



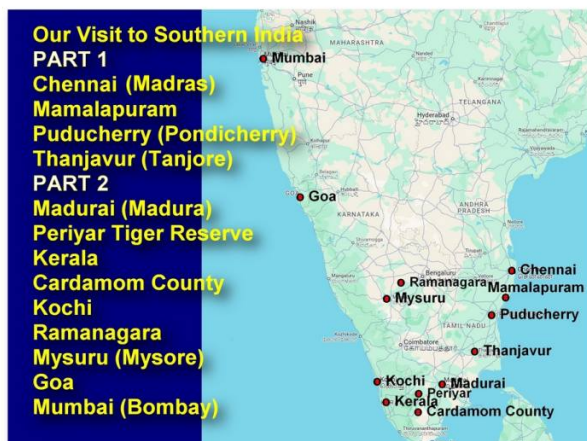
I won't repeat all the background info from Part 1.
But I want to mention a few points.
India population: 1,410,000,000. #2 but will pass China next year or so.
People are young: Median 30 (USA median 39).
Land area: 1.7 million sq mi, about 1/3rd USA.

Capital city: New Delhi.
Language: Hindi is most widely spoken (44% of people).
22 constitutionally recognized languages. 150 home languages.
Religion: Hindu is dominant - 80% of people. Muslim 14%. Sikh 2%.
Frequent and deadly religious violence.
Marriages: 90% are arranged.

1100-1858: Divided into over 500 separate princely kingdoms.
1858-1947: All India under British rule.
1947: Independence from Britain.
Prime Minister:
Narendra Modi since 2014. Elected by subgroup of Parliament members, not by citizens.



Currency: Rupee. 84 to US\$1.
 **₹** *Bhutan and Nepal currencies are pegged to Indian rupee.*
Travel to India: US citizens must get visa online in advance.
Tap water: Not drinkable anywhere in India.
Drive: On left.
Wonderful country to visit!





Typical small town



Driving to Madurai

Women going to do laundry



Shop of a man who makes veenas
(Indian stringed musical instrument)



Veena



Ox Cart



Cashew Nuts Growing



Roasting Cashew Nuts



These have been roasted.
Now each nut must be removed by hand.





Typical small town



Former palace now made into a hotel and restaurant



Another small town



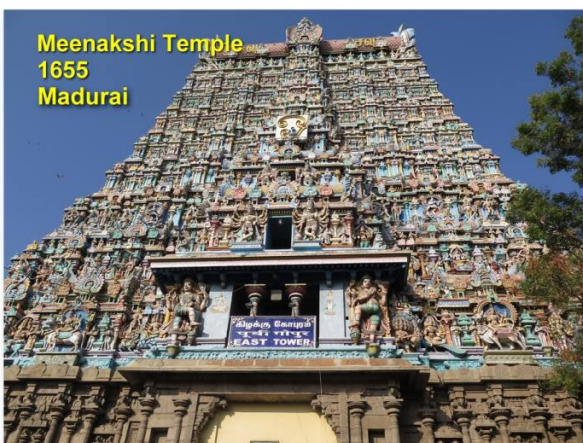
Lunch served on a banana leaf
Chutneys (Relishes)

Papadam - fried chick-pea flour

Chicken pulao (biryani with long grain rice)



