



TRAVEL TO

# MAHABALESHWAR

Mahabaleshwar, Western Ghats, Maharashtra, India

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# DAY 01

## ITINERARY DETAILS

# MUMBAI → MAHABALESHWAR

Road Trip & Relaxed Evening

- **Depart Mumbai** early at 6:00–7:00 AM to beat city traffic and enjoy a smooth drive.
- **Take the Mumbai–Pune Expressway (NH48)**, the road is well-maintained and clearly signposted.
- **Stop for breakfast** (~1.5 hrs from Mumbai) near Lonavala — try Rama Krishna or Kailash Parbat for hot dosas and chai.
- **Pass through Wai and ascend via the winding Pasarni Ghat** — dramatic valley views, stop for photos.
- **Arrive Mahabaleshwar** (~5–6 hrs total).
- Check into your hotel and rest.

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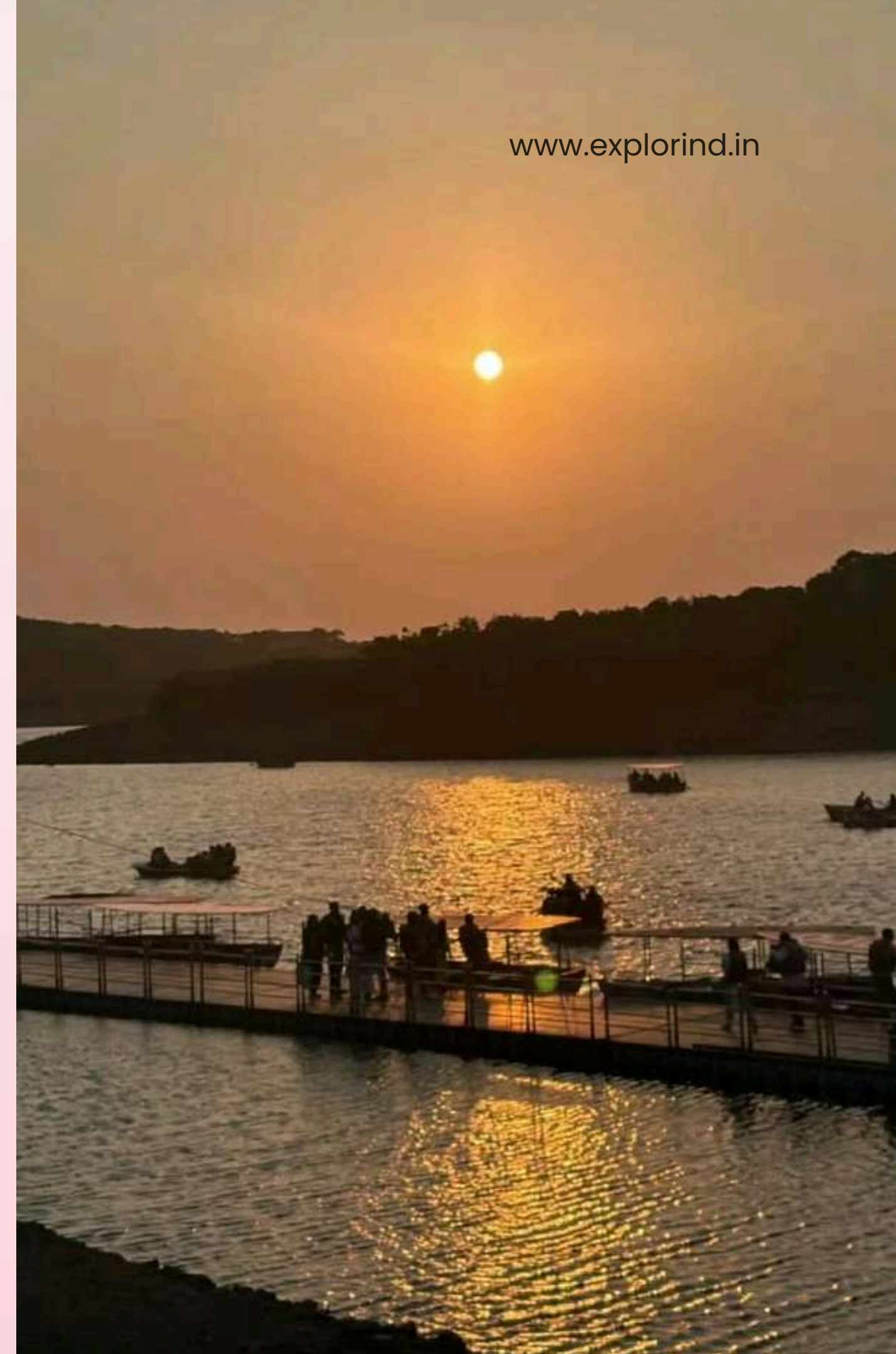
## Evening

- **Visit Venna Lake** — pedal boats and rowboats (₹ 50–150/person), horse rides, and local snack stalls.
- **Must-try at the lake** - roasted corn, mulberries, fresh strawberries with cream, and hot Maggi noodles.
- **Return to the hotel for dinner.** Most hotels offer a set meal; expect ₹ 300–600/person at mid-range restaurants.

### Overnight stay in Mahabaleshwar

## ■ TRAVELLER TIPS

- Toll charges on the expressway: ~ ₹ 300–400 total. Keep small notes or a Fastag RFID card.
- Fuel up in Mumbai — petrol stations in the hills may charge a small premium.
- The Expressway has food courts at Khopoli and Khalapur if you prefer a longer stop.
- Altitude: Mahabaleshwar sits at ~1,372 m (4,501 ft) — pack a light jacket even in summer.





