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# Deccan Odyssey - Maharashtra Splendour

### "A Royal Ride Through Heritage, Culture, and Coastal Charm"

The Deccan Odyssey's Maharashtra Splendour Route is a 7-night luxury train journey that takes you through some of the most famous places in Maharashtra and nearby states. It's a trip that mixes comfort, culture, and beautiful sights, all while you relax in a royal setting on board.

The journey begins in Mumbai and moves through Nashik, known as India's Wine Capital. Here, you can walk through vineyards and enjoy wine tastings in peaceful surroundings. Next, you visit Ellora Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where ancient rock-cut temples show the rich art and history of India.

From there, the train takes you to Aurangabad, a city full of Mughal history. After that, you will stop in Jalgaon to explore the world-famous Ajanta Caves, known for their old paintings and carvings, some of which are over 2,000 years old.

The trip continues to Kolhapur, where you can visit the grand Mahalakshmi Temple and see local traditions like wrestling and colourful local markets. Then comes a relaxing visit to Goa, where you can enjoy the sea, visit old Portuguese churches, and taste fresh seafood.

The final stop is Sindhudurg, a coastal town with a strong fort and peaceful beaches. It's a quiet end to a journey full of history, food, art, and nature.

Every stop along this route has something different to offer. You'll enjoy well-planned off-board visits during the day, and return to the train each evening to rest in your luxury cabin, dine on delicious meals, and receive warm, attentive service throughout.

This journey is not just about travel. It's about learning, relaxing, and seeing India in a way that few get to. Whether it's walking through ancient caves, tasting wine, or sitting by the sea, the Maharashtra Splendour gives you memories to take home for a lifetime.



# Deccan Odyssey - Maharashtra Splendour (7 Nights / 8 Days)

(Mumbai – Nashik – Ellora Caves – Ajanta Caves – Kolhapur – Goa – Sindhudurg – Mumbai)

#### Saturday, Day 1 - Mumbai Board Deccan Odyssey Train - Maharashtra Splendour Journey

Welcome aboard the Deccan Odyssey. Early this evening assemble at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus 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 Nashik.

- Dinner and Stay
- Enjoy a delicious dinner on the train.
- Spend the night comfortably on the Deccan Odyssey.



#### Sunday, Day 2 – Nashik

#### Arrive in Nashik

0900 Hrs: Disembark and spend the morning walking along the Godavari Ghats.

Start the day with a gentle walk along the Godavari Ghats, enjoying the calm atmosphere and scenic river views. The peaceful surroundings provide a refreshing start to the morning.

1200 Hrs: Leave for Sula vineyards tour

Leave for the famous Sula Vineyards to experience one of India's finest wine destinations.

**1245 Hrs:** Walk at vines laden with Chenin, Chardonnay and Shiraz grapes.

Take a stroll through the vines, where Chenin, Chardonnay, and Shiraz grapes grow in abundance. Learn a little about the varieties and their role in wine-making.

**1400 Hrs:** Lunch at Sula Vineyards.

Enjoy a relaxed lunch at the vineyard, with fresh dishes

#### (Departure at 18:30)

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Spend the night comfortably on the Deccan Odyssey.



#### Monday, Day 3- Ellora Caves

Go to see the Ellora Caves, carved into a basalt hill about 30 km from the city.

**0830 Hrs:** Get off the Deccan Odyssey to visit the Ellora Caves.

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ellora Caves, located about 30 km from the city. These magnificent rock-cut caves are carved into a basalt hill and showcase an extraordinary blend of Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain monuments.

0930 Hrs: Tour of Ellora Caves

Begin a detailed tour of the caves, admiring the intricate carvings, grand temple architecture, and historical artistry that date back over a thousand years.

1230 Hrs: Arrive at the station and get on the Deccan Odyssey.

1300 Hrs: Lunch Onboard In the evening, relax and enjoy some cocktails.

Enjoy a freshly prepared lunch as the train resumes its journey.

#### (Departure at 14:30)

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Spend the night comfortably on the Deccan Odyssey



#### Tuesday, Day 4 - Ajanta Caves

Reach Pachora railway station and travel by car to the Ajanta Caves.

**0800 Hrs:** Get off the Deccan Odyssey to visit the Ajanta Caves.

An excursion to the Ajanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its ancient Buddhist rock-cut monuments and exquisite fresco

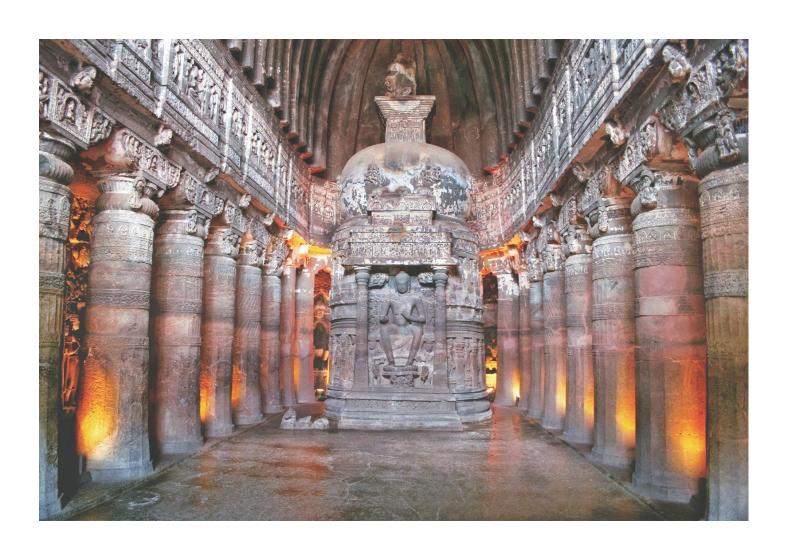
**1000 Hrs:** Visit the Ajanta Caves, a World Heritage site.

