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# The Deccan Odyssey



The Deccan Odyssey's sheer luxury is a sight to behold. Everything in the train reflects the ways of Indian Royalty. The plush interiors, an awesome cuisine and grate sites to see makes the journey memorable. This luxurious train transports its guests on a remarkable sojourn of a land shining in legions grandeur - serene beaches, magnificent forts - palaces and experiencing divine tales etched in colossal rocks. A weeklong royal journey is through some of the best places in Maharashtra namely Mumbai, Sindhudurg, Tarkarli, Goa, Kolhapur, Aurangabad, Ellora, Chandrapur (Tadoba Wildlife), Wardha (Sevagram), Ajanta and Nasik.

## **Day 01, Wednesday, Mumbai – Sindhudurg Nagari**

**16.40 hrs** - Your Royal journey begins with Reception and traditional Indian style welcome at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Mumbai. Train leave from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus at Mumbai for Sindhudurg Nagari.

- Dinner served on-board. Overnight stay on-board.

## **Day 02, Thursday, Sindhudurg Nagari – Goa**

**07.30 hrs** - Arrival at the Sindhudurg Nagari Railway station.

**08.00 hrs** - Departure by AC Bus to Malvan Jetty. From Jetty boat ride up to Sindhudurg the Ocean Fort & one time naval base of Maratha Empire.

Sindhudurg fort stands on a rocky island, known as Kurte, barely a km, from the Malvan Town. Sindhudurg Fort was built in 1664-67 AD by King Shivaji. One of the best preserved forts of the Marathas, the 48 acre Sindhudurg fort has a four Kms long zigzag line of 9 meters high and 3 meters wide rampart with 42 bastions. Apart from the huge stones, the building material involved 2000 khandis (72,576 kg) of iron erecting the massive curtain wall and bastions. A notable feature is that the foundation stones were laid down firmly in molten lead. It also houses some twenty Hindu-Muslim hereditary families.

**11.30 hrs** - Return to jetty and proceed to Tarkarli beach resort.

Tarkarli a virgin beach at the confluence of river Karli and Arabian Sea. The major attraction here is the long and narrow stretch of beach, with its pristine water. On a clear day, you can see the sea bed through a depth of 20 ft.

**15.30 hrs**- Lunch & free time at Tarkarli beach resort.



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- After lunch bus ride up to Dhamapur village. On way visit to Cashew factory. At Dhamapur visit ancient temple of Goddess Bhagawati and Bharadi Devi situated on banks of beautiful lake. After this visit proceed by bus to board the train at Kudal Railway Station.

- Dinner served on-board.

## **Day 03, Friday, Goa - Kolhapur**

**07.30 hrs** - Arrival at Karmali, Goa. The most frequented tourist spots in India.

**08.00 hrs** - Proceed for City tour by bus visiting, The ruins of St. Augustine Church once largest cathedral in Goa. Basilica of Bom Jesus, this is 16th Century Church, the mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier is enshrined here. Se Cathedral and the Church of St. Francis of Assisi that began as a mosque but now is an archaeological museum for Goan antiques. Walk through Fontanhas, the Latin quarters at Panjim.

**12.45 hrs** - Departure to Verna Railway Station for typical Goan lunch on board the train.

- Free time onboard.

**16.15 hrs** - Evening depart by bus to beach hotel and enjoy Goan culture and traditional meals.

- Board the train from Madgaon railway station.

## **Day 04, Saturday, Kolhapur - Aurangabad**

**07.30 hrs** - Arrival at Kolhapur City, known as Karveer or Dakshin Kashi of Maharashtra. Situated on the banks of river Panchaganga.

