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The Sacred Path *of Saints* & Jyotirlingas

Maharashtra's ancient temples, living saints, and the Himalayan Ganges

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DAYS

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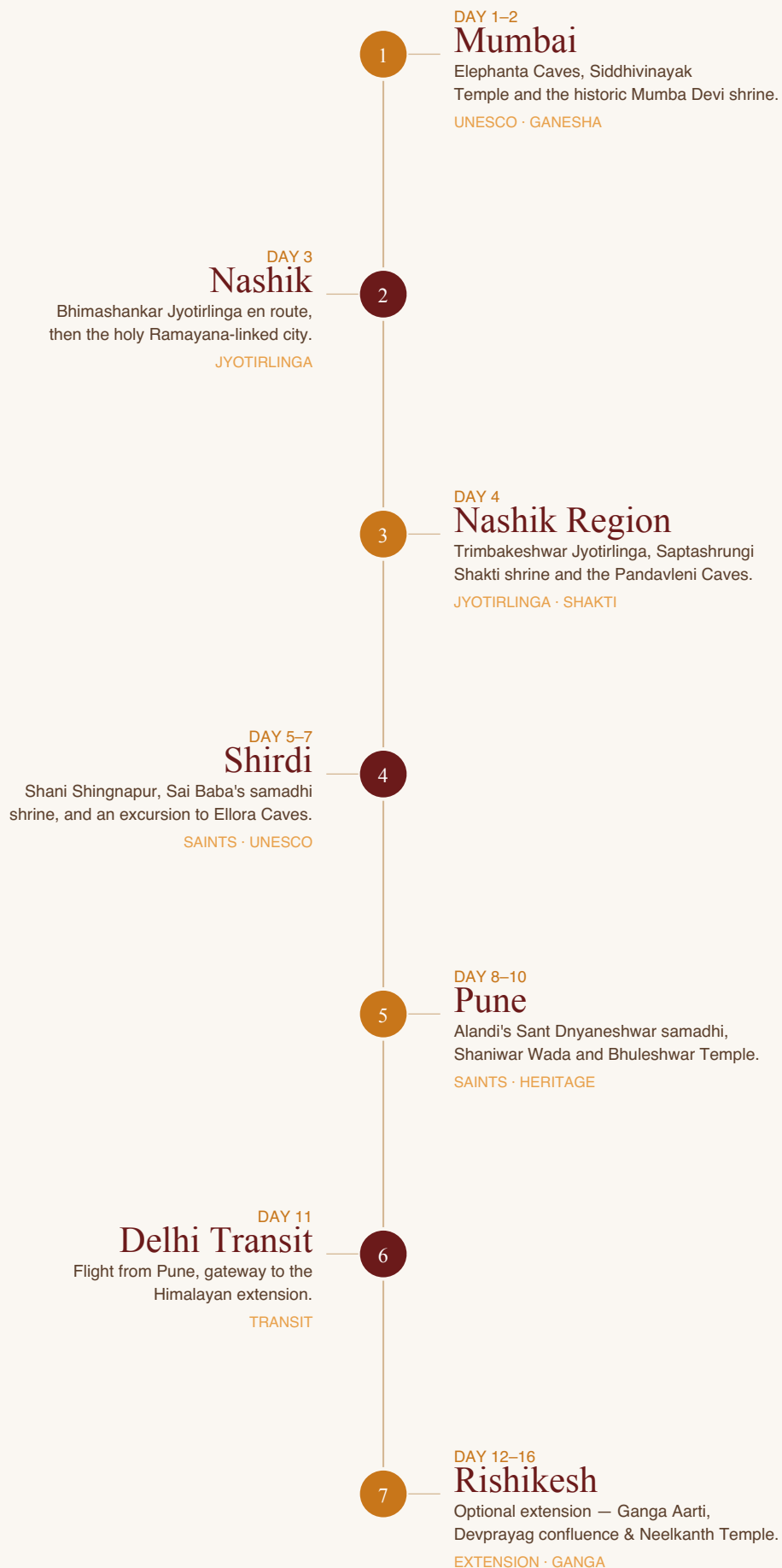
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JYOTIRLINGAS

Mumbai · Nashik · Shirdi · Ellora · Pune · Rishikesh (Extension)

THE ROUTE

From the cave temples of Maharashtra to the Himalayan foothills



Sixteen days across Jyotirlingas, living saints and the sacred Ganges

DAY 1

Arrival in Mumbai

Arrive in Mumbai, India's financial and cultural capital, once a cluster of fishing islands. Transfer to the hotel and rest after the journey.