# DAY 02

## MAHABALESHWAR SIGHTSEEING

Valleys, Waterfalls & Sunset

- **Start after breakfast** (7:30–8:00 AM) for clear views before crowds and mist build up.
- **Arthur's Seat** — 'Queen of the Points', sheer 1,400 m drop into the Savitri Valley, spectacular photography.
- **Elephant's Head Point** — a rock formation resembling an elephant's trunk jutting over the valley.
- **Needle Hole Point** — naturally eroded hole in a cliff; dramatic cloud-and-valley backdrop.
- **Kate's Point** — panoramic view over Dhom Dam and the Krishna River, ideal for wide-angle shots. .

- **Lunch in town** (~₹ 200–500/person): local Maharashtrian thali, simple veg meals, or Punjabi dishes.
- **Lingmala Waterfall** (afternoon) — 20-min walk from the entry gate, most powerful after monsoon (Jun–Oct).
- **Mahabaleshwar Market (evening stroll)** — pick up strawberry jam, honey, chikki (peanut brittle), and leather sandals.
- **Signature treat:** Fresh Strawberries + Cream from a market stall (₹ 60–100 per cup) — do not skip.
- **End the day at Bombay Point for sunset, arrive by 5:30 PM**, best views Nov–Feb.

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## ■ TRAVELLER TIPS

- Entry fees at viewpoints: ₹ 20–50/person. Auto-rickshaws for the viewpoint circuit: ₹ 600–900 for 4–5 pts.
- Lingmala Waterfall entry: ₹ 30/person. No food stalls inside — bring water.
- Market bargaining is normal, offering 70–80% of the first-quoted price for handicrafts.
- Most viewpoints close at 6:00 PM. Plan Bombay Point last as it stays open until dusk.



# DAY 03

## PANCHGANI DAY TRIP

Cafés, Scenic Points & Leisure

After breakfast, drive ~19 km (30 min) **to Panchgani** — another hill station at 1,334 m altitude.

**Table Land** — Asia's second-largest volcanic plateau, horse rides available (₹ 150–200), sweeping 360° views.

**Parsi Point and Sydney Point** — overlook the Krishna Valley and the blue expanse of Dhom Dam.

**Lunch at Mapro Garden** (famous brand, free entry) — pizzas, strawberry waffles, fruit crushes, gelato.

**Mapro Garden shop:** buy strawberry crush, jams, and chocolates — popular gifts to take back home.

**Return to Mahabaleshwar** by mid-afternoon. Afternoon is flexible — spa, ATV rides (~₹ 500–800), or café time.

**Overnight stay in Mahabaleshwar.**



- **Final evening:** dinner at the resort or an open-air restaurant in town.
- If your resort offers a **bonfire evening**, it is well worth booking in advance (Oct–Feb season).

### Overnight stay in Mahabaleshwar

## ■ TRAVELLER TIPS

- Table Land sometimes requires an entry fee (₹ 30–50)
- It can get windy — light jacket recommended.
- Mapro Garden can be crowded on weekends; arrive by 11:30 AM for a comfortable table. ATV rides, helmets provided, ID may be required — carry your passport copy.
- Panchgani was a British hill station with old colonial bungalows — a quiet walk through the lanes is free and lovely





# DAY 04

## RETURN TO MUMBAI

Cafés, Scenic Points & Leisure

- **Enjoy a slow morning**, check-out is usually 11:00 AM — confirm with your hotel.
- **Optional stop before leaving: Mahabaleshwar Temple** — ancient Hindu temple (12th century), 5-min drive from town.
- **Final shopping**: pick up strawberry products, fudge, and local honey from the market before departure.
- **Depart by 9:30–10:30 AM** to reach Mumbai comfortably before peak evening traffic.
- **Stop for lunch on the way** — **Khopoli Food Court** on the expressway is a clean, convenient option.
- **Arrive Mumbai by 4:00–5:00 PM** (traffic dependent), longer on Sundays or holidays.

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- Google Maps works well throughout the drive. Download offline maps as a backup before leaving.
- Mumbai traffic is heavy after 5:30 PM on weekdays — plan accordingly.
- Liquids (jams, crushed bottles) in check-in baggage only if flying onward, no issue in the car.
- Emergency: Police helpline 100 | Ambulance 108 | Tourist helpline 1363 (India)

## Essential Notes for International Visitors

Getting There	Fly into Mumbai (BOM) or Pune (PNQ). Hire a self-drive or chauffeur-driven car via Zoomcar, Savaari, or a local taxi service. Cabs from Mumbai start at ₹ 3,500–5,000 one-way.
Accommodation	Mahabaleshwar has options from budget guesthouses (₹ 1,500/night) to heritage resorts (₹ 8,000+/night). Book in advance Oct–Jan (peak season)
Food & Drink	Tap water is not safe to drink. Buy sealed bottled water (₹ 20 for 1L). Vegetarian food is widely available, and non-veg options exist at most mid-range restaurants
Payments	Smaller stalls are cash-only. ATMs are available in Mahabaleshwar town. UPI apps (PhonePe, GPay) are widely accepted — ask before assuming card payment works.
Dress Code	No formal dress code for tourist sites. At the Mahabaleshwar Temple, remove footwear before entering.
Health	Pack personal medicines, sunscreen (UV is strong at altitude), and a basic first-aid kit. Nearest hospital, Mahabaleshwar Civil Hospital or hospitals in Wai (25 km).
Driving	India drives on the left side of the road. Ghat roads are narrow and winding — drive slowly, use horn on bends (standard local practice), and avoid night driving in hills.

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