**08.00 hrs** – Proceed for City tour by bus visiting, New Palace, a royal palace partly converted into museum, the museum houses rare paintings and artifacts used by the royal family. Royal weapons and a tableau depicting court life of the last century create an aristocratic ambience. Next visit to Bhawani Mandap (The Town Hall). Antiques found during the excavations at Brahmagiri, old sculptures, filigree work in sandal wood and ivory, old coins and paintings of master artists of the region are all displayed here. Then move on to see an exquisitely carved Mahalaxmi Temple, a temple of goddess Ambabai visited by millions of pilgrims. From temple proceed to Shalini Palace built of intricately carved black stone & Italian Marble stands on the west side of lake Rankala,

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Witness traditional Martial Art locally known as “Mardani Khel” at Palace and cultural Programme.

Kolhapur is well known for its textiles and cottons, in particular Kolhapuri saris. But it is of course most famous for its jewellery and leather sandals and Kolhapuri chappals. The selected and famous items would be displayed in the stalls at the Shalini Palace so one can leisurely do shopping.

- At noon board the train at Kolhapur station.
- Lunch and Leisure time onboard.
- Dinner onboard.

## **Day 05, Sunday, Aurangabad – Chandrapur (Tadoba)**

**06.45 hrs** - Arrival at Daulatabad station.

**07.45 hrs** - Proceed by road to visit; Majestic fort Daulatabad. Rising dramatically over 600 ft above the Deccan plain is the arresting sight of Daulatabad. Once known as Devgiri, this fort served as the head quarters of the powerful Yadava rulers. In the 13th century, Mohammed bin Tughlak, the Sultan of Delhi, made it his capital and renamed it Daulatabad, or City of Fortune.

Next stop is Ellora caves, a World Heritage site, having 34 cave temples dedicated to three different religion- Hinduism, Buddhism & Jainism. The cave temples and monasteries at Ellora, excavated out of the vertical face of an escarpment, are 26 km north of Aurangabad. Extending in a linear arrangement, the 34 caves contain Buddhist Chaityas or halls of worship, and Viharas, or monasteries, Hindu and Jain temples.

Spanning a period of about 600 years between the 5th and 11th century AD, the earliest excavation here is of the Dhumar Lena (Cave 29).The most imposing excavation is, without

doubt, that of the magnificent Kailasa Temple (Cave 16) which is the largest monolithic structure in the world.

- Lunch & free time.

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**15.30 hrs** - After lunch proceed for visiting, Bibi-ka-Maqbara, a replica of Taj Mahal is a grand piece of Moghul architecture. Free time for shopping Paithani, Himroo, Bidriwork from showrooms for a perfect memorabilia.

- Evening board the train from Aurangabad railway station.

- Dinner onboard.

## **Day 06, Monday, Chandrapur (Tadoba) – Ajanta Caves**

**10.00 hrs** - Arrival at Chandrapur Railway station. After lunch board the bus for reaching to Tadoba Wildlife Sanctuary.

Tadoba Wildlife Sanctuary is among the most attractive sanctuary in the country. The park was established in 1935 and declared as a National Park in 1955 and since 1995, the area comprising the Tadoba National Park and Andhari wildlife Sanctuary together was designated as Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve. It is the second Tiger Reserve project in the State. The park consists around 50 Bengal Tigers. Along with this other frequently spotted wildlife are Sambar, Gaur, Chinkara, Leopard cat, Pangolin, Panther, Spotted deer, Sloth bear, Chausinga, Nilgai, Barking deer, Indian bison, Wild dog, Hyena, Jackals etc.

Tadoba National Park also an ornithologist's paradise with a varied diversity of Migratory birds and Water Birds. Python, Bengal monitor lizard and crocodiles are other inhabitants of this park.

- Evening return on Deccan Odyssey.

- Dinner onboard.

## **Day 07, Tuesday, Bhusawal - Ajanta Caves – Nashik – Mumbai**

**07.00 hrs** - Arrival at Bhusawal railway station.

**08.00 hrs** - Board the bus to reach Ajanta Caves. Renowned Buddhist caves of Ajanta are World Heritage Site. Witness some of the finest paintings and sculptures of the second century AD. 'Bodhisattva Padmapani', 'Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara', 'The Birth of the Buddha' & 'Thousand Buddha's are a few amongst the many fine murals & sculptures.