Explore the remarkable caves, dating back to the 2nd century BCE. Admire the intricate sculptures, vivid paintings, and spiritual ambiance that reflect India's rich cultural heritage.

**1400 Hrs:** Arrive at the railway station and get on the Deccan Odyssey for lunch. Spend the rest of the day relaxing and enjoying activities on the train.

#### (Departure at 14:30)

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#### Wednesday, Day 5- Kolhapur

Arrive in Kolhapur, a city with many sides and a rich history.

1245 Hrs: Get off the Deccan Odyssey for a city tour of Kolhapur.

Begin a guided exploration of Kolhapur, a city known for its royal heritage, temples, and vibrant markets.

**1300 Hrs:** Visit the New Palace Museum, an impressive eight-sided sandstone palace showcasing regal architecture and fascinating exhibits from Kolhapur's royal history.

**1400 Hrs:** Visit local markets to see and buy handmade Kolhapuri chappals.

Stroll through Kolhapur's bustling markets, famous for handcrafted Kolhapuri chappals. Observe the craftsmanship and shop for authentic souvenirs.

**1545 Hrs:** Go for tea, followed by Lavanya Sandhya, a colourful folk dance show.

**1715 Hrs:** Explore the 1300-year-old Mahalakshmi Temple, a revered Shakti Peetha attracting devotees from across the country.

**1850 Hrs:** Go to the railway station and get back on the Deccan Odyssey.

#### (Departure at 19:30)

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
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#### Thursday, Day 6 - Goa

Reach Goa, a place famous for its beautiful beaches, old churches, and peaceful temples.

#### 0830 Hrs: Get Off and Travel to Fontainhas

Head to Fontainhas, Goa's charming Latin Quarter. Walk through narrow, colourful lanes lined with Portuguese-style houses, art galleries, and quaint cafés, offering a glimpse into the state's colonial heritage.

#### 1215 Hrs: Lunch and Spice Plantation tour

Enjoy a traditional Goan lunch before visiting a spice plantation. Learn about the region's aromatic spices, their cultivation, and their role in Goan cuisine.

#### 1530 Hrs: Relax at the Nearest Beach

Spend the afternoon unwinding at one of Goa's nearby beaches. Soak in the sea breeze, enjoy the coastal scenery, or simply relax on the golden sands.

1830 Hrs: Board the Deccan Odyssey for Dinner as It Departs for Sindhudurg

#### (Departure at 19:30)

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Spend the night comfortably on the Deccan Odyssey



#### Friday, Day-7- Sindhudurg

Reach Sindhudurg, a rocky island near the coast of Malvan.

**0830 Hrs:** Get off the Deccan Odyssey and travel by car to Pinguli, a traditional village known for its rich folk art and cultural heritage.

**0915 Hrs:** A trip to Pinguli village and Sawantwadi Palace in Sindhudurg.

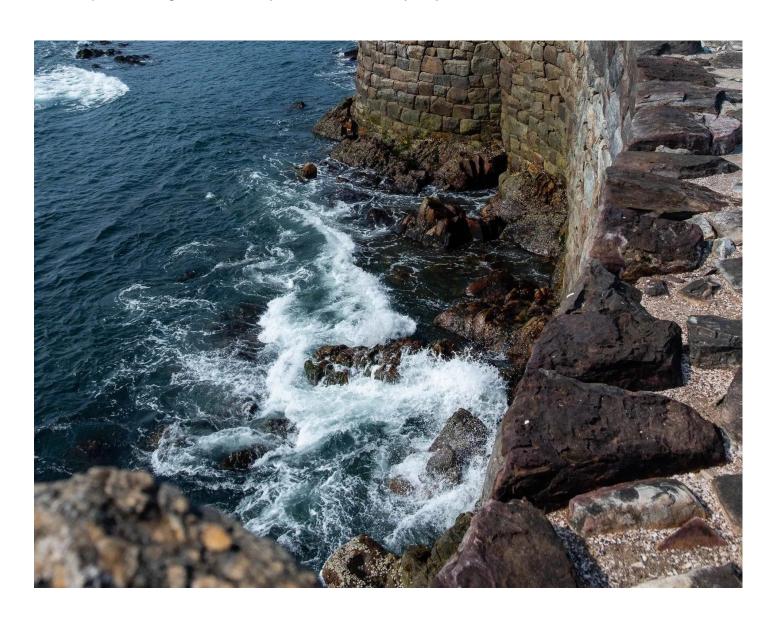
Explore Pinguli village and then visit the Sawantwadi Palace in Sindhudurg. The palace, with its royal charm, offers insights into the region's history and artistry.

1200 Hrs: A visit to Sawantwadi Palace for a tasty lunch

**1600 Hrs:** Arrive at the railway station and get on the Deccan Odyssey.

#### (Departure at 18:00)

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## Saturday, Day-8- Disembark Deccan Odyssey in Mumbai

After breakfast on board, disembark at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Railway Station, Mumbai. Bid farewell to the Deccan Odyssey, marking the conclusion of your royal journey through the diverse landscapes and cultural treasures of India.

#### **Breakfast Onboard**

Enjoy your final breakfast in the elegant dining car before stepping off the train.





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