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Maharashtra

The wealthiest state in India, Maharashtra is a travellers' paradise given the plethora of attractions it possess, both popular and offbeat. The rich cultural and religious diversity of the state reflects the deep embedded integrity. Home to the famous Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the state is known all over the world for its celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi festival.



Famous For : State / Province

The name of the state, Maharashtra is made of the Sanskrit word 'Maha' and 'Rashtra' which means great nation. The second most populous state after Uttar Pradesh, it is also the third largest state by area in India. Covering an area of 307,731 sq km, it contributes around 15% of the country's industrial output and around 13.3% of its GDP. The state rose under the leadership of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj against the Mughals and the current Maharashtra state was created after Independence on 1 May 1960. The state is known for its wealth of attractions that is reflected in its well-flourished tourism industry. The state's capital Mumbai is the city of dreamers, stalwarts and the common man, a vibrant combination of seven islands on the Konkan coastline. Maharashtra is home to the India's biggest film industry and the juiciest oranges; grandest Ganesh Chaturthi festival and yummiest of fish. The state of Maharashtra is known for its people, its

culture and the unique blend of old and new result of Nanded's encounter with Guru Gobind Singh ji. There is also a monument made at the site where he breathed his last. The city has a rich heritage of rulers and dynasties, contributing to the fact that a multitude of religious and cultural communities co-exist here. It has also seen several literary writers emerge, like Vishnupant Sesa and Vaman Pandit, who wrote in Sanskrit. As several tourists throng to Nanded every year, it has seen an increase in commercial activity and development. It boasts of a mall and cineplex, a sign that this city is on its path to modernity.

2 Kalyan



Experience the joy of exploring this city on one of the oldest modes of transport - the tonga (horse driven carriage)! This city stands tall, narrating the various historical escapades of mighty rulers. From Aurangzeb to Shivaji Maharaj, Kalyan has seen it all. The Durgadi Fort, for instance, was initiated by Shah Jahan while Aurangzeb gave it the

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1 Nanded



Guru Gobind Singh ji, the 10th and last Sikh Guru, came to Nanded in his final days. It is here that he declared the Guru Granth Sahib would be perpetual guru for the Sikhs, and their last. The Hazur Sahib Gurudwara (also known as Sachkhand Gurudwara) is a

finishing touches. Here, the architectural transition from the Mughal period to the Maratha is quite apparent - the Ramji temple was a mosque once upon a time.

3 Satara



The unique statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji at Satara is a mark of the legacy left by the Maratha empire. This journey of amazing landmarks will continue with the colourfully flowered Kas plateau, a World Heritage Site. Ancient forts like Ajinkyatara Fort and gushing waterfalls, Satara also houses the Satara Musuem, dedicated to Shivaji himself. Do try the famous sweet, Kadi Pedhe, as you sit on top of Yawateshwar hills and see the twinkling road lights below.

4 Jalgaon



Jalgaon is a hotspot - one for its soaring summer temperatures and second for gold and cotton shopping! With a massive 66 acres dedicated to banana cultivation, you'lll on the east, Beed on the northwest and Parbhani on the north. Among the most agree that it's been rightly named as the 'Banana Capital of India'. They also mill pulses here. But wait, here's more. You can also start by giving kids their initial lessons in Mahabharata at the Bheemkund - believed to be the spot where Bheema killedconstructed by King Tamradwaj. Surat Bakasura and reiterated the victory of good over evil. Also visit Padmalaya before you wrap up. The Ganesha Temple here which is a part of the revered peeths.

5 Latur



Latur sees a pouring of tourists, most of them on religious pursuits, all around the year. It's been granted an impressive lot of nature's bounty as well, with a lush green cover all around. It's also one of the main trade centres of Maharashtra. Being a thriving centre of religion, trade and history, Latur holds quite a prominent position when it comes to the major tourist attractions of the state. It contributes towards the economy of the state and is one of the fastest growing cities of Asia. The city

of Latur is situated on the Balaghat plateau 636 metres above the sea level. It is bounded by Nanded on the northeast, Bidar on the east, Beed on the northwest and Parbhani on the north. Among the most prominent attractions of this region is counted the Siddheshwar & Ratneshwar Temple. Located at a distance of around 2 km from this city, it was constructed by King Tamradwaj. Surat Shahvali Darga is another beautiful monument of this city. Built at the centre of the city is the famous Uddan Pool. Many big budget films have also been shot at this bridge. Some other attractions include Kharosa Caves, Udgir Fort, Handarguli and Ausa. The best time to visit this destination is between October to February, when the weather is pleasant. Annual temperature in Latur range from 13 degree celsius to 41 degree celsius.

Matheran, Maharashtra 410102

Dilawar Bakery is a perfect place to gorge on some amazing bakery stuff. Do try the freshly baked breads and cakes. The mouthwatering food makes it a favorite among gourmands.

The bakery attracts many visitors every day be it locals or tourists, the place is usually crowded with food lovers. It is a place in Matheran that should be in your itinerary no matter what! Dilawar Bakery is a must visit place for a fun time with family and friends.

