

A scenic view of a mountain range with a clear blue sky and a tree branch in the foreground. The mountains are layered, with some peaks covered in green vegetation and others appearing more rocky and brownish. The sky is a vibrant, clear blue. A tree branch with green leaves is visible in the upper right corner, partially obscuring the sky.

# LONAVALA & KHANDALA

A Scenic Hill Station Getaway – Maharashtra, India

Lonavala / Khandala

# DAY 1

MUMBAI TO LONAVALA (APPROX. 2.5 HRS BY ROAD)

- Depart Mumbai by road and drive to Lonavala, a charming hill station nestled in the Western Ghats.
- Rajmachi Point — Enjoy sweeping panoramic views of the Sahyadri mountain range and spot the historic Rajmachi Fort in the distance.
- Tiger's Leap (Tiger Point) — Stand at the edge of a dramatic cliff with a sheer 650-metre drop into the valley below, a favourite viewpoint, especially during the monsoon.
- Lion's Point — A nearby viewpoint offering equally spectacular valley and ridge scenery.
- Check in and settle into your hotel for the evening.

**Overnight: Lonavala / Khandala**

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# DAY 2

LONAVALA — KARLA & BHAJA CAVES — LOHAGAD FORT

- **Breakfast** at the hotel.
- **Karla Caves** — Explore one of India's finest ancient Buddhist rock-cut temples, dating back to the 2nd century BC. The grand chaitya (prayer hall) is remarkably preserved.
- **Bhaja Caves** — A nearby cluster of 22 rock-cut caves in a style similar to Karla, featuring carved stupas and ancient viharas (monks' cells). A peaceful, less-crowded site.
- **Lohagad Fort** — A significant historical citadel perched at an altitude, offering wide-angle views of the surrounding region and insights into Maratha military architecture.
- **Return to the hotel.**
- **Evening** stroll through the local markets of Lonavala — famous for its chikki (traditional brittle candy) and fudge