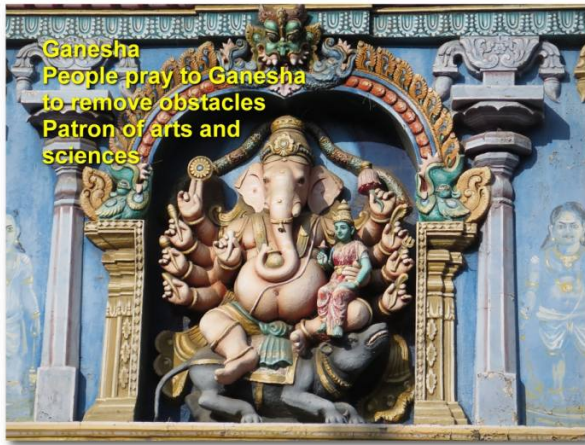
Small town market



Meenakshi Temple
1655
Madurai



Madurai - Meenakshi Temple - 1655



Ganesha
People pray to Ganesha
to remove obstacles
Patron of arts and
sciences



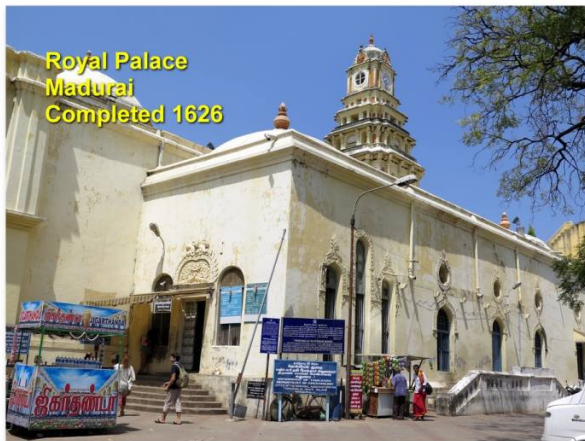
Meenakshi Temple
City of Madurai
1655



Meenakshi Temple



**Nandi -- the bull on which
the Hindu god Shiva rides**



Royal Palace
Madurai
Completed 1626



Royal Palace
Madurai
Completed 1626



**Throne of Maharaja
(King) of Madurai**



"Street Food"

**Uthappam -- meat-
filled dumplings**

Will be Pancakes



Uthappam



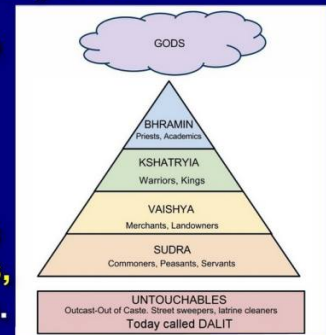
HOT chili sauce



These kids came to watch us eat -- Surprised to find Westerners eating local fast food

The Caste System

For hundreds of years, Indians have classified each other into five main social groups, called Castes.



The Caste System

Between 1860 and 1920:

The British enforced the caste system, granting administrative jobs and senior appointments only to the upper castes.

After 1920s:

Social unrest during the 1920s led to a change in British policy.

Today

Although illegal, the caste system is still widely accepted for marriages, jobs, friendships, etc.

The Caste System

Today:

- The Dalit (Untouchables) have great difficulty getting jobs.
- To help, the tour company I went with organizes two-hour bicycle rickshaw rides through some Indian cities. Dalit men drive the rickshaws.
- They are paid, plus get tips.
- We did that in the city of Madurai.



Bicycle rickshaw ride in Madurai



Getting water for their family



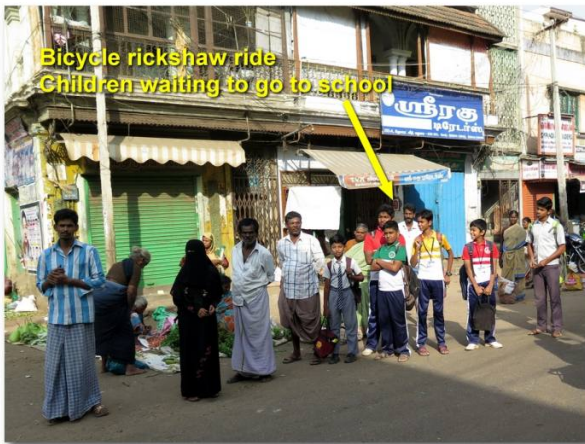
People watched us while we watched them!



