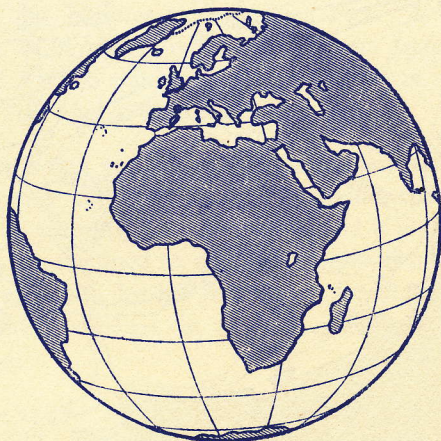




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PORTS OF CALL

**Bombay**







**BOMBAY**, the richest and most enterprising city in India, is an island connected with the mainland by causeways. On one side of the water-front are the Docks; on the other, facing the Indian Ocean, is the sweeping three-mile long Marine Drive (Subhas Chandra Bose Road) which leads to the foot of Malabar Hill, in a superb curve very similar to the famous sea front of Rio de Janeiro. Running through the centre is Hornby Road, a fine thoroughfare on which is situated the handsome Victoria Station of the G.I.P. railway.

The traveller entering the city from the sea passes, as it were, straight from the West into the East. The crowd of Indian men with their oriental costumes in many colours, the women with their garments draped gracefully around them and with their silver anklets, bracelets and necklaces, the variety of turbans which tell the race, caste, and sometimes even the province of the wearer—all these create, at a glance, the tumultuous, strange atmosphere of India.

Malabar Hill, which stretches out to the sea, terraced with residences and gardens, is a favourite residential quarter. Government House lies on Malabar Point. On the way thither are to be found the various Parsee and Hindu Gymkhanas and Clubs. The Bombay Gymkhana Club is only a few minutes from Ballard Pier. A little way out from Bombay is the Willingdon Sports Club, where Indians and Europeans gather together for the purposes of various sports, and close by is the Western India Turf Club's beautiful racecourse.

The exclusively Indian portion of Bombay is less densely populated and is cleaner and better kept than most other Indian cities. The lower parts of the houses are generally used for shops, and it is frequently found that different trades are confined to separate neighbourhoods; silk merchants, dealers in cotton goods, leather merchants, jewellers, dealers in precious stones, goldsmiths, workers in copper and brass—all in their own separate clusters.

Bombay is the centre of the Parsees, a rich commercial race, whose Towers of Silence, where their dead are laid in final sleep, are one of the most interesting sights in the world.

### Information for the Visitor :

**POPULATION** : 4,500,000 approx. (Hindus, Parsees, Europeans, Jews and Mohammedans).





CLIMATIC CONDITIONS : October–November, hot; December–February, comparatively cool; March–June, hot; July–September, monsoon conditions.

BAGGAGE : Landed by the P & O Company's agents, Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., who also clear baggage at moderate charge and book train and hotel accommodation.

CUSTOMS : Duty is levied on Cotton and Woollen unmanufactured Piece Goods; Silk and Cretonne of all descriptions. Most articles are dutiable on importation into India, but a generous free allowance is made in the passenger's personal effects and baggage. Baggage arriving more than one month before or after the arrival of the owner is, however, dutiable for all its contents. The duty on guns and ammunition, for which licences must previously be obtained, is 60 per cent. *ad valorem*.

CURRENCY : Rupees and annas. The rupee (16 annas) is worth approximately 1s. in spending value with an official exchange rate of 1s. 6d.

LOCAL CONVEYANCES : Taxis, 6 annas a mile, and 2 annas for each subsequent quarter of a mile; 1 anna for each two minutes' detention. These rates are subject to a surcharge of approx. 50%.

BANKS : Imperial Bank of India Ltd.; National Bank of India; Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd.; Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China; Mercantile Bank of India Ltd.; Lloyd's Bank, The Eastern Bank Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, etc.

CHIEF RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS : Victoria Terminus (G.I.P.) Railway, and Bombay Central for the B.B. and C.I. Railway, afford communications with all parts of India.

STEAMSHIP COMMUNICATIONS : British India Company's steamers to and from Karachi, the Persian Iranian Gulf, and Africa.

HOTELS : There are a number of good hotels, the chief of which are the Taj Mahal, Majestic and Grand.

CHURCH SERVICES : St. Thomas's Cathedral, Churchgate Street, Fort : Sundays—Holy Communion, 7 and 8.30 a.m.; Morning Prayers, 10.30 a.m.; Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Weekdays—Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m. St. John's, Colaba (Afghan Memorial Church) : Sundays—Holy Communion, 7 and 8.15 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 9.45 a.m.; Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

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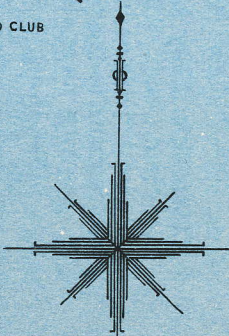
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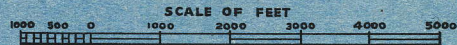
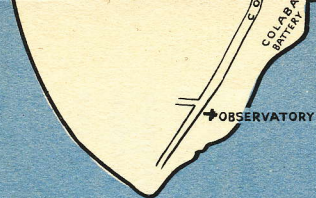
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| ① BALLARD PIER                 | ⑨ FLORA FOUNTAIN         | ⑰ GOVERNMENT HOUSE   |
| ② MACKINNON<br>MACKENZIE & Co. | ⑩ GYMKHANA CLUB          | ⑱ HANGING GARDENS    |
| ③ St. THOMAS CATHEDRAL         | ⑪ G.P.O.                 | ⑲ TOWER OF SILENCE   |
| ④ PRINCE OF WALES MUSEUM       | ⑫ VICTORIA TERMINUS      | ⑳ BREACH CANDY BATHS |
| ⑤ YACHT CLUB                   | ⑬ CRAWFORD MARKET        | ㉑ MAHALUXMI TEMPLE   |
| ⑥ GATEWAY OF INDIA             | ⑭ ZOO & VICTORIA GARDENS | ㉒ HAJI ALI'S TOMB    |
| ⑦ TAJ MAHAL HOTEL              | ⑮ CENTRAL STATION        | ㉓ WILLINGDON CLUB    |
| ⑧ SECRETARIAT                  | ⑯ CHOWPATTY BEACH        | ㉔ RACE COURSE        |