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Mumbai Solo Trip: 7 Nights for ₹85,000

Our completed March 2012 solo trip from San Francisco, with the real ₹85,000 budget, six-day itinerary and a like-for-like 2026 cost comparison.

7 nights	₹85,000 total	Solo trip	8 days
TRIP	BUDGET	DURATION	GUIDE

What this guide includes

Actual or planned costs, a readable day-by-day itinerary, practical food and accommodation notes, and public transport station pairs where available.

Important: Historical costs are budgeting references. Verify current prices, route numbers, opening times and entry rules before travel.

Budget and transport

Expense	2012 INR	2012 USD	
Air India return flight, SFO–Mumbai	₹60,000	$1,200	
Budget hotel in Powai, 7 nights	₹18,000	$360	
Outside food and drinks	₹2,000	$40	
Local trains, auto-rickshaws and taxis	₹3,000	$60	
Elephanta ferry and sightseeing	₹2,000	$40	
Shopping and souvenirs	₹0	$0	
Approximate total	₹85,000	$1,700	
Expense	2012 actual	2026 estimate	2026 USD
Return flight	₹60,000	₹1,40,000	$1,477
Powai budget hotel, 7 nights	₹18,000	₹42,000	$443
Food using the same family-meal strategy	₹2,000	₹5,000	$53
Local transport	₹3,000	₹7,500	$79
Sightseeing	₹2,000	₹3,000	$31
Total	₹85,000	₹1,97,500	$2,083

Bus, train, tram and ferry route card

Mode	Service	Board at	Get down at	Approx. fare	Note
Local train	Central Line	Kanjurmarg or Ghatkopar (depending on the Powai address)	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	About ₹10-35 second class	For South Mumbai; use a bus/auto between Powai and the selected station.
Local train	Western Line	Churchgate	Bandra	About ₹10-25 second class	For Bandra and Linking Road.
Local train	Western Line	Churchgate	Dadar	About ₹10-20 second class plus connection	Change to a taxi or BEST bus for Siddhivinayak Temple.
Ferry	Gateway of India–Elephanta ferry	Gateway of India jetty	Elephanta Island jetty	About ₹250-300 return	Buy from authorised counters and check the last return sailing.

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Bus	BEST route depends on the exact Powai street	Nearest Powai BEST stop	Kanjurmarg or Ghatkopar station	About ₹5-25	Use the Chalo/official journey planner because the original 2012 stop and present routes may differ.

Checked October 2026: confirm live schedules and disruptions in the official operator planner.

Day-by-day itinerary and practical notes

In March 2012, I travelled alone from San Francisco to Mumbai on Air India. I stayed at a budget hotel in Powai, ate most meals at my cousin’s house and explored the city by suburban train, auto-rickshaw and taxi. My total spend was approximately ₹80,000–₹85,000, including the international flight.

Prices are historical rather than live quotations. Use them as a budgeting reference and verify current fares, entry fees and booking conditions before travelling.

What I spent in 2012

The dollar conversion uses an approximate historical planning rate of ₹50 to $1. These reconstructed categories reconcile with the upper end of my remembered ₹80,000–₹85,000 total.

2012 cost versus a comparable 2026 trip

Mumbai highlights

My six sightseeing days in Mumbai

I arrived in Mumbai, settled into my budget hotel in Powai and spent time with my cousins. Staying near family made meals simpler and kept the trip affordable.

I explored the Gateway of India, the Kala Ghoda heritage area and Colaba Causeway, then continued towards Marine Drive and Girgaon Chowpatty. I did not buy souvenirs.

I took the public ferry from the Gateway of India to Elephanta Island and visited the rock-cut caves. This was the principal paid sightseeing excursion of the trip.

I travelled into Mumbai’s western suburbs, walked around Bandra and Linking Road, and spent time at Juhu Beach without turning the day into a shopping trip.

I visited Siddhivinayak Temple and Malabar Hill. Haji Ali Dargah was not part of this trip.

I kept time for family, repeat walks and the practical journey back across the city before departure. The Prince of Wales Museum, now CSMVS, was not visited.

How I kept the trip affordable

• Family meals: most eating happened at my cousin’s house, reducing restaurant expenditure to around ₹2,000.

• Public and local transport: I combined suburban trains with auto-rickshaws and taxis instead of depending entirely on private cars.

• Free city landmarks: Marine Drive, Juhu Beach, Gateway of India surroundings, Kala Ghoda and neighbourhood walks required little or no admission spending.

• No shopping budget: I visited Colaba Causeway and Linking Road but did not buy souvenirs.

Finding a budget stay in Powai today

My original hotel name is no longer available in my records, so I will not present an unverified property as a personal recommendation. For a comparable trip, compare current guest ratings, taxes, cancellation conditions and transport access around Powai before booking.

Compare Mumbai accommodation on Booking.com →

This map connects Powai with the confirmed places from my trip. Mumbai traffic and travel times vary considerably, so divide the route across several days.

Current planning references

• Air India’s SFO–Mumbai fare page for current schedules and live fare indications.

• Incredible India: Gateway of India, including its connection to Elephanta ferry trips and Marine Drive.

• Incredible India: Elephanta Caves for destination background.

• Incredible India: Marine Drive for current visitor context.

Trip summary

Journey: San Francisco → Mumbai → San Francisco

Dates: approximately 12–19 March 2012

Traveller: solo

Actual total: approximately ₹80,000–₹85,000; shown as ₹85,000 / $1,700

Highlights: Gateway of India, Elephanta Caves, Kala Ghoda, Colaba Causeway, Marine Drive, Girgaon Chowpatty, Bandra, Linking Road, Juhu Beach, Siddhivinayak Temple and Malabar Hill.

Not visited: Prince of Wales Museum/CSMVS and Haji Ali Dargah.

Before you travel

Reconfirm every fare, stop, timetable, visa or entry requirement, baggage rule and food-import restriction with the responsible provider.