Bicycle rickshaw ride
Madurai



Bicycle rickshaw ride
Onions



Bicycle rickshaw ride
Children waiting to go to school



Bicycle rickshaw ride
Garbage "truck"

"Clean and Green City"
"Together we can do it"



Ayyappan Temple



Ayyappan Temple

Getting clean water to bring to their homes



Brick-making kiln (oven)



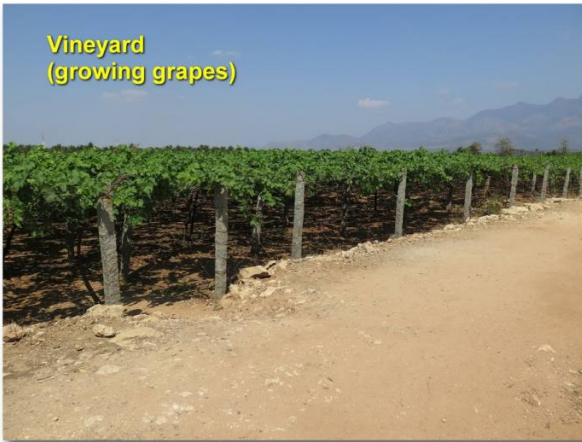
Inside the brick kiln



Brick-making

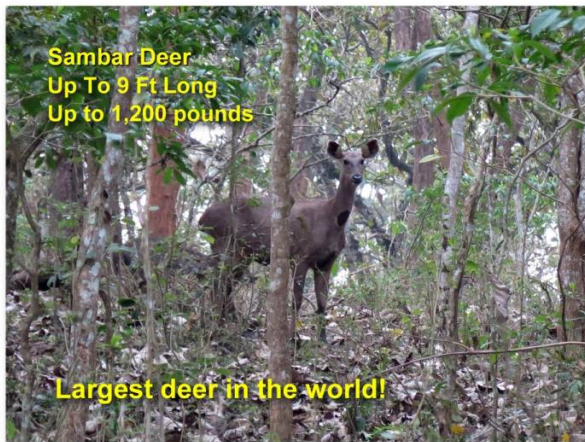


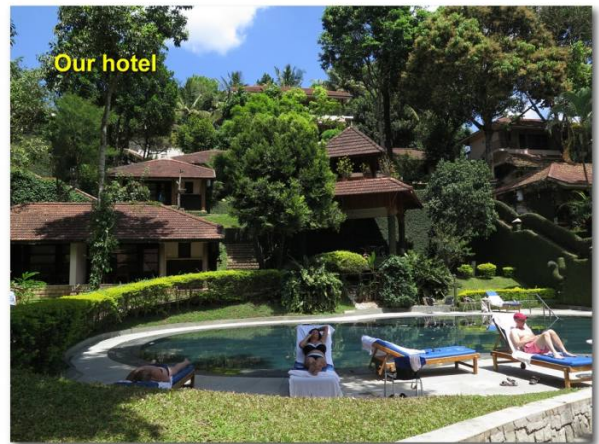
Vineyard
(growing grapes)