**13.15 hrs** - Board train at Jalgaon railway station. Proceed to Nashik.

- Lunch on-board. Leisure Time onboard till evening.



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**17.00 hrs** - Arrive at Nashik Railway railway station and proceed for visiting, Panchawati Ghat a holy place known for Kumbh Mela, Kala Ram Temple built in 1794.

- Evening board the train at Deolali railway station.

- Farewell dinner on-board.

## Day 08, Wednesday, Mumbai

**07.30 hrs** - Arrival at Mumbai CST.

**08.15 hrs**- Deboard / Checkout

## Tour End at Mumbai CST

### *DECCAN ODYSSEY: 2010-2011 - Departure Dates:*

Month	Dates
September 2010	29th
October 2010	6th
November 2010	3rd and 10th
January 2011	5th, 12th and 19th
February 2011	16th and 23rd
March 2011	9th, 16th and 30th
April 2011	6th, 20th and 27th

### Tour Itinerary: 7 Nights / 8 Days

Destination Covered: Mumbai > Sindhudurg Nagari > Goa > Kolhapur > Aurangabad > Chandrapur (Tadoba) > Ellora Caves > Bhusawal > Ajanta Caves > Nashik > Mumbai.

### Tariff\* per person per night

Occupancy	Sep.2010 & Apr. 2011	Oct. 2010-Mar. 2011
<b>Deluxe Cabin</b>		
Single Occupancy	US \$ 500	US \$650
Double Occupancy	US \$ 390	US \$500
Triple Occupancy	US \$ 315	US \$425
<b>Presidential Suite</b>		
Single Occupancy	US \$ 750	US \$ 950
Double Occupancy	US \$ 650	US \$ 800
<b>Presidential Suite</b>		
<b>-Extra Occupancy</b>	US \$ 300	US \$ 370

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\* Tariff Subject to change without notice.

# Half fare for children between 5 and 12 years.

# 10% Surcharge shall be levied on departure during Christmas/New Year.

# Any leg of minimum of 2 nights subject to availability will be given at the above-mentioned rates. Thus Mumbai-Goa (2 nights) checkout at Goa after breakfast and Goa-Mumbai (5 nights) sector will be sold as available segments to clients.

If the client undertakes the day sightseeing Programme at Goa & Mumbai, an extra \$ 130 USD per person plus applicable service tax will be charged. This charge includes car, guide, entrance fees, and lunch deluxe restaurant.

# Service Tax @ of 2.58% is applicable on the gross ticket value of the Deccan Odyssey tour.

This tax is also applicable on day Programme at Mumbai & Goa.

### **Package price Includes:**

- Journey by Exclusive Air-conditioned Train in as per the Itinerary.
- Road transport by AC Deluxe Coaches as per the itinerary.
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Meals as per the itinerary.
- Packaged water.
- Boat Cruise at Sindhudurg Nagari.
- English speaking Tour Escort.
- Fees for Still camera at the monuments and other places.
- Entrance fees of monuments/sightseeing trips as per the itinerary.

### **Package price does not include:**

- Items of personal nature, e.g. Laundry, liquor, beverages etc.
- Hotel stay in Mumbai before & after the trip, air ticket, Visa charges etc.
- Use of Spa, Business Centre facilities.
- Fees for Video camera at the monuments and other places.
- Any other services not mentioned in Package Price Includes.

### **Cancellation:**

# 5% of ticket value 60 days prior to the departure.

# 20% of Ticket Value 30-59 days prior to the departure.

# 50% of ticket value 15-29 days prior to the departure.

# 100% of ticket value 14 or less days prior to the departure.

# No refund or adjustment will be made in the event of interruption of journey by a tourist on his own after the commencement of the tour.