

# Luxury Train Maharashtra Splendor

Starting from INR 12999 per person

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## Day-wise Itinerary

### Day 1

Mumbai - Aurangabad

You will be transferred from Mumbai to Aurangabad by train.

### Day 2

Half Day Visit to Ellora caves ( Aurangabad )

Aurangabad, named after the last Great Mughal Aurangzeb, is an industrial town in Maharashtra and the stop from where to head out to visit the exceptional Ellora Caves, a World Heritage site. The city itself has deep Mughal influences and there are several monuments of note here; the Daulatabad Fort, Bibi-ka-Makbara and the city's 52 gates, each with its own history, amongst them.

As you enjoy breakfast, the Deccan Odyssey arrives at Aurangabad, from where a scenic drive takes you to the Ellora Caves, carved into the side of a basaltic hill 30 km from the city. The finest specimen of cave-temple architecture in India, the site encompasses 34 rock-cut shrines representing Buddhist, Jain and Hindu art dating from the 4th to 5th century AD. The 12 caves to the south are Buddhist, the 17 in the centre Hindu, and the 5 caves to the north are Jain. The most remarkable is the Kailash temple, meant to be a replica of Shiva's celestial abode on Mt. Kailash. It is the best example of rock cut architecture and an engineering marvel

Aurangabad - Chanderpur

You will be taken from Aurangabad to Chanderpur. Enroute, you will enjoy Tadoba Tiger reserve.

## Day 3

### Full Day Tadoba Tiger reserve ( Chanderpur )

Wake up before the sun this morning as the Deccan Odyssey rolls into Chandrapur station, for your early morning safari into the Tadoba Tiger Reserve, also called the Land of Tigers, for its high tiger density. It is not uncommon to spot tigers and wild dogs here, with plenty of opportunities for close encounters with leopards, sloth bears, gaurs (the Indian bison), the rusty spotted cat, ratels, various species of deer, wild pigs and more. After an exciting morning a late breakfast will be served at the Tiger Trails lodge, following which you can relax, view a documentary on wildlife or interact with our naturalist. Enjoy lunch at the lodge before driving back to Chandrapur station to board the Deccan Odyssey where you will get time for relaxation and indulge in leisurely activities available on board. In the evening, sit back, unwind and enjoy cocktails fixed by our bartender onboard, followed by a sumptuous dinner and a well deserved rest as the Deccan Odyssey proceeds towards Jalgaon to visit the exquisite Ajanta Caves. Breakfast & Lunch at the Tiger Trails lodge; Dinner on board Overnight on Deccan Odyssey

### Chanderpur - Jalgaon

You will be transferred to jalgaon from Chanderpur.

## Day 4

### Half Day Ajanta Caves Visit ( Jalgaon )

The Deccan Odyssey arrives at the Jalgaon station this morning from where, after breakfast

on board, you will disembark and drive to the Ajanta Caves, another World Heritage site and an architectural marvel of its time. The 30 rock-hewn Buddhist caves at Ajanta have been masterfully carved and are adorned with sculptures and paintings of Buddhist religious art, depicting universal pictorial art and are known to depict the fusion between Buddhist and Hindu faith.

Lunch will be on board the Deccan Odyssey as it continues on to Nashik. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to relax and enjoy some of the activities available on board. Watch a movie, learn the rules of 'carrom', a popular Indian board game, from a Deccan Odyssey team member or book yourself a relaxing massage in our spa on board. In the evening watch the tapestry of rural India unfold as you sip a sun downer before dinner. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on board.

Overnight on Deccan Odyssey

Jalgaon - Nasik

You will be transferred from Jalgaon to Nasik.

## Day 5

Half Day Enjoy Nasik tour ( Nasik )

This morning the Deccan Odyssey brings you to the holy city of Nashik, which is rapidly gaining the status of being the wine capital of the country. After breakfast, disembark and spend the morning walking along the Godavari Ghats observing several important Hindu rituals being performed. Continue on through the lively Wednesday market which sells everything from cow dung cakes to freshly caught catfish and many things in between. Thereafter drive to the Grover Zampa vineyards for an exclusive tour of one of the finest Indian wine producing facilities. Walk through vines laden with Chenin, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes. Be taken through the age old 'méthode traditionnelle' used to make one of the best known brands of sparkling wines in India. Allow the sommelier to acquaint your taste buds with their finest creations of white, red, rose and sparkling wines and experiment pairing them with your meal at the vineyards. After a sumptuous lunch, return to the Deccan Odyssey and set forth for Kolhapur, a multifaceted city with a mythical past. The rest of the day is at leisure on board. Breakfast on board; Lunch at the vineyard; Dinner on board

Overnight on Deccan Odyssey

Nasik - Kolhapur

You will be transferred from Nasik to Kolhapur.

