

TRAIN : **The Deccan Odyssey**
JOURNEY : Maharashtra Splendour Journey
Journey Duration : Upto 8 Days

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 01: Mumbai

Welcome aboard the Deccan Odyssey. Assemble at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus at around 1530 hours to complete the registration process and check in formalities for the Maharashtra Splendor journey. Enjoy a traditional welcome and later savor a refreshing welcome drink.

After completing all the formalities, settle in as the Deccan Odyssey leaves from Mumbai to Nashik. Enjoy dinner onboard and stay overnight.

Day 02: Nashik

Deccan Odyssey reaches the holy city of Nashik this morning. Munch your breakfast onboard and then disembark to enjoy a stroll along the Godavari Ghats. Observe different Hindu rituals being performed at the Ghat.

Further, walk through the market set by the Ghats. Right from vegetables to cow dung cakes, lentils to dried seafood, everything is sold in the market.

Later, drive towards Grover Zampa vineyards and take a tour into the one of the finest Indian wine producing vineyards. Have a look at the vines lined up with Chenin, Chardonnay and Shiraz grapes.

The tour gives you an insight of the ancient methods- 'méthode traditionnelle' that are still used for preparing the best sparkling wines in India. The sommelier at the vineyard will serve you from the finest collections of white, red, rose and sparkling wines. Pair your favorite wine with some delicious food.

After enjoying your lunch, get back to the Deccan Odyssey. Deccan Odyssey leaves for Aurangabad. Dinner on board & Stay overnight on Deccan Odyssey.

Day 03: Aurangabad – Ellora Caves

This morning, as you savour your breakfast, Deccan Odyssey enters Aurangabad, the industrial town of Maharashtra. Taking its name from the last Great Mughal Emperor, Aurangzeb, the city features Mughal culture in every nook and corner.

After breakfast, disembark to start driving towards Ellora Caves - UNESCO World Heritage Site and a popular tourist attraction. There are 12 Buddhist caves to the south, 17 Hindu caves in the center and 5 Jain caves to the north. There is also a Kailash temple which is believed to be the replica of the abode of Lord Shiva. Later return to the Deccan Odyssey to savour some delicacies for lunch as the train passes through the picturesque landscape of Maharashtra. Overnight stay and dinner onboard the Deccan Odyssey as the train makes its way to Jalgaon.

Day 04: Ajanta Caves

As you indulge yourself with delicious breakfast onboard, the Deccan Odyssey arrives at Jalgaon station. Disembark after having your breakfast to see the Ajanta Caves, another UNESCO World Heritage site. The site has 30 rock-cut Buddhist caves that are marvelously carved with sculptures and paintings depicting Buddhist art. Then return to the train to savor some lunch and relax as the train moves to its next destination- Kolhapur. Take some rest in the afternoon or indulge in some recreational activities- like watch a movie, play carom or take a rejuvenating massage in the spa section.

Day 05: Kolhapur

Enjoy the beautiful landscape of Maharashtra pass by as you enjoy your breakfast. Then you will have some time at leisure as the train arrives at Kolhapur. Nestled in the tranquil laps of the Sahyadri, Kolhapur is a gem in the crown of Maharashtra. Disembark for a city tour of Kolhapur after having your lunch onboard. Visit the New Palace Museum, a stunning octagonal Palace that dates back to the 19th century. Discover the history of Kolhapur with the architecture of the palace. Visit the Town Hall Museum, which is a solemn neo-Gothic building. Then you can head out to indulge in some shopping at the local markets. Buy yourself a pair of the famous Kolhapuri chappals. Leave for your special venue where tea will be served. Enjoy a folk performance- the Lavanya Sandhya as you sip your tea. Seek blessings at a 1300 year old Mahalakshmi temple. The temple is dedicated to Goddess Shakti, the companion of Lord Vishnu. Post this, witness a traditional martial arts performance called 'Mardani Khel'. Return to the Deccan Odyssey to relax as the train moves to India's very own party pad- Goa. Overnight stay and dinner onboard the train.

Day 06: Goa

Today, as you have your breakfast, we arrive in the most happening state of India- Goa. Then drive to Fontainhas, the Latin Quarters in Panjim that has some well-preserved houses built in complete Portuguese style of architecture. Observe that there is still a great presence of the Portuguese culture, with UNESCO World Heritage Walk around Fontainhas. Thereafter, leave for Ribandar, the former capital of Goa. Take a walk through ancient churches and the ruins of the St. Augustine tower which was once a major attraction of Goa. Enjoy the scenery as you drive

towards the Sahakari spice plantation for a traditional Goan feast which has taken its influence from the Portuguese cuisine. The meals are complimented by Feni- popular Goan liquor made from cashew. After lunch, enjoy a Goan folk performance and a tour of the spice plantation. Get a taste of the Goan life with a visit to an Old Portuguese house. Return to the Deccan Odyssey and enjoy the enchanting landscape of Konkan, surrounded by the Sahyadri hills on one side and the Arabian Sea on the other as the train makes its way to Ratnagiri.

Day 07: Sindhudurg

On day 7 of the journey, the train enters Sindhudurg, placed on a rugged island, just off the coast of Malvan. Savor breakfast on-board the train. Later, disembark the Deccan Odyssey for exploring the holy town of Sindhudurg. Back to the luxury train for lunch, followed by second leg of sightseeing. Return to the train in the evening. As the train starts its journey back to Mumbai, enjoy dinner. Overnight stay on Deccan Odyssey.

Day 08: Mumbai (Departure)

This early morning, have your breakfast and disembark at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Railway Station, Mumbai. Say goodbye to your royal passage the Deccan Odyssey as your beautiful journey comes to an end.