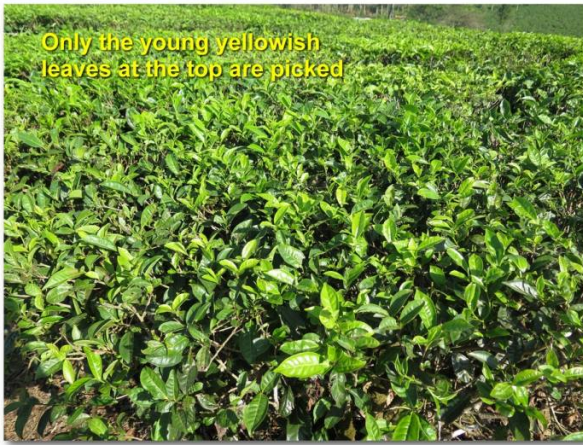


Inside the vineyard

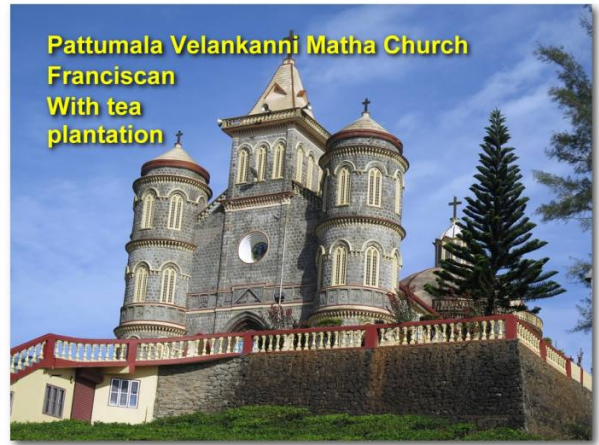








Only the young yellowish leaves at the top are picked



Pattumala Velankanni Matha Church
Franciscan
With tea
plantation



Plucking Tea Leaves - Hard Work!

Then she transfers the leaves to this bigger sack

This small basket has scissors built in



The State of Kerala is mountainous



Getting latex rubber from a rubber tree



"The rate of traffic collisions in India is amongst the highest in the world."

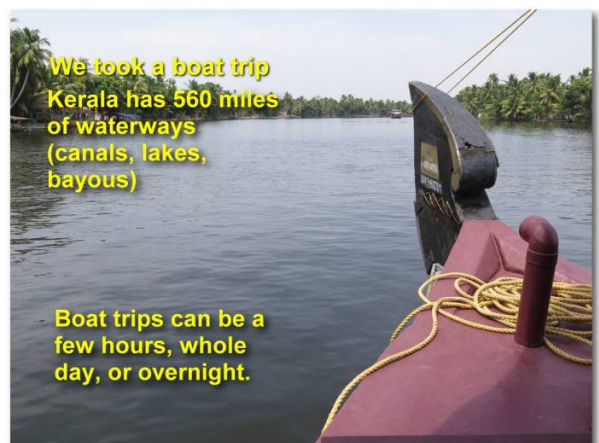
Traffic Related Deaths 2021

India	156,000
USA	45,000



Houseboat on canals in Kerala State

There are an estimated 2,000 tourist houseboats on Kerala waters.



We took a boat trip
Kerala has 560 miles of waterways (canals, lakes, bayous)

Boat trips can be a few hours, whole day, or overnight.



Bathing



Bathing



Doing the dishes



"Jewish Town"
Cochin City



Jewish Town - Cochin

Jews settled in Kerala 12th c or earlier ("Malabar Jews"). More arrived in 16th c after Spain expelled all Jews ("Sephardic Jews").



