Mumbai—ये हे बॉम्बे मेरी जान

The city Mumbai, know as Bombay until 1995, is a great port city, situated on the west coast of the Indian peninsula. It is one of India's dominant urban centers and, indeed, is one of the largest and most densely populated cities in the world. Deriving its name from Mumba Devi, a goddess of the local Koli fishing peoples, Mumbai grew up around a fort established by the British in the mid-seventeenth century to protect their trading interests along India's western coast. The city's superb natural harbor provided a focal point for sea routes crossing the Arabian Sea, and Mumbai soon became the main western gateway to Britain's expanding Indian empire. The city emerged as a center of manufacturing and industry during the eighteenth century. Today, Mumbai is India’s commercial and financial capital, as well as the capital city of Maharashtra State.

Mumbai hosts a variety of major attractions for Indian natives, as well as visitors from overseas. The most popular of these attractions is the rock-cut temples on Elephanta Island in Mumbai Harbor. Many sightseers travel to the island by boat from Apollo Bunder, the location of another famous attraction, the Gateway of India arch. Other sites of interest include the Crawford Market, the bazaars of Kalbadevi and Bhuleshwar, the Parsi Towers of Silence, and Haji Ali’s Mosque.

As a major textile and fashion center, Mumbai is known for its fabrics and clothes. Boutiques at Kemp's Corner sell trendy western-style designer clothes though more traditional Indian clothes and fabrics may be found at Mangaldas Market in Kalbadevi, the nearby Mulji Jetha Market, and along M. Karve Road north of Churchgate Station. (Courtesy: encyclopedia.com-Pictures from internet)
University of Mumbai. Classy beautiful example of architecture built during the colonization of India.
Mumbai contrasts are striking. More than any other metropolis of the world - except, perhaps, Sao Paulo - it is a world of contrasts. It is adjacent to the antiquity and modernity, poverty with luxury. The city has many night clubs and churches, secular people and religious fanatics. In Mumbai, the largest slum and the most expensive real estate in Asia.

2. Ambassadors residence.
The campus of the University of Mumbai and a huge playground for a game of cricket in the heart of the city.
Marine Drive
Cricket - the most popular sport in the city, it is played by many people. The city has two international stadium for the game of cricket - "Vankhid" and "Braburn." Football - the second most popular sport. Mumbai Marathon is held annually.
With all the roofs in Mumbai is very difficult. The reason is that, at each entrance of an apartment / office building sits guard and fight your way through it is often very difficult, they speak only in Hindi and explain something to them is practically impossible. But that's not all, on rooftops often whole families can live, which are as glad to see you at home.
Pier Mumbai left the Arabian Sea on the horizon, one can see the skyscrapers in the business center of the city.
Gateway of India - basalt arch in the Indo-Saracenic style with a characteristic architecture of Gujarat, which has been laid on the sea promenade of Bombay in honor of the coronation of King George V's visit in December 1911. View from the roof of the hotel of the Taj Mahal. Due to a series of terrorist attacks to the gate to get problematic, the weekend is necessary to defend a decent turn of a few hundred meters away, something to pass through metal detectors.
The city center, in the background one can see the high-rise on the Mumbai Central station.
In the restaurant, we were unfortunately not allowed, the dress code is not passed, this had to climb onto the roof.
People burn garbage on the outskirts of the slums. Here's a cool kind of opens the residents of the five-star hotel.
On one side of the slums, on the other fast-growing business center of the city. Chic contrasts.
Hippodrome and high-rise buildings in Mahalaxmi.
Peninsula Business Park y Lower Parel.
Imperial towers in Area-Mumbai Central.
Imperial - high-rise complex, which is a pair of towers of the skyscrapers in the city of Mumbai. The height of the towers - 240 meters. The tallest building in the city.
Palais Royale - upon completion it will be the tallest skyscraper in Mumbai. The height of 320 meters. Our attempts to get on this construction site at night, suffered a defeat, a rare Indians are good at protect their buildings, such as the first time I saw that-be barbed wire on the fence construction was let down to electricity.
Playground on the roof of one of the houses in the area of Mumbai Central.
The station building is an extremely intricate, even pompous, a combination of traditional neo-Gothic architecture of the Victorian era with the motives of the Indo-Saracenic style (stone dome, turrets, pointed arches and complicated plan). Station is a symbol of Mumbai as a major international trading port in India. In 2004, the station was included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Inside the station is decorated with carved wood, iron and brass railings, the main staircase is made with a balustrade.
Dharavi, the area in Mumbai, India, has become a "backdrop" for the film "Slumdog Millionaire." Dharavi - this is the biggest slum in Asia, home to more than 1 million people.
In Dharavi survive for more than one million people. Such densely populated slum nowhere else in Asia. There are schools, churches, mosques, bakeries, manufacturing, factory and, of course, a huge garbage. In the slums are not only unmarried, but a lot of families. Often in the same area of 10-11 square meters of the house there are three generations, ie 8-10 people. In the slums there are schools, both private and public. In a private school education is paid, costs about Rs 200 -300 per month or U.S. $ 06.04.
The settlement next to the Mahim-Dzhunktion.
Shanty town next to Bombay Airport
The city has no subway, on the huge number of people are using the train, they go into the city center just about every 2-3 minutes. During rush hour, at times, such crowding that you literally carried out of the car.
Inside the slums created a real tin, kids running around everywhere, livestock and range of a lot of garbage. A foreigner who visited the area in the interior, it is very rare, this one child or adult is committed to say hello or just to walk up to you.

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