk and gold thread.

Overnight at the Hotel

## 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: AURANGABAD

This morning proceed for an excursion to the **Ajanta Caves**



**AJANTA CAVES - AURANGABAD**

**AJANTA CAVES** - The Buddhist caves of Ajanta - 166 km north-east of Aurangabad date from around 200 BC to 650 AD. As Ellora developed and Buddhism gradually declined, the Ajanta Caves were abandoned and gradually forgotten. But in 1819 a British hunting party stumbled upon them, and their remote beauty was soon unveiled. Their isolation contributed to the fine state of preservation in which some of their remarkable paintings remain to this day. UNESCO lists Ajanta as a World Heritage Site.

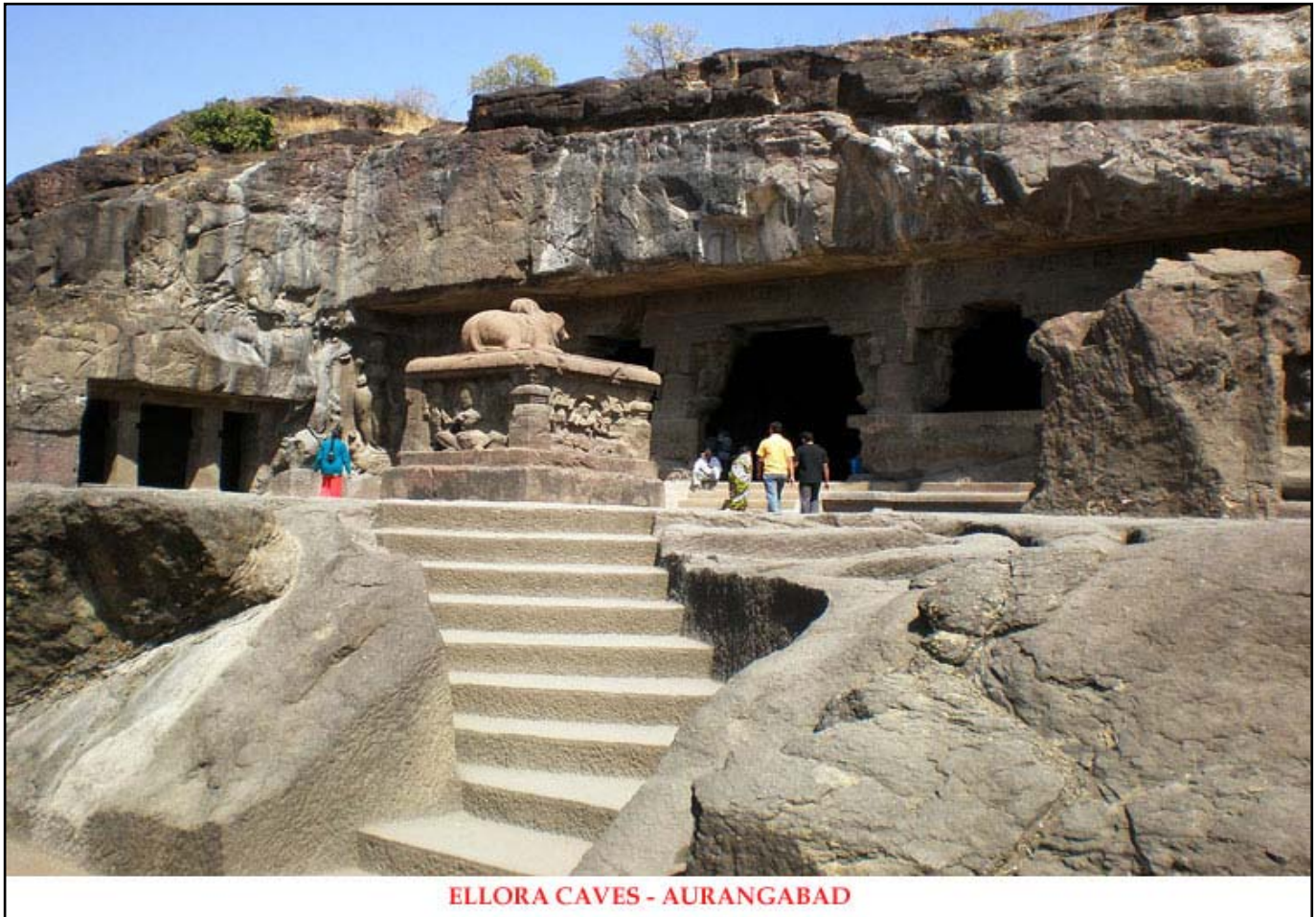
Overnight at the Hotel

**IMP: AJANTA CAVES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY.**

**16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: AURANGABAD**

This morning proceed for an excursion to the **Ellora caves** (30 km).