Old Jewish Cemetery
Cochin
Graves are above ground

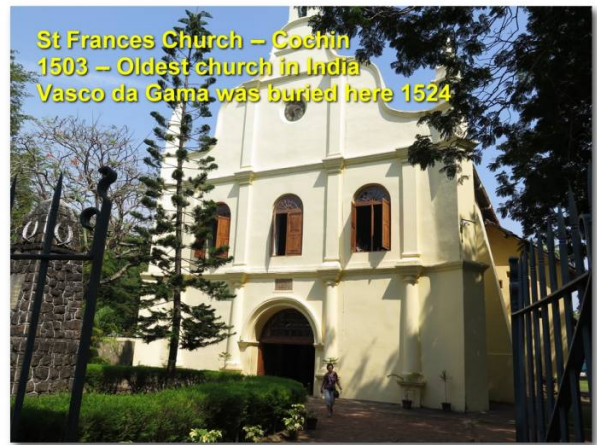


Paradesi Synagogue
Cochin -- 1567



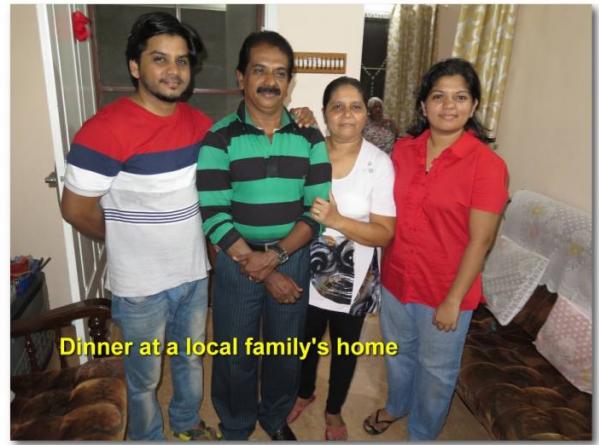
בנה בנינו בית זבל לך מכוון לשב
עולמים שנת נדול יהיה כבוד הכית
הזה האחרון מהראשון ליצירה היום
כשלישי שבשנת חמשה לכסלו ב'ה'

THE INSCRIPTION ON THIS
SLAB BELONGED TO
THE SYNAGOGUE IN KOCHANBAD
IT WAS BUILT IN 1344
THE OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN COCHIN





Sunset in Cochin
Arabian Sea



Dinner at a local family's home



Cashew Biryani

Chutney

Dinner at a local family's home



Cocoon Market
Auction of silkworm cocoons
Town of Ramanagara



Silkworm Cocoons
Worm inside
Silk thread outside



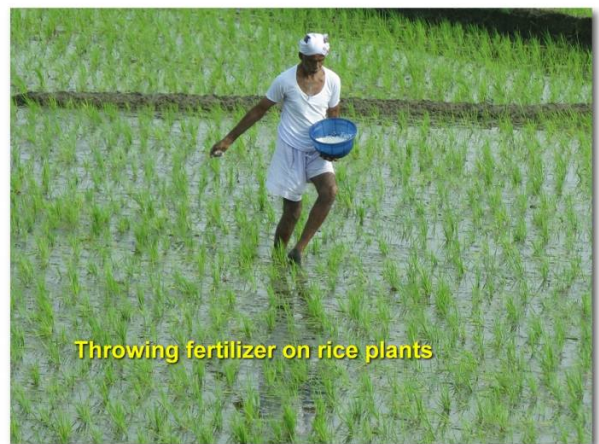
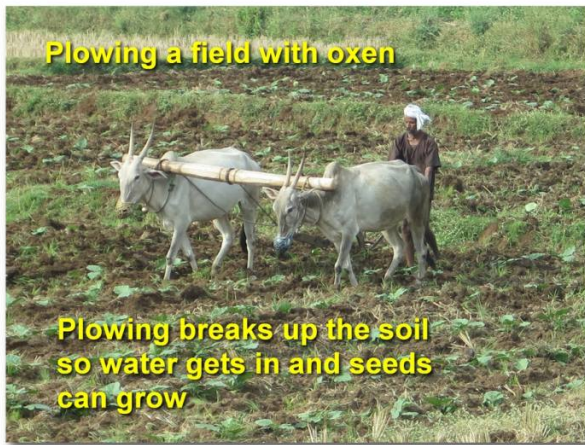
Silkworm cocoons for sale