2 Aparanta



Radisson Blu Resort & Spa - Alibaug,, Alibaug 402209, India

Where To Eat
5 Places

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1 Dilawar Bakery



Experience fine dining at its best in this upscale restaurant, Aparanta. A restaurant which serves delicious meals and drinks which will make you eat more and more. The smell of this great restaurant will lure you to enter the place and you will surely not regret it. Located in a very convenient

restaurant. Do try the fried rice balls stuffed Lebanese dishes which are prepared from with mozzarella and chopped vegetables gizzards here at Aparanta.

3 Bohemyan Blue garden cafe



📍 Plot no.-1 on alibag-mandwa, Main road at Agarsure, opposite Fountainhead, Alibaug, India

📞 +91-98200-69008

Its time to pamper your taste buds and your recommended for vegetarians, as the only vegetarian option is a veg thali. The place tends to get crowded in the afternoon, so one place where you can just kick back and make sure you arrive early. relax over refreshing drinks and exotic food.

Some of the top recommendations here are 5

the freshest ingredients. So, all in all, you will get a lavish menu, polite staff, cozy ambiance and pocket friendly prices at this peppy cafe.

4 Sanman Restaurant



📍 Ganesh Krupa Building, Israil Lane, Alibaug, Maharashtra 402201, India
📞 +91-2141-222314|+91-93716-43324

One of the most popular restaurants in Alibaug, Sanman Restaurant is the best place to explore the local delicacies. The restaurant's spicy fish masala and prawn fry are famous all over the city. The bombil fry, chicken curry, surmail curry and solkadhi deserve a special mention. This is not



📍 Nasik Sula Vineyards, Survey 36/2, Govardhan, Off Gangapur-Savargaon Road, Nashik - 422222

📞 +91-253-2231720

A must visit for Italian food lovers. Known for its Pizzas and Pastas. You will find authentic Italian cuisines and tempting wines at this swanky restaurant. Chill out in its relaxed ambiance.

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Duration :(4/5)

Location : GUJARAT

MAHARASHTRA TOUR

ARRIVAL MUMBAI

On arrival at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport or Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Railway Station, you can head for your hotel to relax. After lunch, you can proceed for a half city sightseeing tour which includes a tour of the Mumbai beaches covering Marine drive, Juhu beach, Chaupati beach and Crawford market.

THE CITY MUMBAI

After a healthy breakfast make your way for a full day sightseeing tour of Mumbai. Some notable sights to visit are the Gateway of Mumbai, Elephanta Caves etc.

WAY TO LONAVALA

Start your day with a heavy breakfast in the hotel and head out for Lonavala. A Jaunt through amazing hilly slopes and lush greenery of Mother Nature as you make your way to your pit stop. On arrival, check into your hotel.

LONAVALA - KHANDALA - KARLA- LONAVALA

Leave your hotel after heavy breakfast for a full day expedition. Drive to Khandala via national highway 48 that will take up to 8 to 14 minutes..Head to Karla crossing Lonavala via the same route, the journey may take 28 minutes.

LONAVALA - PUNE -MAHABALESHWAR

Early morning after breakfast drive to Mahabaleshwar en-route Pune. In this 65.1 km drive to Pune you can cover - Aga Khan Palace, Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).After short sight see you can continue towards Mahabaleshwar. On arrival at Mahabaleshwar, you can check in the hotel and rest.

FULL TOUR AT MAHABALESHWAR

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel and plan a full day sightseeing Mahabaleshwar. Visit the Mahabaleshwar Temple, Waterfalls, Venna Lake, EchoPoint, Elphinstone Point.

MAHABALESHWAR – MUMBAI

Check out from the hotel and head your way back to the metropolis city Mumbai. On arrival to the city, head straight for Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport or Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Railway Station to ascend to your respective destination.

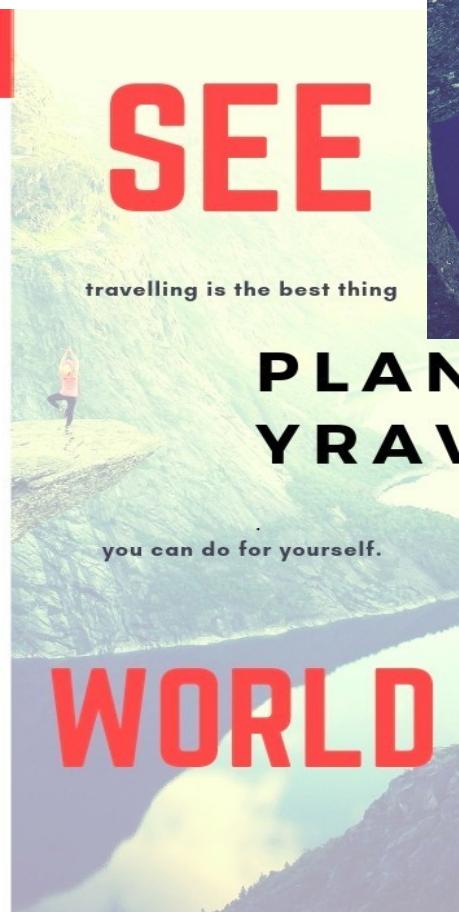


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