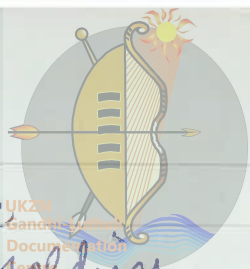




# The Ajanta Caves

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The Ajanta Caves were discovered by English soldiers who were fleeing from Indian troops during the Indian Mutiny.

The caves - 26 in number - were carved in solid rock by Buddhist followers.

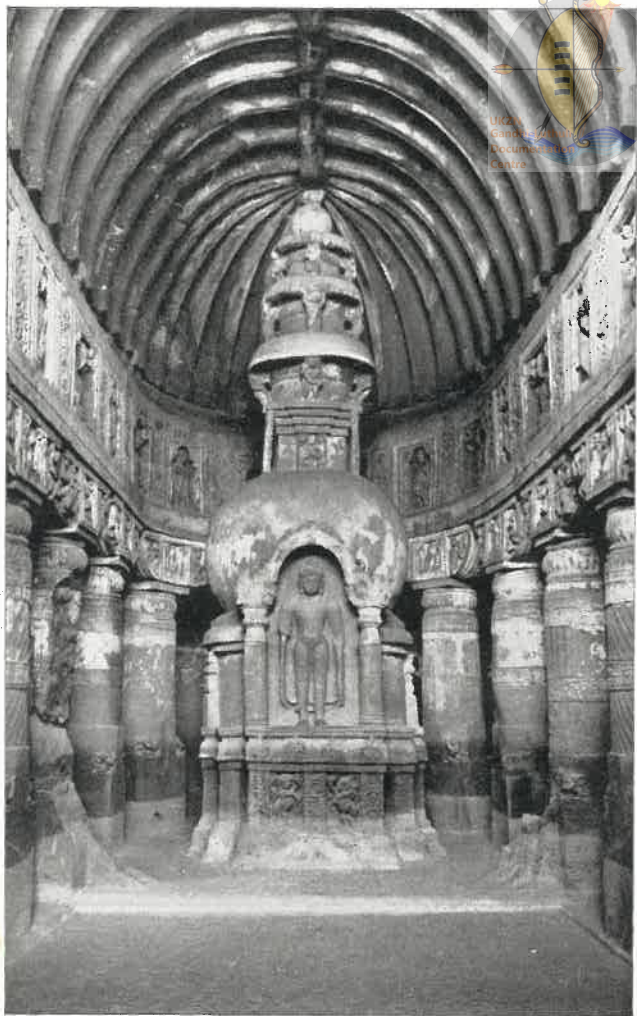
When discovered they were covered by overgrown bush.

The ceiling of most caves have exquisite paintings but there is no lighting inside the caves.

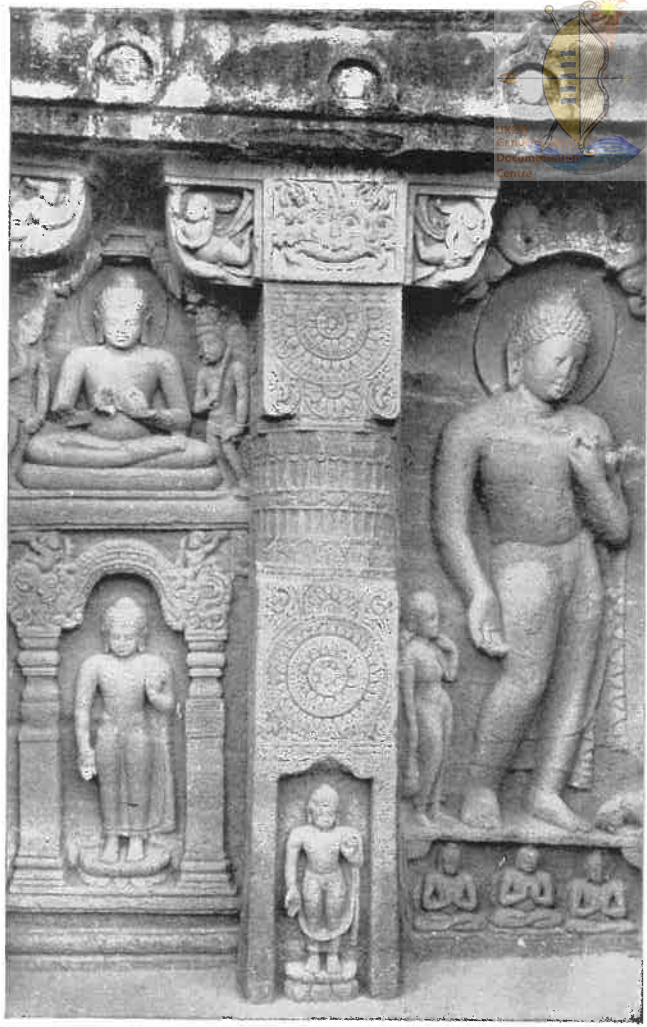
Some of the caves have pillars which were carved from the solid rock.

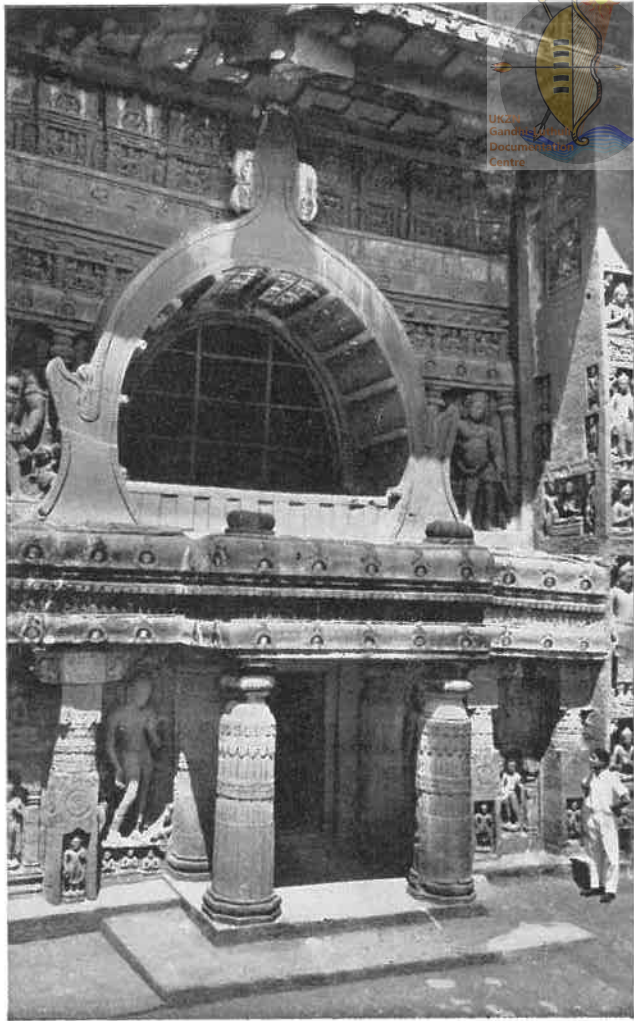
Below the caves runs a stream. Steps lead up to the first cave from the bottom.

The caves are about 62 miles from Aurungabad.









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