Delivery of cocoons



Ox Cart







Malam Festival



Malam Festival
Market festival



Malam
Festival



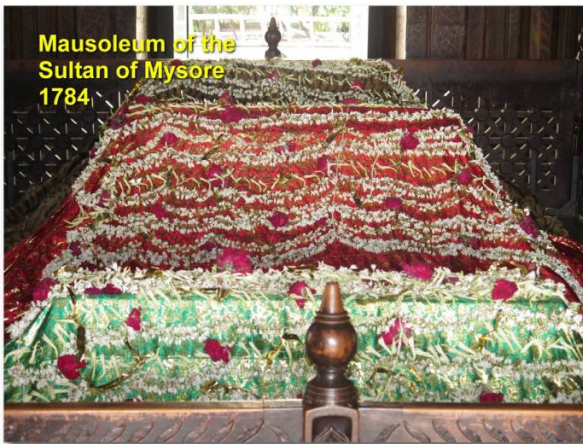
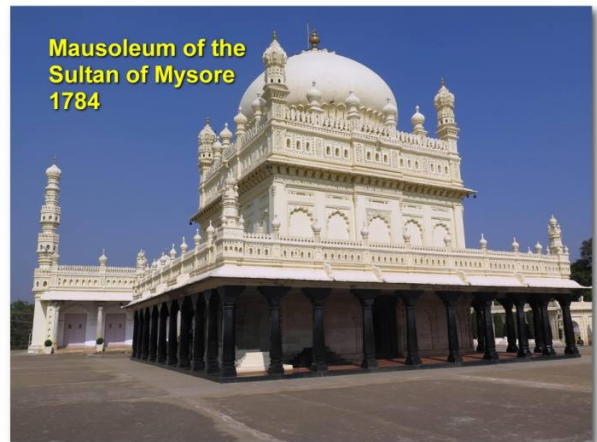
Malam Festival



Malam Festival Food Vendor



Snacks for sale at the festival

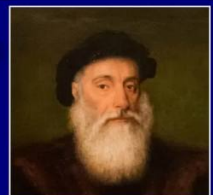




Goa - Now A State of India.
Population: 1,500,000.
 – 65% Hindu. 24% Christian.
Area:
 1,400
 sq miles.
 On the
 Arabian
 Sea, west
 coast of India.



1497-99: Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama landed.
1502: Da Gama's second visit to Goa. Established a settlement.
1510: Portugal defeated ruling sultan to take control.
Remained in Portuguese control 450 years.



1524: Da Gama's third visit to Goa. He died on this visit.

1947: India got independence from Britain. Demanded Portugal return Goa to India. Portugal refused.

1961: Indian army invaded and annexed Goa.

Goa has 64 miles of beaches.
On Arabian Sea.
Most are swimmer friendly.

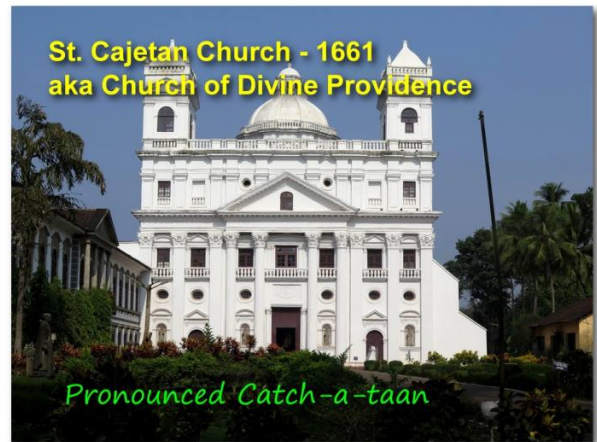


Viceroy's Arch - 1599
Entrance to Old Goa



Old Goa Is a UNESCO Heritage Site.

