

PEAK PERFECTION

Top hill stations in Maharashtra

Hit the refresh button on life with a quick getaway to one of Maharashtra's many hill stations. Nestled in the Sahyadri range, the hill stations have everything you require for a memorable vacation. From tranquil spaces to adventure activities, breathtaking views to fresh local produce, culinary experiences to cool climes, Maharashtra's hill stations are a joyous escape from the everyday. So, join us as we take you on an idyllic journey across their verdant peaks and valleys.



MAHABALESHWAR

MAHABALESHWAR / Satara District It's known as the Queen of Sahyadri and with good reason. Mahabaleshwar has an abundance of scenic valleys, picturesque waterfalls, strawberry farms and splendid viewpoints. The hill station oozes colonial charm. Visitors can indulge in next-level adventures, with activities like camping, rock-climbing, water rappelling, paragliding, kayaking and speed boating.

Getting There

By Air: Pune (130 kms),

CSMIA, Mumbai (271 kms)

By Rail: Satara (61 kms), Pune (124 kms),

Kolhapur (178 kms)

By Road: Satara (57 kms), Pune (121 kms),

Kolhapur (178 kms)

Activities: Boating at Venna Lake / Trekking / Visit Mahabaleshwar Temple / Shop for strawberries

Attractions in and around: Arther Seat / Echo Point / Venna Lake / Falkland Point / Lingmala Waterfall / Bombay Point / Kshetra Mahabaleshwar



PANCHGANI

PANCHGANI / Satara District Chasing sunsets, gorging on farm-fresh strawberries, or just basking in the serenity are some of the ways to unwind in Panchgani. Named after the five hills around it, the hill station has stunning views of the coastal plains and the majestic Krishna River. Must-visit places include Mapro Garden, Sydney Point, Rajpuri Caves and the Devrai Art Village.

Getting There

By Air: Pune (102 kms)

By Rail: Satara (52 kms)

By Road: Mahabaleshwar (19kms)

Activities: Climb up to Table Land /

Go paragliding/paramotoring

Attractions in and around: Kaas Plateau /

Mapro Garden

LONAVALA / Pune District Lonavala is all about mesmerising views of the Sahyadri. Apart from the soothing greenery, there are a range of adventure activities such as camping, trekking and other adventure sports. The 'Jewel of the Sahyadri' blooms during the monsoons when the waterfalls come alive. Of course, no visit is complete without a taste of its famous hard candy, the Lonavala chikki.

Getting There

By Air: Pune (68 kms),

CSMIA, Mumbai (88 kms)

By Rail: Pune (68 kms)

By Road: Pune (65 kms), Mumbai (84 kms)

Activities: Trek up to Rajmachi Fort

Attractions in and around: Visapur Fort / Tikona Fort /
Bhushi Dam (in rainy season) / Tiger's Point



LONAVALA

KHANDALA / Pune District Khandala is a refreshing weekend option for residents of nearby cities, whether it is families, young couples or solo travellers. This green haven is also a great hiking destination with tree-lined roads taking hikers through mist-wreathed hills, open meadows and shimmering lakes. For the more adventurous, there are opportunities for rock climbing.

Getting There

By Air: Pune (68 kms), CSMIA, Mumbai (88 kms)

By Rail: Pune (68 kms)

By Road: Pune (60 kms), Mumbai (85 kms)

Activities: Rock climbing

Attractions in and around: Pawana Lake / Lion's Point / Karla Caves / Bhaja Caves



KHANDALA



MATHERAN

MATHERAN / Raigad District

It may be Asia's smallest hill station, but it is big on charm. Matheran is a no-vehicle zone, which means that visitors have to trek or ride horses to explore the hills. This, along with red-soil paths and a toy train, give Matheran an old-world charm. Visitors can take in the magnificent sight of the Sahyadri mountain from 36 viewpoints.

Getting There

By Air: CSMTA, Mumbai (91 kms), Pune International (125 kms)

By Rail: Neral (20 kms), CSMT (82 kms), Pune (113 kms)

By Road: Mumbai (88 kms)

Activities: Horse-riding / Trekking / Enjoy the views from Louisa Point / Picnic by the Charlotte Lake / Visit Dhodhani Waterfalls / Ride the toy train

Attractions in and around: Panorama Point King George Point / Echo Point / Lord Point / One Tree Hill Point / Paymasters Park / Porcupine Point (Sunset Point) Rambagh Point / Alexander Point / Louisa Point / Khandala Point / Exciting cane and leather articles / Museum based on life of Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj



MAHABALESHWAR

CHIKHALDARA / Amravati District The air at Chikhaldara is always fragrant with the aroma of coffee. Apart from being the only coffee growing area in the region, this slice of paradise is home to numerous lakes, waterfalls, exotic wildlife and panoramic viewpoints. Chikhaldara is also a great place for camping enthusiasts with facilities available at Semadoh village, close to Chikhaldara.

Getting There

By Air: Akola (150 kms), Nagpur (235 kms)

By Rail: Amravati (82 kms), Badnera (100 kms)

By Road: Amravati (82 kms), Pune (694 kms), Mumbai (705 kms)

Activities: Visit the historically significant Bhimkund / Take a safari at the Melghat Tiger Reserve / Pray at the Muktagiri temple

Attractions in and around: Narnala Fort / Amner Fort / Gugamal National Park / Gawilgarh Fort

BHANDARDARA / Ahmednagar District Bhandardara is a land of waterfalls. The roar of the cascades and the sight of the water tumbling down at the Umbrella and Randha waterfalls is awe-inspiring, especially during the monsoons. Located on the banks of Pravara River, popular activities include trekking to Mount Kalsubai - Maharashtra's highest peak- and visiting Ratangad and Harishchandragad forts.

Getting There

By Air: Pune (180 kms), Aurangabad (230 kms)

By Rail: Igatpuri (44 kms), Ahmednagar (146 kms)

By Road: Pune (156 kms), Mumbai (177 kms)

Activities: Visit Umbrella Falls / Visit Wilson Dam / Trek to Mount Kalsubai / Visit Arthur Lake

Attractions in and around: Kalsubai Peak / Sandhan Valley / Ratangad Fort / Amruteshwar Temple / Bhandardara Lake



IGATPURI

IGATPURI / Nashik District Scattered amidst the high peaks of Sahaydri at Igatpuri are old forts and majestic waterfalls. With activities like rock climbing and trekking, this is a popular destination for adventure sports lovers. One of the trekking trails leads to the ancient Tringalwadi Fort. Igatpuri is also known for its Vipassana centre, which teaches a strict form of meditation.

Getting There

By Air: Nashik (58 kms), CSMA, Mumbai (100 kms)

By Rail: Nashik (50 kms), CSMT (121 kms)

By Road: Nashik (57 kms), Mumbai (130 kms)

Activities: Go rock climbing / Trekking / Rafting

Attractions in and around: Ghatandevi Temple / Bhavali Dam / Tringalwadi Fort

Other must visit hill stations: 🏞️ Malshej Ghat 🏞️ Wai 🏞️ Amboli
🏞️ Toranmal 🏞️ Bhimashankar 🏞️ Kamshet 🏞️ Panhala 🏞️ Machal



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