World Heritage Sites in Maharashtra

Ajanta Caves (683)

Introduction

Ajanta Caves are a series of 30 rock-cut Buddhist cave monuments dating from Clayton-Present Day. Ajanta Caves are in Aurangabad (Maharashtra).

Geographical Significance

Situated at 107 km in Aurangabad (Maharashtra)

Ajanta Caves are located approximately 100 km from Aurangabad, the city has developed its facilities to further their religious purpose.

Development and Patronage

Date from the 2nd and 1st centuries B.C. to 5th and 6th centuries A.D.

Development mostly during the Vakataka Dynasty

Historical Significance

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Display the first half of Indian Buddhist Art, Ajanta Caves are Maharashtra's Cave Architecture, Ellora Caves are Hindu and Jain Hindu Shrine (India in Stupas)

Found mention in the travel accounts of Chinese Pilgrim Hsuan Tsang

Cultural Significance

Ajanta Caves are known for their Cave Paintings, the finest surviving examples of Indian Painting