

Mumbai Sightseeing: Places of Interest

GATEWAY OF INDIA

The Gateway of India is the principal landmark of Mumbai. Built to commemorate the royal visit of George V and Queen Mary in 1911, construction was completed on the yellow basalt monument in 1924. The Gateway of India is analogous to Mumbai as the Statue of Liberty is to New York City.

Across the street from the Taj Hotel
Preferred time to visit: 06:00 to 21:00



GATEWAY OF INDIA

MUMBAI UNIVERSITY BUILDING

Set amidst beautifully laid lawns, the Mumbai University with its dreamy tableau of convocation hall, library and clock tower, reminds one of Oxford. It was designed in 1870 by architect Gilbert Scott, one of the few architects of international renown to design a building in colonial Mumbai. Situated at the gardens of the University building, the 260-foot Rajabai Clock tower rises above the portion of the library section, consisting of five elaborately decorated stories.

1.5km from the Taj Hotel
Preferred time to visit: 09:00 to 17:30



MUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

The Mumbai Municipal Corporation Building is a 255-foot tall building in the Gothic style of architecture that was completed in 1893. The Municipal Corporation itself was created in 1865, with Arthur Crawford appointed as the first municipal commissioner of Mumbai for five years.

2.3km from the Taj Hotel
Preferred time to visit: 09:00 to 17:30



MUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORP

VICTORIA TERMINUS (CHATRPATI SHIVAJI TERMINUS) (C.S.T.)

The **Victoria Terminus**, designed by F.W. Stevens follows the Italian Gothic style of architecture. It is significant owing to the fact that the historic steam train from Mumbai to Thane (the first rail service in India) was flagged from here back in 1853.

3.4km from the Taj Hotel
Preferred time to visit: 12:00 to 18:30



VICTORIA TERMINUS

NARIMAN POINT

Nariman Point is the district where one can find most of the airline offices, consulates and high commissions of various countries. This area is dotted with many high-rise buildings, giving it a Manhattan look. Many of India's most powerful industrial houses have corporate offices or headquarters in Nariman Point's cluster of skyscrapers. The Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and Vidhan Sabha are also located here.

1.6km from the Taj Hotel

Preferred time to visit: 06:00 to 10:00 & 17:00 to 00:00



MARINE DRIVE

Marine Drive is one of the most popular promenades of Mumbai. Built on land reclaimed during 1920s and 1930s, it spans the shore of the Arabian Sea from Nariman Point past Chowpatty Beach to Babulnath, at the foot of Malabar Hill. It is also referred to as "Queen's Necklace" because of the vivid line of streetlights that are lit up at night.

3.5k m from the Taj Hotel

Preferred time to visit: 06:00 to 10:00 & 17:00 to 00:00



MARINE DRIVE

JAIN TEMPLE

The Jain Temple located on Malabar Hill houses frescoes depicting various events in the lives of the 24 Jain Tirthankaras. It also has a black marble shrine decorated with celestial personifications of the planets painted onto the ceiling. A large number of devotees as well as tourists come here every day.

6.4km from the Taj Hotel

Preferred time to visit: 05:00 to 21:00



JAIN TEMPLE

KAMALA NEHRU PARK

Kamala Nehru Park is located on top of the Malabar Hill. Built in 1952 and named after the wife of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, this park covers an area of 3500sqm and gives a magnificent view of Marine Drive.

6.2km from the Taj Hotel

Preferred time to visit: 05:00 to 21:00



KAMALA NEHRU PARK

HANGING GARDEN / MALABAR HILL

Also known as Pherozeshah Mehta Gardens, the Hanging Gardens were built in 1880 and renovated in 1921. These gardens are popularly known as Hanging Gardens, because the garden is laid on the slope of a hill. The terrace garden offers a panoramic view of the city and a breathtaking sunset. It is built over three reservoirs that store 30 million gallons of water, providing drinking water to the entire city.

6.4km from the Taj Hotel
Preferred time to visit: 05:00 to 21:00



HANGING GARDEN

HAJI ALI

Honoring the Muslim saint Haji Ali, this mosque was built in the middle of the sea with only a narrow path leading to it, giving it an ethereal look. As per Muslim tradition, separate praying rooms for ladies and gentlemen are provided to pay their respects. It is set 500 yards into the sea and can be reached only in low tide.

8.3km from the Taj Hotel
Visiting hours: Depends on the tide



HAJI ALI

DHOBI GHAT

Dhobi Ghat is a place beyond one's wildest imagination. Chaos, colours activity and sounds blend together to give this fascinating place where Mumbai's laundry is done a unique flavour. It is the antithesis to the sophisticated and manicured lawns of Mahalaxmi Racecourse, although it is only a few hundred yards away. Clothes are washed by hundreds of Dhobis (laundry men and women) by hand on concrete sinks and dried in the sun, as it has been done for generations.

3.5km from the Taj Hotel
Preferred time to visit: 07:00 to 11:00



DHOBI GHAT

MANI BHAVAN

Mani Bhavan is the building where Mahatma Gandhi stayed during his frequent visits to Mumbai. It was the home of Revashankar Jhaveri, a diamond merchant and a supporter of the Indian National Congress. Converted into a museum, Mani Bhavan houses a library of Gandhian literature and photographic exhibits. Gandhiji's room remains untouched.

5.5km from the Taj Hotel
Preferred time to visit: 09:30 to 18:00



MANI BHAVAN

PRINCE OF WALES MUSEUM

Like the Gateway to India, the Prince of Wales Museum was built to commemorate the visit of King George V. The construction of the museum is based on the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture and was successfully completed in 1923. It houses valuable collections of art, archaeology, and natural history. The collection also includes local sculptures from Elephanta, Parel and Jogeshwari and 11th and 12th century sculptures from Karnataka and Gujarat.

0.8km from the Taj Hotel

Preferred time to visit: 10:15hrs to 18:00



PRINCE OF WALES