## Day 6

Full Day Kolhapur City tour ( Kolhapur )

Watch the hinterlands of Maharashtra sweep past as you relish breakfast. Enjoy time at leisure as the Deccan Odyssey rolls into Kolhapur, a city of many hidden treasures, all waiting to be discovered! After an early lunch on board you will disembark for a tour of the city. Visit the New Palace Museum, a lovely basalt and sandstone octagonal Palace from the 19th century. Behold its beautiful architecture and memorabilia of the Kolhapur rulers. Continue to the Town Hall Museum, a somber neo-Gothic building, its front porch flanked by towers with steeply pyramidal metal roofs. Explore the local markets for a pair of beautifully handcrafted Kolhapuri chappals that you can carry back with you as a souvenir, before you proceed to a special venue for tea followed by Lavanya Sandhya, a vibrant folk performance. You will then visit the 1300 year old Mahalakshmi temple, also called Shakti Pethas, or place associated with the Goddess

Shakti, said to be the consort of Lord Vishnu. Following your temple visit, witness a traditional martial arts performance called 'Mardani Khel' literally translated to mean masculine game. After your sojourn into Kolhapur, you return to the Deccan Odyssey for dinner as we depart for India's most happening destination - Goa Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on board

Overnight on Deccan Odyssey

Kolhapur - Goa

You will be transferred from Kolhapur to Goa

## Day 7

### Full Day Visit Goa ( Goa )

Today you arrive at Goa, India's smallest state, with strong Portuguese influences, having been a colony of Portugal till as late as 1961. After breakfast, you will disembark and drive to Fontainhas, the Latin Quarters in Panjim which still have some well preserved houses built in Portuguese style architecture. Experience the UNESCO World Heritage Walk around Fontainhas with its winding alleyways adorned by tiled-roofed houses in spectacular shades of blue and red. Continue to Ribandar, the erstwhile capital of Goa, for a walk through ancient churches and the ruins of the once lofty St. Augustine tower that continues to valiantly withstand the vagaries of nature. Drive to the Sahakari spice plantation for a traditional Goan feast, a meal that has Hindu origins but is heavily influenced by 400 years of Portuguese rule and pays ode to the fruits of the Arabian sea - chonak, modso and mackerel washed down with some 'feni', a potent liquor made from cashew. After lunch, enjoy a Goan folk performance and a tour of the plantation. Complete your day in Goa with a visit to an old Portuguese house and get another peek into Goan life. Return to the Deccan Odyssey for dinner as it pulls out for the last leg of your journey as it snakes through the Konkan, one of the most scenic railway routes in the country, bound by the Arabian Sea on the West and Sahyadri hills on the East, a marvelous feat of engineering, that made it possible to tunnel the tracks through the seemingly insurmountable hills. Breakfast on board; Lunch at the spice plantation; Dinner on board

Overnight on Deccan Odyssey

Goa - Mumbai

You will be transferred from Goa to Mumbai

## Day 8

Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus. - International Airport. ( Mumbai )

After Breakfast, you will be transferred from Maharashtra Splendor, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus to Airport for your onward Journey.

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## Inclusions

- 7 Night's accommodation in Mumbai at the Luxury Train Maharashtra Splendor
- Valet Service
- All transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Accommodation in double/ twin bedded cabin with en suite bathrooms
- All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)
- Still Camera fees
- Guided off train excursions and game drives as illustrated in the itinerary- inclusive of entrance fees, park fees, transport and services of an English speaking local guide

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## Exclusions

- Taxes, Insurance, Gratuities
- Laundry, Alcoholic Beverages, Soft beverages during non meal hours
- Video and professional still camera fees
- Arrival and Departure transfers
- International and Domestic air tickets
- Pre and post tour accommodation and any tour extensions unless specifically mentioned as a part of the journey

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## Terms & Conditions

- Evening assemble at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus at approximately 1530 hours to complete the registration process and check in formalities for your Maharashtra Splendor journey, as you receive a traditional Indian welcome and enjoy a refreshing welcome drink.
- After completion of all formalities, you will be shown to your delightful cabins. As you settle in, the Deccan Odyssey shall depart Mumbai for Aurangabad.
- Prices are subject to change with any sudden increase in the cost by supplier and any new tax by the government. Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
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- In case on any currency fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.
- Valid for the Journeys in September 2015
- Cancellation Policies
- Any cancellation must be advised immediately by Email and subsequently confirmed by letter to the Central Reservation Division
- No Cancellation on cancelling 60 days or above prior to the departure date
- Retention of 20% of ticket value on cancelling 59 – 45 days prior to the departure date
- Retention of 50% of ticket Value on cancelling 44 – 30 days prior to the departure date
- Retention of 100% of ticket value on cancelling 29 days prior to the departure date