

Where does the name Ellora come from?

Ellora is an ancient village 30 km (18.6 miles) from the city of Aurangabad in the Indian state of Maharashtra. Famous for its monumental caves, Ellora is a World Heritage Site.

Ellora represents the epitome of Indian rock cut architecture. The 34 "caves" (actually structures excavated out of the vertical face of the Charanandri hills comprised of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain cave temples and monasteries) were built between the 5th century and 10th century. The 12 Buddhist, 17 Hindu and 5 Jain caves, built in proximity, demonstrate the religious tolerance prevalent during this period of Indian history.



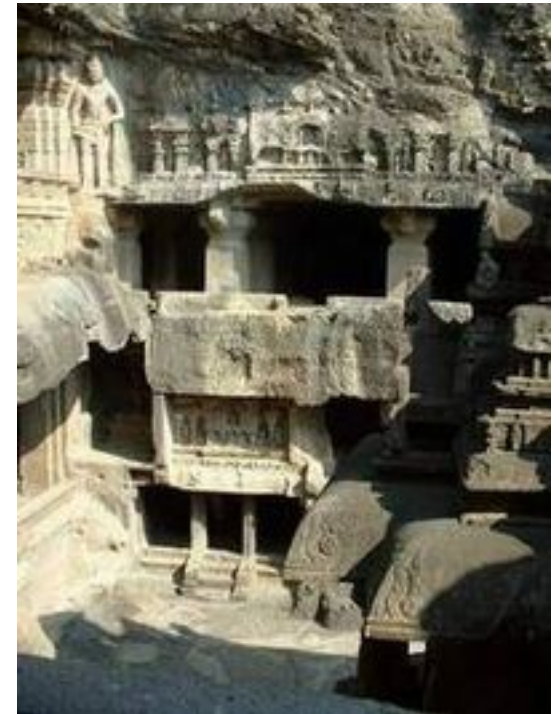
Kailasanatha Temple



*"Carpenter's Cave"
Ellora's most famous
Buddhist caves*



Kailash Temple



Jain Cave in Ellora