

# Trips around Mumbai & Pune

- ❖ **Elephanta Caves** (1h by boat from Mumbai): UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ❖ **Lonavala Hill Station** (85 km south west of Mumbai): Possibilities of trekking and camping
- ❖ **Matheran Hill Station** (90 km from Mumbai, and 120 km from Pune): Asia's only automobile-free hill station.
- ❖ **Mahabaleshwar Hill station** (120 km south west of Pune)
- ❖ **Jejuri** (50km south east of Pune): famous for the main temple of God Khandoba

## Further trips

- ❖ **Aurangabad:** Ajanta Caves & Ellora Caves (UNESCO World Heritage Sites) as well as Bibi Ka Maqbara which is a mini Taj Mahal.
- ❖ **Udaipur:** 12 hours by train from Mumbai
- ❖ **Hampi** - in Karnataka : Possibility to reach Hubli by plane or by bus from Mumbai to Koppal (14 h) and then one extra hour from Koppal to Hampi .
- ❖ **Goa:** possibilities to take overnight trains

## Booking train tickets can be done in several ways:

- ❖ Via Internet: You need to create an account on the official website <http://www.irctc.co.in/> and then move on to <http://www.cleartrip.com/> to make the booking with an international credit card (the first site only accepts Indian cards).
- ❖ At the tourist wickets in Mumbai (for all India):
- ❖ At Churchgate, the reservations office is in front of the station (first floor), the better is to have multiple train numbers, it helps, because sometimes the attendants only check schedule for a single train. (You need to bring your original passport)
- ❖ At CST – Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus – same can be done but this station is more crowded.

## Special Booking on the day of departure:

Go to a tourist or a non-stop reservation counter with a copy of your passport and request for a reservation "tatkal", fill out a form and if you are lucky, you will get a seat in a train.

**Booking a bus ticket can be done on this website:** <http://www.redbus.in/>