**Ellora caves** divided into three groups and roughly three periods: Buddhist, Hindu and Jain. In the seventh century A.D. the focus shifted to Ellora, some seventy-five miles away, where



**ELLORA CAVES - AURANGABAD**

another set of caves was created from living rock. Here, not only Buddhism, but also Hinduism and the Jain faith inspired the four centuries of arduous labors needed to create these elaborate excavations. The Buddhist and Jain caves are ornately carved, but are relatively calm, while the Hindu caves seem to burst with divine energy.

Overnight at the Hotel

**IMP: ELLORA CAVES ARE CLOSED ON TUESDAY.**

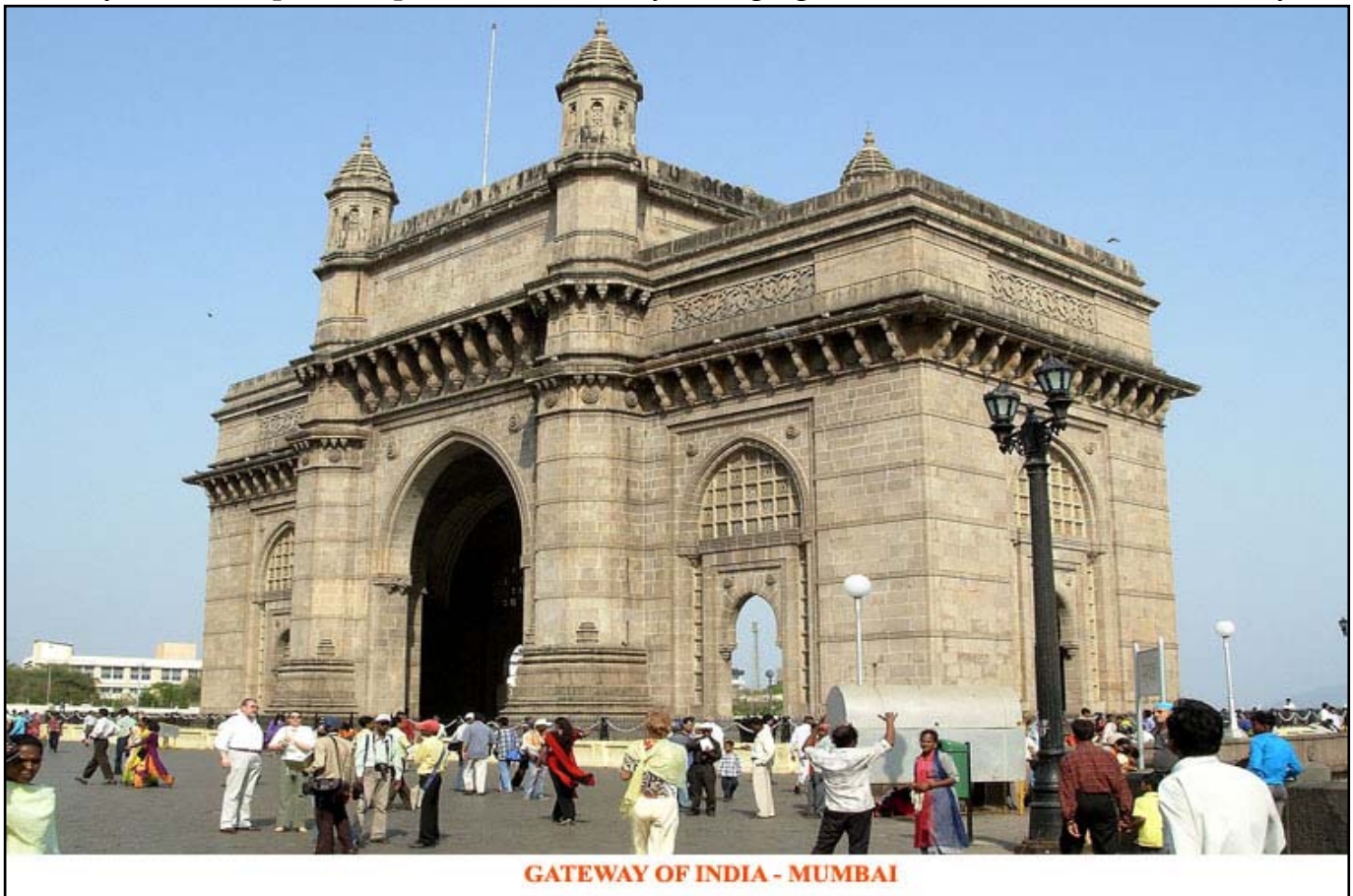
**17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: AURANGABAD - MUMBAI**

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board the flight to Mumbai.

On arrival, transfer to the hotel and check in.

