



START GATEWAY OF INDIA

END EROS CINEMA

DISTANCE 2.5KM

DURATION 1½ HOURS

Mumbai's defining feature is its distinctive mix of colonial-era and art deco architecture.

Starting from the **1 Gateway of India**, walk up Chhatrapati Shivaji Marg past the members-only colonial relic **2 Royal Bombay Yacht Club** and the art deco residential-commercial complex **3 Dhunraj Mahal**, towards **4 Regal Circle**. Walk the circle for views of the surrounding buildings – including the old **5 Sailors Home**, which dates from 1876 and is now the Maharashtra Police Headquarters, the art deco **6 Regal** cinema and the **7 Majestic Hotel**, now the Sahakari Bhandar cooperative store. Continue up MG Rd, past the beautifully restored facade of the **8 National Gallery of Modern Art**. Opposite is the **9 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya**. Back across the road is the 'Romanesque Transitional' **10 Elphinstone College** and the **11 David Sassoon Library & Reading Room**, where members escape the afternoon heat lazing on planters' chairs on the upper balcony. Continue north to admire the vertical art deco stylings of the **12 New India Assurance Company Building**. On an island ahead lies **13 Flora Fountain**, depicting the Roman goddess of flowers. Turn east down Veer Nariman Rd, walking towards **14 St Thomas' Cathedral**. Ahead lies the stately **15 Horniman Circle**, an arcaded ring of buildings laid out in the 1860s around a beautifully kept botanical garden. It's overlooked from the east by the neoclassical **16 Town Hall**, home to the Asiatic Society library. Backtrack to Flora Fountain, continuing west and turning south onto Bhaurao Patil Marg to see the august **17 High Court** and the ornate **18 University of Mumbai**. The university's 80m-high **19 Rajabai Clock Tower** is best observed from within the **20 Oval Maidan**. Turn around to compare the colonial edifices with the row of art deco beauties lining Maharshi Karve (MK) Rd, culminating in the wedding cake tower of **21 Eros Cinema**.