

 SOHO HOUSE CITY GUIDES

MUMBAI

 A guide by members, for members to all the best places to eat, drink, shop, party and meet. Discover the Soho House side of the city.

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An insider's guide to Mumbai

WELCOME

Welcome to Mumbai, the first city to embrace Soho House in Asia. Now that you've arrived, it's time to settle in at the House, grab your spot at a cabana on the rooftop, take in the views of the Arabian Sea, and plan your trip in the most populous metropolis in the subcontinent.

Soho House Mumbai opened in November 2018, and since then it's become central to the city's creative scene; a home to filmmakers and musicians, fashion designers and artists. We've hosted Holi parties on the rooftop and served some of the best Indian food on this side of the city.

There's so much to see and do here. Whether you want to discover the world of Bollywood, browse for antiques in Crawford Market, or sample some of our favourite street food, Vada Pav, make this - our first-ever printed Mumbai city guide, created in partnership with our friends at Antler and featuring all the hottest tips from our members in the know - your ultimate companion to making the best of your trip.

Naina Narang, Head of Membership & Communications, Soho House Mumbai

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Mumbai – which is still known to locals by its former name, Bombay – is a frenetic place of extremes. As the country's commercial, financial and entertainment hub, it's easy to see why this 20 million-strong metropolis is known as 'the biggest, fastest, richest city in India'.

Home to some of the country's wealthiest people, Mumbai has everything that you'd expect of a thriving international city: contemporary art galleries, malls and boutiques, rooftop bars, and fine-dining spots. But behind the stylish facades and bustling boulevards, old Mumbai is still very much alive. Colonial relics, ancient temples, alleyway barbershops, hole-in-the-wall eateries, and sprawling

outdoor markets are nestled among modern skyscrapers.

Located in a renovated 11-storey townhouse on Juhu Beach, in the thick of Bollywood and the city's creative industries, **Soho House Mumbai** encompasses both the old and the new. From the rooftop, you'll be able to watch locals playing cricket on the beach and hear the chaos of the traffic, while enjoying all of the comforts that our members around the world have come to expect, served with a distinctive 'more is more' Mumbai flavour.

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All about Mumbai's coolest areas

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Juhu Beach

On the cusp of the Arabian Sea, the suburban area of Juhu Beach (opposite) is not only home to one of the most lively stretches of coastline in the city, but it's also where **Soho House Mumbai** is situated.

Kala Ghoda

Kala Ghoda is one of the city's edgiest and most creative districts. With the National Gallery of Modern Art and the Jehangir Art Gallery, the surrounding area teems with artists who exhibit paintings, arts and crafts, and street art.

**Bandra West**

A blend of the old and the new, Bandra West (opposite) is where you'll find Bollywood and the city's creative industries. Plus, preserved 17th-century Portuguese architecture alongside superfood cafes, craft beer bars and boutiques.

Colaba

With the Taj Mahal and Gateway of India, Colaba is Mumbai's main tourist destination. Take the ferry from the Gateway to Elephanta Island to see ancient cave temples, before shopping at Colaba Causeway.

The art you'll find around Soho House Mumbai

Soho House Mumbai celebrates contemporary Indian art with a collection of 200 works, 85% of which are by artists based in India or of Indian descent.

Curated between 2017 and 2018 by Soho House's Global Director of Art, Kate Bryan, key pieces include a wall sculpture made of culinary utensils and cocktail mixers by Subodh Gupta, a bindi painting by Bharti Kher (both opposite), a series of four works by Thukral and Tagra, and two pieces by Raqib Shaw. There is also photography by Pushpamala N, new media work by Raqs Media

Collective, plus sculptures by Sunoj D and Sakshi Gupta.

In 2018, **Soho House Mumbai** gave one of its beach-facing walls over to the LGBTQIA2S+ platform, Gaysi Family, who transformed it into an artistic manifesto for inclusivity, entitled: 'The Future Is Inclusive'. The mural depicts a Noah's Ark of 'queerdos' travelling to a safer place of possibilities where everyone can be themselves. It celebrates Mumbai's queer culture, while showcasing the House's founding ethos of inclusivity and creativity.



