

Bombay Information Pack

Restaurants:

There are many fabulous places to go eat in this Maximum City. In terms of Indian food don't miss:

1. **Swati Snacks** in Tardeo, for a true Bombay experience! Feast on delicious vegetarian Gujarati snacks and dishes. Order the Dahi Batata Puri, Panki, Sev Puri, and Masala Dosa! They don't take reservations, so be prepared to wait for a table! (+91) 226 580 8406
2. **Trishna** in Kala Ghoda near Rhythm House. It is famous for its mouth-watering food, not its décor or ambiance! Don't forget to order the butter/pepper/garlic crab, Koliwara squid, Hyderabad Pomfret and Daal. (+91) 222 270 3214
3. **Britannia Cafe** is a crumbling testament to Mumbai's once-thriving Parsi café culture. As one of the few remaining restaurants of its kind, this popular hole-in-the-wall spot draws loyal customers to its obscure location in the business district of Ballard Estate. Dig in to Britannia's dhansak-rice (a stew of mutton and pulses), sali boti (mutton) or sali chicken, and the signature dish, berry pulao. Open only from 11:30am – 4pm. (+91) 222 261 5264
4. **Ziya** at the Oberoi Hotel is gourmet Indian style cuisine! (+91) 226 632 5757

For Asian Cuisine go to:

1. **Wasabi** by Morimoto, at the Taj Mahal Hotel. Craving Japanese – this is the only place to go in Mumbai! (+91) 226 665 3366
2. **Thai Pavilion**: My favorite Thai food in the city! Located in the Taj President Hotel. (+91) 226 6650808
3. **Hakkasan** (same one as in London): Go to the lounge for a martini and some great Chinese food. Located in Bandra. (+91) 222 644 4444
4. **SanQi**: Located in the Four Seasons Hotel, SanQi offers a contemporary feel and an eclectic culinary experience through Asia's most popular cuisines – Japanese, Chinese, Thai and Indian. (+91) 222 481 8000

BARS

1. **Dome** - perched on the rooftop of the [Intercontinental Hotel](#), is a crisp, all-white lounge bar and possibly the city's best place to watch the sun's fiery descent over Marine Drive promenade and the Arabian Sea.
2. **Aer** - fills in the rooftop of Worli's Four Seasons hotel and provides arguably the finest views across the city. Great for a sunset drink as well as a late night out!

SHOPPING

For Kurta's go to:

- **Ahilya**, located behind the Taj in Colaba
- **Neemrana**, located in South Bombay opposite the Opera House.
- **Lucknowi Chikan**, located in Santa Cruz market for those staying in Juhu

For Indian Clothes

- **Tarun Thailiani**, next to the Taj in Colaba. (Has both men and women's)
- **Sabyasachi**, in Kala Ghoda (Has both men and women's)
- **Ensemble**, opposite Lions Gate
- **Rohit Bal** opposite the Taj Mahal Hotel and in Palladium Mall. Good for men's wear
- **Palladium Mall** and the **Oberoi Shopping Centre** is another place you can go for some last minute shopping.
- Go to multi brand stores, **Aza** and **Kimaya** for a wide range of Indian clothes
- Located both in town and Juhu is **Kala Niketan** – huge store with every type of fabric and inexpensive Sari's

For Indian chapal's please visit **Joy Shoes** at the Taj and **Gossip** at the Oberoi or Palladium Mall.

For Jewelry my favorite places in Mumbai are **Amrapali** and **Gem Palace**

For an eclectic experience, go to Mumbai's first concept store, **Bungalow 8**. From one of a kind vintage furniture to clothes and jewelry!

ACTIVITIES

1. GATEWAY OF INDIA

The Gateway of India was built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to Mumbai in December 1911. However, they only got to see a cardboard model of the structure since the construction did not begin till 1915! It is located opposite from the Taj Mahal Hotel overlooking the Arabian Sea. From here one can take launch cruises to the 6th Century caves of Elephanta.

2. HAJI ALI

The Haji Ali Dargah is a mosque and dargah located on an islet off the coast of Worli. Near the heart of the city proper, the dargah is one of the most recognizable landmarks of Mumbai.

3. DHOBI GHAT

A unique feature of Mumbai, the dhobi is a traditional laundryman, who will collect your dirty linen, wash it, and return it neatly pressed to your doorstep. The "laundries" are called "ghats": row upon row of concrete wash pens, each fitted with its own flogging stone. The clothes are soaked in sudsy water, thrashed on the flogging stones, then tossed into huge vats of boiling starch and hung out to dry. Next they are ironed and piled into neat bundles. The most famous of these Dhobi Ghats is at Saat Rasta near Mahalaxmi Station where almost two hundred dhobis and their families work together in what has always been a hereditary occupation.

4. CHOR BAZAAR

Located near Bhandi Bazaar in South Mumbai, Chor Bazaar is one of the largest flea markets in India. The word *Chor* means *thief* in Hindi. Eventually stolen goods started finding their way into the market, resulting in it living up to its name. It is now famous for antique and vintage items. A popular story about the origin of the name of the market is that a violin and some other belongings of Queen Victoria went missing while being unloaded from her ship while on a visit to Bombay later to be found for sale in the thieves' market.

5. ELEPHANTA ISLAND

Home to a labyrinth of cave-temples carved into the basalt rock of the island, the artwork represents some of the most impressive temple carving in India. The main Shiva-dedicated temple is an intriguing latticework of courtyards, halls, pillars and shrines, with the magnum opus a 6m tall statue depicting a three-faced Shiva as the destroyer, creator and preserver of the universe. The temples are thought to have been created between AD 450 and 750, when the island was known as Gharapuri (Place of Caves). The caves are open Tuesday – Sunday from 9am – 5:30pm.

6. Ladies don't miss out on the hot oil head massage at the Trident Beauty Parlor, Silhouette. Ask for Riyaz!
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