Later drive for the sightseeing of Mumbai

Visit the 26 meter high British-built Arch "**Gateway of India**", Mumbai's landmark built to honour the visit of George V and Queen Mary in 1911. Also visit the **Kamla Nehru Park** from where you have a picturesque view of the city, Hanging Gardens are so named since they are



**GATEWAY OF INDIA - MUMBAI**

located on top of a series of tanks that supply water to Mumbai.

Pass by the '**towers of silence**' the crematorium of the Parsis and visit **Mani Bhawan** a private house where Mahatma Gandhi used to stay when he visited Mumbai. It is now a museum and research library with 20,000 volumes. The display on the first floor there is a diorama depicting important scenes from Gandhi's life. The display of photos and letters written and received by Gandhiji. Later enjoy the visit to Marine Drive dubbed, as the Queen's Necklace is Mumbai's most popular promenades.

Overnight at the Hotel

**18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: MUMBAI**

After breakfast transfer to the Gateway of India overlooking the harbor. Visit the rock-cut temples on the **Elephanta caves** by motor launch 10 km across the sea, north-east from Mumbai's harbor. (Deriving its name from a stone elephant discovered by the Portuguese, this beautiful green island is about one hour's boat ride from Bombay harbor. The island houses the

**ELEPHANTA CAVES - MUMBAI**

temples wonders of the 7th century dedicated to Lord Shiva as the Creator, Preserver, and Destroyer and in "Cosmic Dance".

**Lest of the day free to explore the city and enjoy the preparations of festival.**

Overnight at the Hotel

**19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: Mumbai**

After breakfast witness the festival Ganesh Chaturthi.

Ganesh Chaturthi also called Vinayaka Chaturthi is celebrates the birthday of the Lord Ganesh. It is observed for 10 days festival, starting from Shukla Chaturthi till Ananta Chaturdashi throughout the country. States like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh



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celebrate this festival in the most grandiose manner.

Overnight at the Hotel

**20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: MUMBAI - GOA**

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board the flight to Goa.

Goa was a Portuguese settlement and joined the Indian Republic only in 1961. Unforgettable Goa, is a blend of serenity and excitement down a 100 km coastline studded with some of the world's finest beaches. On arrival in Goa transfer to the Hotel and check in

Overnight at the hotel

**21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: GOA**

Day at leisure to explore the beached of Goa.



BEACH - GOA

Overnight at the hotel

**22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: GOA**

Day at leisure to explore the markets and beached of this wonderful city.

Overnight at the hotel

**23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: GOA - MUMBAI**

After breakfast transfer to the Airport to board the flight to Mumbai.

On arrival, transfer to the hotel and check in.

Overnight at the hotel



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**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: MUMBAI DEPARTURE**

On time transfer to the International Airport to board the flight for onwards journey

**== End of the Services ==**

**Hotel List:**

Place	Hotel	Room Type	Date
Mumbai	Ramee Guest Line <a href="http://www.ramee-group.com">www.ramee-group.com</a>	Club Room	13 – 14 September 2012
Aurangabad	The Ambassador Ajanta <a href="http://www.ambassadorindia.com">www.ambassadorindia.com</a>	Executive Room	14 – 17 September 2012
Mumbai	Ramee Guest Line <a href="http://www.ramee-group.com">www.ramee-group.com</a>	Club Room	17 – 20 September 2012
Goa	Mist Goa Beach House <a href="http://www.goabeachhouse.com">www.goabeachhouse.com</a>	Executive Room	20 – 23 September 2012
Mumbai	Ramee Guest Line <a href="http://www.ramee-group.com">www.ramee-group.com</a>	Club Room	23 – 24 September 2012

**Prices:**

Slab	Prices
Prices on twin sharing basis	EUR 838.00 PER PERSON
Single Room Supplement	EUR 484.00 PER SINGLE ROOM
Supplement for Entrances in the monument	EUR 27.00 PER PERSON
Supplement for airfare between Mumbai / Aurangabad / Mumbai /Goa / Mumbai in economy class	EUR 395.00 PER PERSON

**Regarding Airfare:**

- Kindly note that the above airfares are the CURRENT fares of the Airlines for the given sectors & is subject to change at the time of booking.



**Cost includes:**

- Double room on twin sharing basis on bed & breakfast basis.
- All transfers and sight seeing by air-conditioned Vehicle.
- Services of German / English Speaking local guides in each city for sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Service Tax.

**Cost does not include:**

- Any airport taxes.
- Any airfares.
- Any new tax imposed by the Government.
- Any entrances
- Any meals other than specified
- Any expenditure of personal nature such as tips, drinks, telephone charges, laundry etc.



**IMP:**

- In case of waitlisted booking we have to hold the alternate, for which we will advise the supplement OR reduction accordingly.
- The above rates are based on presently prevailing taxes and entrances to the monuments. If there is any change, prices will also change accordingly.
- Check in and check out time is 1200 Hrs noontime.
- *In case of fluctuations in the Rate of Exchange, the above-mentioned prices will change.*