

## Mumbai -Ajanta/Ellora-Mumbai

### Day 1 Mumbai- Aurangabad (340kms/6Hrs)



Breakfast. Drive to Aurangabad. On arrival visit the Aurangabad Caves excavated between the 2nd and 6th century AD, they reflect tantric influences in their iconography and architectural designs. Also visit and Daulatabad Fort, this magnificent 12th century fortress stands on a hill just 13 Kms from Aurangabad. One of the world's best preserved fort of medieval times, surviving virtually unaltered, Daulatabad yet displays the character that made it invincible.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

### Day 02: Aurangabad-Ajanta caves (110kms/2Hrs)

**(Breakfast)**

Morning excursion to Ajanta Caves, Ajanta is situated at a distance of 99 Kms and 03 hrs drive from the Aurangabad city. Ajanta is famous for paintings and sculptures, considered as master pieces of Buddhist religious art. The Ajanta Caves locally known as Aji ha Le iMarathi in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra state of India are 30 rock-cut Buddhist cave monuments which date from the 2nd century BCE to about 480 or 650 CE. The caves include paintings and sculptures described by the government Archaeological Survey of India as "the finest surviving examples of Indian art, particularly painting", which are masterpieces of Buddhist religious art, with figures of the Buddha and depictions of the Jataka tales. The caves were built in two phases starting around the 2nd century BCE, with the second group of



caves built around 400–650 CE according to older accounts, or all in a brief period of 460 to 480 according to the recent proposals of Walter M. Spink. The site is a protected monument in the care of the Archaeological Survey of India, and since 1983, the Ajanta Caves have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Back to Aurangabad, overnight stay at the hotel. (Ajanta Caves remains closed on Mondays).

### Day 03: Aurangabad-Ellora Caves- Mumbai (320kms/6Hrs)

(Breakfast)

After breakfast, excursion to Ellora Caves situated 30 Kms from Aurangabad, Ellora houses the several uninterrupted monuments, dating back to 600 to 1000 A.D. The caves



brings the ancient Indian civilization to life. These caves were built during the 5th-7th century. It was initially thought that the Buddhist caves were one of the earliest structures, created between the fifth and eighth centuries, with caves 1-5 in the first phase (400-600) and 6-12 in the later phase (mid 7th-mid 8th), but now it is clear to the modern scholars that some of the Hindu caves (27,29,21,28,19,26,20,17 and 14) precede these caves. The earliest Buddhist cave is Cave 6, followed by 5,2,3,5 (right wing), 4, 7,8,10 and 9. Caves 11 and 12 were the last. All the Buddhist

caves were constructed between 630-700.

These structures consist mostly of viharas or monasteries: large, multi-storeyed buildings carved into the mountain face, including living quarters, sleeping quarters, kitchens, and other rooms. Some of these monastery caves have shrines including carvings of Gautama Buddha, bodhisattvas and saints. In many of these caves, sculptors have endeavored to give the stone the look of wood (Ellora Caves are closed on Tuesdays). Later, Drive to Mumbai for Further Destination.

### **Hotel Details**

<b>SNO.</b>	<b>HOTELNAME</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>AMBASSDOR/ SIMILIAR</b>	<b>AJANTA</b>

**Our Nett rate on the basis of above programme will be:**

<b>Details</b>	<b>Price(in INR)</b>
01 paying Pax	INR 39700 per person
02 paying pax	INR 21050 per person
03 paying pax	INR 18600 per person
04 paying pax	INR 15050 per person

#### **Our prices include the following**

- 02 Nights accommodation at hotel mentioned, twin sharing with breakfast.
- All transfers & sightseeing tour by using A/c Indigo for 1-2 Pax and A/c Innova car for 3-4 Pax.
- Entrance fee at all monuments as per program.
- Water bottle in the car.
- All currently prevailing taxes on the Hotels, Transport & Government Service Tax.

#### **Our prices DO NOT include the following:**

- Any personal expenses - telephone calls, laundry, shopping, table drinks etc.
- Any additional expenses caused by or liability for disturbance in the trip due to circumstances beyond our control such as airline & railway delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions (mechanical breakdown) and other conditions like sickness, natural disasters, wars etc.
- Liability for insurance against injury, loss of life, accidents, damage or loss of goods.
- Gratuities for Guides and Drivers.
- Any services / meals other than specified above.