St. Cajetan Church - 1661
aka Church of Divine Providence



Pronounced Catch-a-taan

Interior of St Cajetan Church
Roman Catholic
UNESCO
1661



Sé Catedral de Santa Catarina
St Catherine's Cathedral
1640

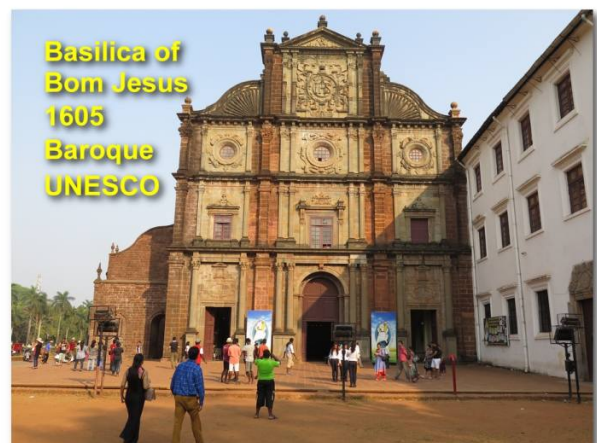


Largest church in Asia
Portuguese Gothic Style

St Catherine's
Cathedral
1640
Nave 250 ft long



Basilica of
Bom Jesus
1605
Baroque
UNESCO



Three Kings Church

Goa - 1589

Supposedly
haunted by
the ghost of
one of the
3 Portuguese
kings who
murdered the
other two on
this site!



Portuguese-Style Home

Goa



Portuguese-Style Home - Goa



Portuguese-Style Home - Goa



Cansaulim Market - Goa
Squids



Cansaulim Market - Goa
Samosas



Dinner in Goa
Beef Tongue



Visit the home of a local family

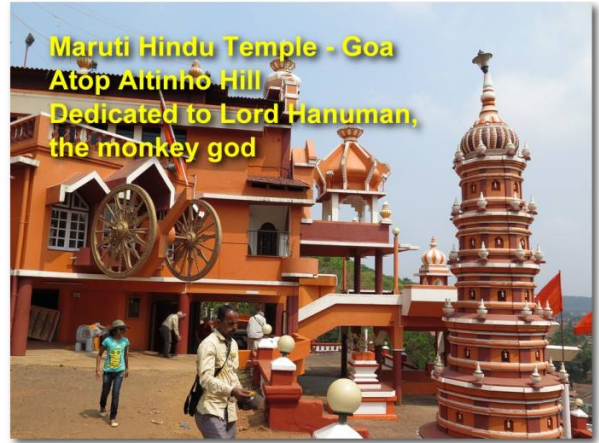


Mr Shahid Baig and Family

Visit the home of a local family
Mr and Mrs Shahid Baig

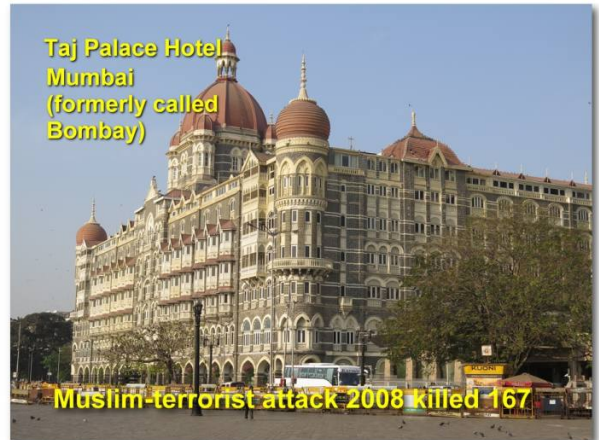


Maruti Hindu Temple - Goa
Atop Artinho Hill
Dedicated to Lord Hanuman,
the monkey god



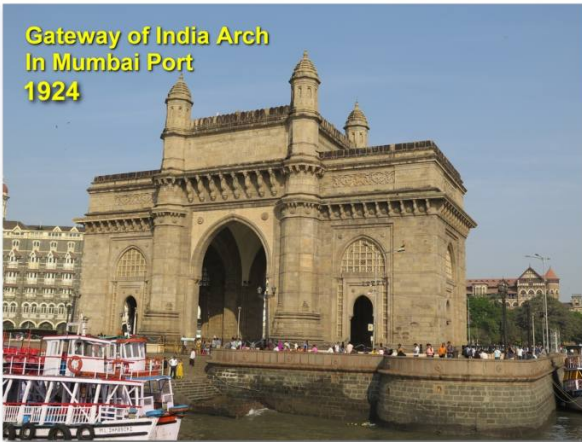
Mumbai – Formerly Bombay.
Pop: 12.4 million. Metro 18.4 mil.
India's largest city.
Financial center.
India's west coast: Arabian Sea.
Waterfront: Gateway of India stone arch, built by the British in 1924.
Offshore: Elephanta Island. Ancient cave temples. 5th-8th centuries.
Heart of Bollywood film industry.