**Overnight: Lonavala / Khandala**

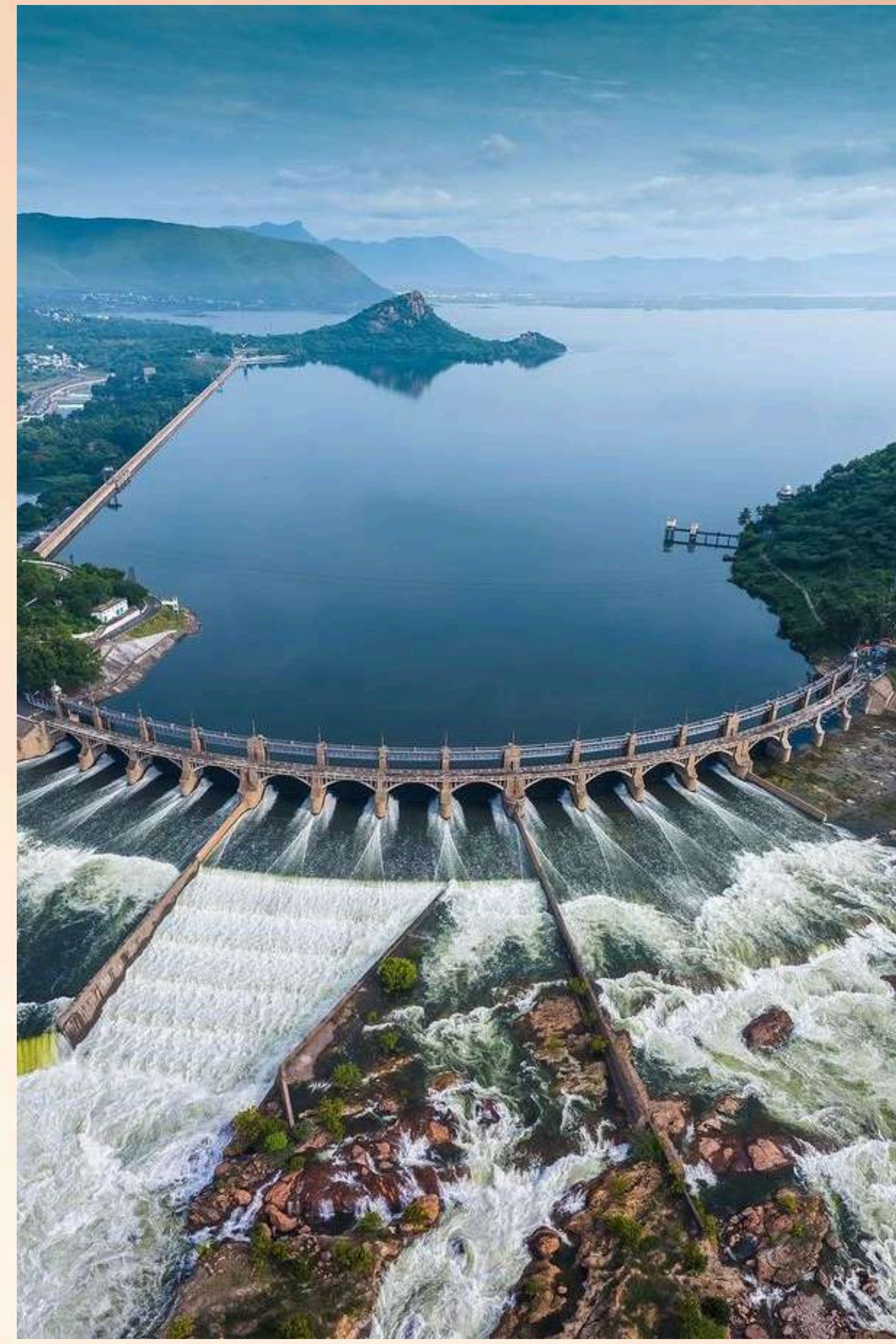
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# DAY 3

## LONAVALA TO KHANDALA — LEISURE DAY

- **Breakfast at the hotel.**
- **Day at leisure** — relax at the hotel or explore at your own pace.
- Optional: Visit **Bhushi Dam**, a popular water recreation spot (seasonal), or take a short nature walk through the surrounding greenery.
- Optional: Explore **Khandala viewpoints** — a quieter, equally scenic twin town just minutes away

**Overnight: Lonavala / Khandala**



# DAY 4

LONAVALA / KHANDALA — DEPARTURE TO MUMBAI

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
- Drive back to Mumbai by road (approx. 2.5 hrs).
- On arrival in Mumbai, transfer to your preferred onward destination.

**Tour concludes.**



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

- **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR). ATMs are available in Lonavala town; carry some cash for local markets and smaller eateries.
- **Climate:** Warm and humid in summer (Mar–May), heavy rainfall during monsoon (Jun–Sep), cool and pleasant in winter (Oct–Feb). Pack a light jacket for evenings.
- **Transport:** Mumbai to Lonavala is well connected by road (expressway) and train (Central Railway line). Taxis and auto-rickshaws are available locally.
- **Mobile / Internet:** Major Indian telecom networks (Jio, Airtel, Vi) provide good coverage. Local SIM cards can be purchased with a valid passport.
- **Health:** Tap water is not recommended for drinking — use bottled water. Standard travel insurance covering medical expenses is advised.
- **Food:** Wide range of vegetarian and non-vegetarian Indian cuisine. Lonavala is famous for its local sweets — do try the traditional chikki (peanut brittle).
- **Photography:** Most viewpoints are open for photography. Some caves and forts may have nominal entry fees.
- **Entry to Caves / Forts:** Karla Caves — small entry fee applicable. Indian nationals and foreigners may be subject to different pricing.

This itinerary is a suggested guideline. Timings and inclusions may be adjusted based on local conditions, weather, and traveller preferences.

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