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Mumbai is a long, narrow promontory covering 603 sq km (233 sq miles), which juts into the Arabian Sea. Its downtown is the historic Fort area in South Mumbai, that derives its name from earlier colonial fortifications. This is the city's nerve centre, with the best-known sights, hotels and restaurants. The posh residential area of Malabar Hill lies along the western coastline, just north of Marine Drive. Suburban Mumbai, with its sprawling modern developments, stretches northwards from Bandra.



Fishing boats, decorated for Holi, at the seafront in South Mumbai

Sights at a Glance

Historic Buildings, Streets & Neighbourhoods

- 1 Victoria Terminus
- 2 Gateway of India
- 3 Wellington Fountain
- 4 Colaba Causeway
- 5 Kala Ghoda
- 6 Town Hall
- 7 Horniman Circle
- 8 Mumbai Stock Exchange
- 9 Flora Fountain
- 10 Bandra
- 11 Ballard Estate

Historic Sites

- 12 Khotachiwadi
- 13 General Post Office
- 14 Marine Drive
- 15 Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg
- 16 Malabar Hill
- 17 Elephanta Island

Museums

- 18 The Prince of Wales Museum

Temples & Mosques

- 19 Banganga
- 20 Haji Ali Mosque
- 21 Mahalaxmi Temple

Beaches & Parks

- 22 Juhu Beach
- 23 Sanjay Gandhi National Park

Shops & Markets

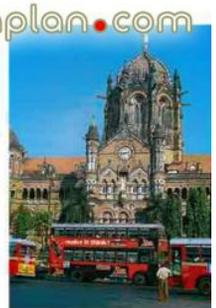
- 11 Crawford Market

Entertainment

- 24 Film City



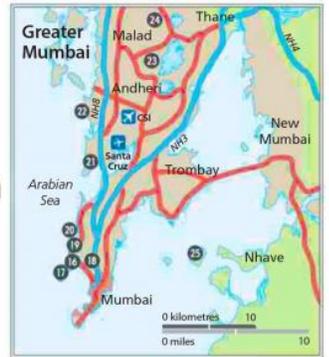
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Doubledecker bus at Victoria Terminus (see pp458-9)

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Key
 Sight
 Railroad
 National Highway (Inset map)
 Major road (Inset map)



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Getting Around

Three suburban railway lines link the northern suburbs to the city centre and the southern tip. A taxi, private car or the red BEST buses are convenient ways to get around within the city. In the suburbs, you can only use the auto-rickshaws.

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