**The member picks:
art spots to visit**

Selected by Suruchi
Choksi, artist

1 The Great Eastern Home

Many of Mumbai's textile mills have been converted into hubs with shops, restaurants, bars, and art galleries. My favourite is the eponymous store in Great Eastern with its carefully curated collection of eclectic furniture, objects and fine art from an array of regions.
thegreateasternhome.com

2 47-A Design Gallery

For contemporary creativity, inspiration and conversations, make your way to the Crasto bungalow – once a family home and a former printing press – which is now 47-A Design Gallery, celebrating all things art and design.
@47a.design

3 Galerie ISA

Located in the Art Deco district of Ballard Estate in southern Mumbai, this beautiful gallery

showcases an impressive range of international art. The gallerist, Ashwin Thadani, has an intense passion for art and a keen eye for spotting talent.
galerieisa.com

4 Experimenter – Colaba

Situated near the Gateway of India, this gallery (opposite) provides an intimate space and an immersive experience. To walk in on a lazy afternoon and find the artist present for an unhurried conversation about their work just makes my day.
experimenter.in

5 The Afghan Church

This striking church was built by the British to commemorate the dead of the First Afghan War and the disastrous 1842 retreat from Kabul. With its Gothic spires and stained-glass windows, it's both a marvel and a sanctuary.





Eat and drink your way around Soho House Mumbai

FOOD & DRINK

Great food and drink enjoyed with a panoramic view of the city is integral to the Soho House experience. In Mumbai, members of the public can have breakfast, lunch and dinner at Cecconi's (opposite) on the ground floor looking out to the Arabian Sea. First opened in London's Mayfair, Cecconi's has become a key destination for lovers of Northern Italian food, including Spaghetti Lobster and wood-fired pizzas.

Members and their guests can tuck into favourites from the internationally recognised House menu, such as Avocado Toast with poached egg or the Club Chicken Wrap, as well as regional flavours like the Kathi Roll, Dal Makhani and Butter Chicken. There is also a seasonal menu that runs alongside the local and House Favourites menu, which focuses on dishes from a specific region. These can be enjoyed on the rooftop or in one of the House's many cosy corners.



The member picks:
where to eat and drink

Selected by Gauri Devidayal, restaurateur and podcaster, and Janhavi Desai, membership and content manager

1 Café Madras

Opened in 1940, this is one of the original vegetarian South Indian restaurants in Matunga. A simple canteen-style space, it's most famous for its set dosa, filter coffee, and choice of food to grab and go.
@cafemadras

2 Swati

This place is an institution for Mumbaiikars who love their regional savoury snacks. With a couple of outposts around the city, Swati is best known for Panki – a delicate rice pancake steamed in a banana leaf.
swatisnacks.com

3 Trishna

With its seafood menu and understated decor, Trishna in Fort is more than the sum of its parts. It's also something

of a Mumbai icon. Come for the prawns – they really are extraordinary – and stay for the Bombay Duck (actually a fish).
@trishnamumbai

4 The Table

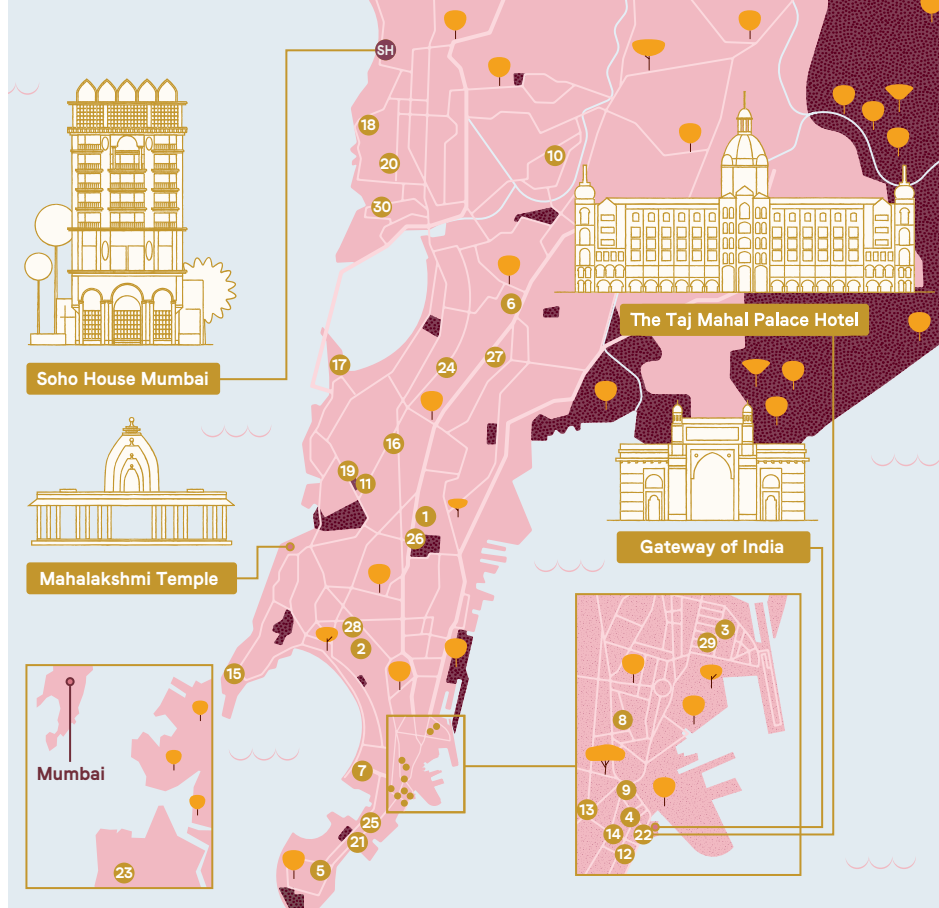
This casual fine-dining spot near the Gateway of India serves globally inspired dishes and has a great wine selection. The Lobster Tail on pain perdu for Sunday brunch is a must.
foodmatters.in/the-table