Taj Palace Hotel
Mumbai
(formerly called
Bombay)



Muslim-terrorist attack 2008 killed 167

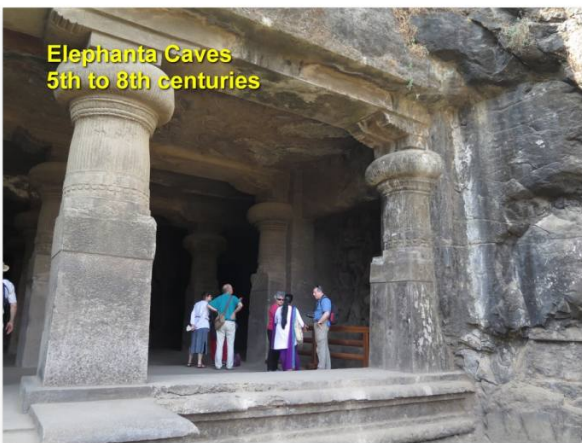
Gateway of India Arch
In Mumbai Port
1924



Ferry from Mumbai to Elephanta Island
to explore Elephanta Caves

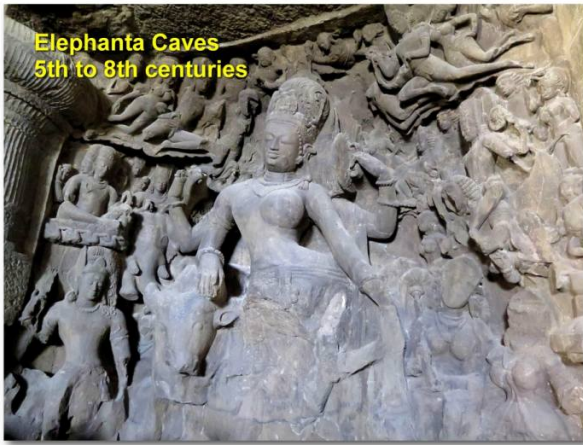


Elephanta Caves
5th to 8th centuries



Elephanta Caves - 5th to 8th c.





Elephanta Caves
5th to 8th centuries



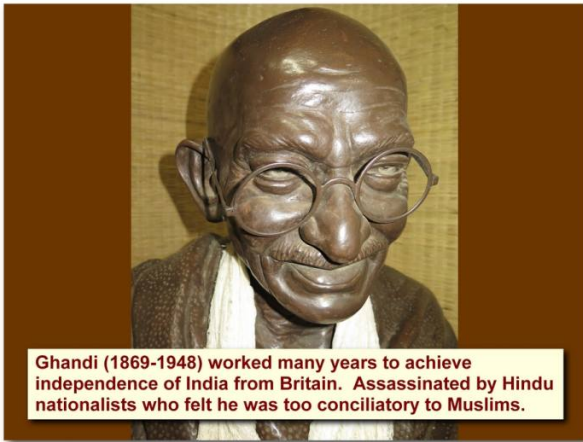
Mumbai
City Hall
Completed 1835



Dhobi
Public laundry



Mahatma Gandhi
Museum
Mumbai



Ghandi (1869-1948) worked many years to achieve independence of India from Britain. Assassinated by Hindu nationalists who felt he was too conciliatory to Muslims.



581 McDonald's in India. They do NOT serve beef!
This is a paneer "burger": fried Indian white cheese.



Maharaja Mac – no beef at McDonalds

Vegetarian – corn and cheese patty

Grilled chicken patty

Try the New
MAHARAJA MAC
The Social Burger



Thali - Indian "Small Bowls Meal"

