



A new travel series that helps expats plan and visit the must-see sights of India

*This one-week trip across the Deccan Plateau traces the ancient legacy of its former Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim civilisations. Explore cave temples, magnificent tombs, riverside forts, and ancient deserted cities. The best time to visit this region is from July to March. Here is a suggested itinerary to help you plan your holiday.*

## THE PLAINS OF CENTRAL INDIA

**Day 1** Fly Chennai to Aurangabad via Mumbai. In the evening, visit India's 'other Taj Mahal', the 17th century Bibi-ka-Maqbara built by the last great Mughal Emperor, Aurangzeb, in memory of his queen.

**Day 2** Take a full-day visit to the 2nd century A.D. Buddhist caves at Ajanta, a World Heritage Site. Carved into the steep canyon face above the Waghere River, the caves at Ajanta were undisturbed for centuries and rediscovered by a hunting party in 1819.

**Day 3** Spend the morning at the equally famous cave temples

of Ellora, with the astonishing Kailasnatha temple, the world's largest monolithic sculpture hewn from 200,000 tonnes of rock by 7,000 labourers over a 150-year period! In the afternoon, visit one of India's most impressive forts at Daulatabad.

**Day 4** Drive north into the heartland of India at Maheshwar, a quiet temple town on the banks of the mighty Narmada River. Stay at and explore the impressive riverside Ahilya Fort.

**Day 5 & 6** Spend the day visiting the 10th century ancient ghost

city of Mandu, the finest examples of Afghan architecture in India. The next day drive to Indore and fly back to Chennai via Mumbai.

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