

Dharavi Slum Tour in Mumbai starting from Colaba

3 hours, 30 mins

Overview

Your journey begins at Cowies Backpacker in Colaba, where you'll meet your group and guide. From there, we'll take a local bus to Churchgate train station and board a suburban train headed toward Dharavi.

Mumbai's Dharavi Slum is more than what meets the eye. Once your initial apprehensions are cast aside, you'll step into a vibrant hive of life, work, and community. Upon arrival and meeting your local guide, you'll head into Dharavi to experience the everyday rhythm of this remarkable place.

You'll witness a range of small-scale industries in action—from exotic soaps and handmade cosmetics to pottery and textiles. As you walk through its narrow lanes, you'll get an authentic view of how residents live, work, cook, and connect within the community. A major highlight is learning about the recycling economy—Dharavi is one of the world's most efficient hubs for transforming waste into usable products.

If you **have not selected the optional add-on tour of Dhobi Ghat and the Dabbawalas**, your guide will accompany you back to the train station, hand over your **Churchgate-bound train ticket**, and ensure you board the correct train for your return journey. The tour officially ends upon arrival at **Churchgate Station**.

It's a truly eye-opening experience that reveals the heart, hustle, and humanity of one of Mumbai's most misunderstood neighborhoods.

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Inclusions

- English Speaking Local Guide

Exclusions

- Meals and beverages
- Tips and gratuities (optional)

Highlights

- Hassle free start from Colaba, without having to travel to another part of city
- A 2 hour guided tour to discover a place that's alive with small scale industries and small residences
- Experience a wide range of businesses growing and thriving within the small area and see local commerce at work
- Gain a more complete insight into the various commercial transactions that take place in such a locality
- Feel the community spirit as you walk by the narrow alleys of Dharavi, and see how lives are lived everyday
- An English speaking guide will give you valuable information about the local culture and daily life

Itinerary

- meet up outside Cowies backpacker Hostel Colaba
- Your guide will take you through the alleys of Dharavi to see local industries. See friendly locals and tiny tots waving from their roof tops and balconies
- Learn how the chain of recycling works from sourcing, to treatment, to reselling and about the local papad industry
- Reach to Kumbharwada as this is last stop of dharavi tour and after this you will start returning
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(**Note:** In case of transfers, we will arrange a pick up and drop off by car/van accordingly)

Pickup point

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