5 Indian Accent

With an innovative approach to classic Indian food, visit this restaurant (opposite) if you're starting to tire of street food (how?). Order the Ghee Roast Soya Boti or Gunpowder Prawns. The vegetarian tasting menu is also excellent.
indianaccent.com

Places of interest

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The member picks:**cool places to shop**

Selected by Gautam Sinha, founder of Nappa Dori, and Naina Narang, head of membership and communications

1 Good Earth

Offering interior design, traditional textiles and contemporary takes on local apparel, this essential retail spot has several stores located across India. goodearth.in

2 Raw Mango

A local Mumbai design house that 'creates new conversations in textile and culture through a range of saris, garments and objects', Raw Mango is the place to go if you want to invest in some high-quality Indian clothing. rawmango.com

3 Lovebirds

Located at the rear of an old church in the bylanes of Colaba Causeway, this

fashion store (opposite) has a great ambience and offers relaxed tailoring. lovebirds-studio.com

4 Nappa Dori

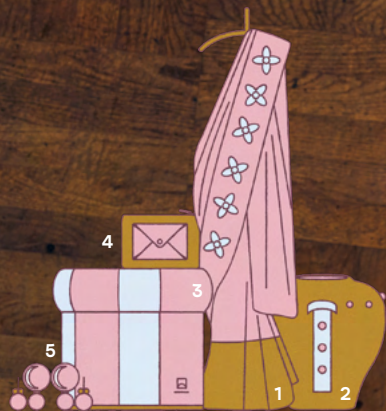
Situated in a 100-year-old heritage building right behind The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, this handcrafted leather goods store is known for its structured box bags, fashion accessories, and a variety of design objects. nappadori.com

5 Mahendra Doshi

This sprawling space located on Walkeshwar sells beautiful collectibles and antiques. The best part of this experience is the sea view from the shop, which is quintessential Mumbai. mahendradoshi.com



The must-buys to take home
in your Antler suitcase



1 The sari

Cheetah Sari, £380.85
rawmango.com

2 The collectible

Jar, POA
mahendradoshi.com

3 The towel

Soho House Mumbai
Pool Towel, £65
sohohome.com

4 The travel wallet

Harness Organiser, £130
nappadori.com

5 The earrings

Circle of Life Earrings, £105
lovebirds-studio.com



Own the night at
Soho House Mumbai

NIGHTLIFE

Soho House Mumbai's rolling programme of events – with art shows and talks by top Indian artists – helps to bring our members together, and allows them to unwind and connect. Previous events include those featuring Mukund Iyer, and Thukral and Tagra, with parties,

talks and previews of their works. When it's time to party, the House is always ready. Soho Sundays take place on the rooftop with a mix of resident DJs and local artists, such as Aztec Table Sound, Aman Karna (opposite) and Dualist Inquiry, among others.



The member picks:
where to dance the night away

Selected by Karan Vyas, DJ;
Gauri Devidayal, restaurateur
and podcaster; Naina Narang,
head of membership and
communications

1 Antisocial

This converted warehouse in
Todi Mills is known for its quirky
interiors and unique cocktails.
With a variety of international
DJs and artists, it's slowly
becoming the go-to place for
deep house and minimal techno.
@antisocialoffline

2 Slink & Bardot

An intimate bar with a focus
on craft cocktails, try the
turmeric gin and ginger
honey-flavoured Paanch for
a taste of the city. The Sunday
brunch is also worth sampling
if you had a few too many
cocktails the night before.
@slinkandbardot