ARRIVAL

DAY 2

Elephanta & Temples

Ferry to the UNESCO-listed Elephanta Caves, home to the monumental Trimurti sculpture of Shiva. Later visit Siddhivinayak Temple and the historic Mumba Devi Temple, patron goddess of the city.

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DAY 3

Bhimashankar to Nashik

Drive toward Nashik, stopping at Bhimashankar Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, set deep within the Sahyadri mountains. Continue to Nashik, sacred to the Ramayana.

JYOTIRLINGA

DAY 4

Trimbakeshwar & Saptashrungi

Visit Trimbakeshwar Jyotirlinga, unique for its lingam representing Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva together, near the source of the Godavari River. Continue to Saptashrungi, a mountain shrine to Goddess Durga, then the ancient Pandavleni Caves.

JYOTIRLINGA · SHAKTI

DAY 5

Shani Shingnapur to Shirdi

En route to Shirdi, visit Shani Shingnapur, famous for homes with no doors or locks. Arrive in Shirdi and visit the Sai Baba Temple, shrine of the beloved saint of compassion and unity.

SAINTS

DAY 6

Ellora & Grishneshwar

Excursion to the Ellora Caves, 34 rock-cut monuments spanning three faiths, anchored by the monolithic Kailasa Temple. Nearby, visit the Grishneshwar Jyotirlinga before returning to Shirdi.

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DAY 7

Shirdi Sacred Sites

Spend the day at the Samadhi Mandir, resting place of Sai Baba, and Dwarkamai, the mosque where he lived and taught humility, devotion and religious harmony.

SAMADHI

DAY 8

Onward to Pune

Drive to Pune, a city long associated with the Bhakti devotional movement and several of Maharashtra's most revered saints.

TRANSIT

DAY 9

Alandi & Dagdusheth

Visit Alandi, where 13th-century saint-poet Sant Dnyaneshwar entered Jeeva Samadhi, and the much-loved Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati Temple.

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DAY 10

Shaniwar Wada & Bhuleshwar

Explore Shaniwar Wada, the historic seat of the Peshwa rulers, then the hilltop Bhuleshwar Temple, known for its unusual architecture and mythological carvings.

HERITAGE

DAY 13

Ashrams & Ganga Aarti

Visit several of Rishikesh's ashrams and temples, concluding with the luminous evening Ganga Aarti ceremony along the riverbanks.

GANGA

DAY 16

Departure via Dehradun

Drive to Dehradun for your onward flight, completing a journey from ancient cave temples to the birthplace of the sacred Ganges.

FAREWELL

DAY 11

Flight to Delhi

Transfer to Pune airport for your flight to Delhi — gateway to the optional Himalayan extension to Rishikesh.

TRANSIT

DAY 14

Devprayag Confluence

Drive to Devprayag, where the Alaknanda and Bhagirathi rivers merge to form the Ganges itself. Return via Vashishta Cave, linked to the sage Vashishtha.

SACRED RIVERS

DAY 12

Drive to Rishikesh

Drive to Rishikesh on the banks of the sacred Ganges, long a centre for yoga, meditation and spiritual study.

EXTENSION BEGINS

DAY 15

Neelkanth Mahadev

Visit the Neelkanth Mahadev Temple, tied to the legend of the cosmic churning of the ocean and Shiva's act of swallowing poison to save creation.

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*The Kailasa Temple at Ellora was carved downward from a single rock — top to bottom —
with no scaffolding, removing an estimated 200,000 tonnes of stone by hand.*