3 Olive Bar & Kitchen, Bandra

This experimental bar and music
spot (opposite) is a fixture of
Mumbai's cultural scene. With

a friendly rustic vibe, visit
on a Thursday night to
enjoy the venue at its best.
olivebarandkitchen.com

4 Aer

Offering innovative cocktails
(try the vodka and Himalayan
apple vinegar Admiral Martini)
and great city views, this
rooftop bar sits above the Four
Seasons Mumbai and overlooks
the Arabian Sea. Our advice?
Settle in and make a night of it.
@aermumbai

5 Woodside Inn

With cosy interiors, this
gastropub offers a wide range
of beers on tap, including
a selection from homegrown
microbreweries. Enjoyable at
any time of the day, there are
multiple outposts in the city.
@woodsidemumbai

**The member picks:
where to roam in Mumbai**

Selected by Adrienne Thadani, Good Karma Farms, and Janhavi Desai, membership communications and content manager

1 Mumbai Port Trust Garden

Any green area in the city feels like a gift. And this park (opposite) in Colaba – with huge trees, a glass-covered cactus garden and views of the Arabian Sea – provides some reprieve from the heat.

2 Colaba and The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel

Take time to wander around the world-famous Colaba district. Stop in for a cocktail at The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, absorb the grandeur of the Gateway of India, and soak up the sights and sounds of this historic area. Be sure to stay for sunset, too.

3 Good Karma Farms

Escape the city for a day and visit this organic farm in the

coastal town of Alibaug. Enjoy a farm lunch, then stay over in one of the guest houses.

4 Dadar Flower Market

You'll need to be up early to experience the Dadar Flower Market in all its technicolour glory, but it's worth it. Situated just outside Dadar train station, you can buy some of the most affordable bouquets in the world. Also, visit the nearby South Indian-style temple, Bhajana Samaj Mandir.

5 Sassoon Docks

Located in Colaba, these 142-year-old docks play host to the largest fish market in Mumbai. Immerse yourself in a morning visit and make time to take in some of the street art, for which they're also famous.





Behind the design of Soho House Mumbai

DESIGN

Set in a converted 11-storey townhouse in the affluent and fashionable district of Juhu, **Soho House Mumbai** (opposite) draws inspiration from the city's heritage and creativity. With 38 bedrooms, two restaurants, a screening room and a rooftop pool, it features locally sourced furniture and textiles.

The rooftop overlooking Juhu Beach is covered in tiles that were made using a traditional

Indian technique. Guests can also lounge on cane chairs woven by local craftspeople.

Elsewhere, bold splashes of colour – such as the sage-green walls, Jaipur textiles and dark teak floors on the eighth floor – further enhance the atmosphere. The intention behind the House's interiors and architecture was to give an authentic expression of the social fabric and cultural heritage of Mumbai.

**The member picks:
all of Mumbai's finest
architectural hotspots**

Selected by Shweta
Kaushik, interior designer

**1 Dr. Bhau Daji Lad
Mumbai City Museum**

First opened in 1857, this was the first colonial building to be built for the specific purpose of housing a museum. It sits inside a botanical garden nicknamed 'Rani Baug' in Byculla, a neighbourhood with many beautiful old structures.

2 Dadar Parsi Colony

Established during the 1920s with the intention of creating hygienic living spaces, this gated community is a testament to sustainable living – with wide roads, old pretty buildings and trees galore. It's a time capsule of a life that once was and is still inhabited by the largest enclave of Zoroastrians in the world.

3 Khotachiwadi, Girgaon

This Portuguese-style area has a lot of significance in Mumbai's arts and cultural landscape.

Today, you can experience this with 47-A – a design gallery and arthouse – as well as fashion designer James Ferreira's 200-year-old home that he turned into a B&B, setting the stage for fashion pop-ups, art festivals and culinary events.

4 IFBE

This 145-year-old ice factory (opposite) in Ballard Estate is an impressive example of adaptive reuse. Now a contemporary centre for art, design and architecture, the building provides a space for stories to be told while it still functions as an ice factory.

5 Ranwar Village

This little hamlet dates back to 1716 and is a popular art, cultural and culinary hub. Grab a coffee at Subko, then stand in line for a delicious pastrami sandwich at Veronica's.



Still on the hunt for more Mumbai must-dos?

Visit the 'Travel Tips' section of the Connect feed in the Soho House app to find other members for city-break gold.



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A light blue, hard-shell rolling suitcase with a black telescopic handle and four black wheels. The suitcase is shown from a three-quarter rear view against a plain, light-colored background.

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