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Event Highlights & Upcoming Events in Maharashtra you cannot miss!

June in Maharashtra is filled with vibrant festivals and cultural celebrations. Here's your ultimate guide to the **must-attend festivals and events** that will make this month unforgettable!

Event Highlights

World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025

Held from 1st to 4th May 2025 at the Jio World Centre, Mumbai.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the summit, with Maharashtra CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis emphasizing the state's support for the media and entertainment sector. The event brought together global delegates and artists, showcased Mumbai as India's entertainment hub, and is expected to boost tourism and cultural exchange across Maharashtra.



Maharashtra Launches India's First State-Led Convention Bureau at IMEX Frankfurt

India's first state-led initiative to promote Maharashtra as a leading global MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions) destination.

A Maharashtra delegation launched the Maharashtra Convention Bureau (MCB) in Frankfurt, aiming to attract global business events to cities including Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, and Nagpur. The launch, supported by ICCA CEO Dr. Senthil Gopinath, highlighted upcoming major conventions in Mumbai like ICANN and the IB Congress starting in 2026.



The MahaParyatan Utsav at Mahabaleshwar

The MahaParyatan Utsav in Mahabaleshwar held from 2nd-4th May, was a resounding success, offering a vibrant mix of adventure, wellness, culture, and sustainability over three days. Highlights included rock climbing, sunrise yoga, bio-farming workshops, conclaves, agro-tours, and a stunning drone light show. The event drew strong participation, boosted tourism, and reinforced Maharashtra's commitment to responsible and experiential travel.



Upcoming Events

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Circuit

What is it?

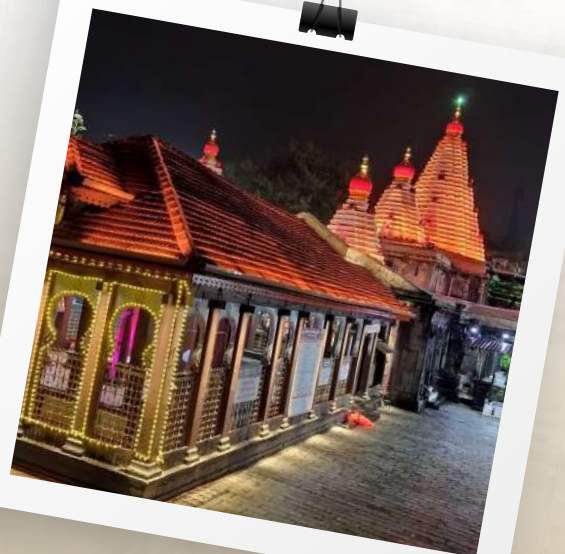
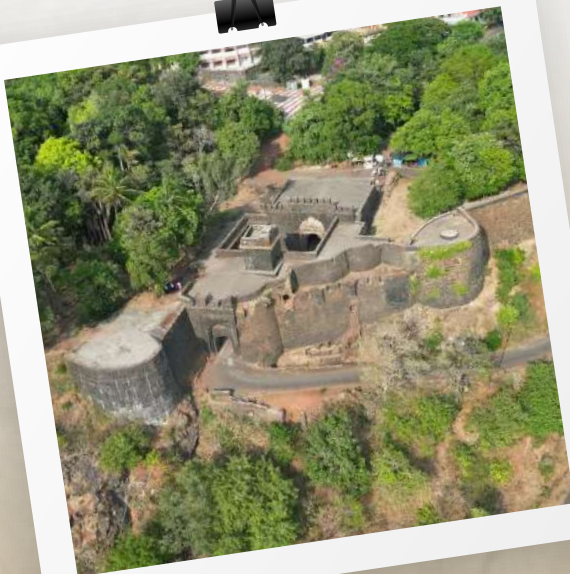
The "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Circuit" is a historic tour by the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train, taking travelers through majestic forts and sacred sites linked to the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the founder of the Maratha Empire.

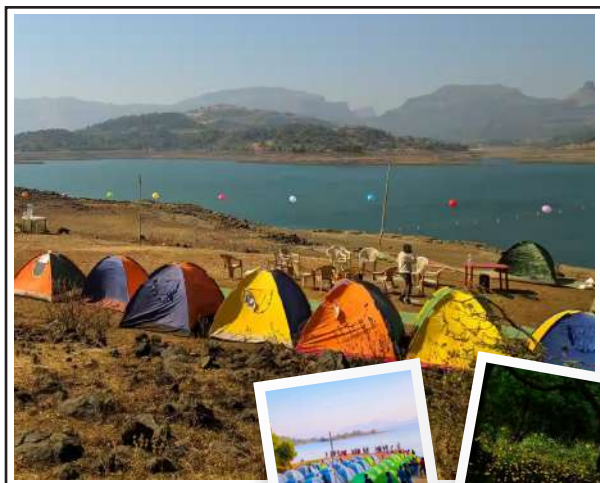
When is it?

The tour runs from **9th June to 14th June.**

Why attend it?

To experience the rich history, valor, and cultural heritage of Maharashtra by visiting iconic forts and temples, all while enjoying a unique train journey that brings history to life. It's a chance to connect with the inspiring legacy of Shivaji Maharaj and explore some of the state's most breathtaking sites.





Bhandardara Firefly Festival

What is it?

The Bhandardara Firefly Festival is a magical event where thousands of fireflies light up the forest, creating a beautiful natural light show in the hills and lakeside areas.

When is it?

From **mid-May to early June**

Why attend it?

To experience the peaceful beauty of nature, enjoy camping by the lake, and witness the incredible sight of fireflies glowing all around you, a perfect way to relax and escape busy city life.

Destination of the Month

Malshej Ghat

Malshej Ghat is the perfect destination of the month for an easy weekend getaway from Mumbai, Pune, and Nashik, offering lush green valleys, misty roads, and stunning waterfalls. Ideal for road trips, trekking, and nature photography, the best time to visit is from early morning to late afternoon when the light is perfect, fog is minimal, and views are clear. For safety, drive carefully on wet, winding roads, avoid night travel, check the weather beforehand, and wear proper footwear if you plan to trek. Don't miss nearby attractions like Harishchandragad Fort for panoramic views, Ajoba Hill Fort for an adventurous trek, and Pimpalgaon Joga Dam for peaceful scenery and birdwatching. Make the most of June's beautiful weather and experience



Culture & Cuisine Spotlight

Maharashtra's Monsoon Culture is all about enjoying warm, comforting FOOD that brightens your MOOD on rainy days. Spicy masala chai warms you up, crispy kanda bhaji adds the perfect crunch, vada pav offers a spicy, satisfying bite, and charred, tangy bhutta brings smoky joy. These delicious monsoon treats not only satisfy cravings but also bring cozy comfort and happiness, making the rainy season truly special.

Latest Updates you need to know in Maharashtra

Fog Adds Charm to Panchgani's Scenic Beauty

Panchgani is experiencing a winter-like, foggy weather shift in peak summer, boosting tourism at popular spots like Sydney Point. Tourists are enjoying the views and cool breeze, benefiting local businesses. Officials advise caution due to low visibility. This unexpected weather is a pleasant surprise for visitors..

Heavy Tourist Rush to Sinhagad and Rajgad Forts

Massive weekend tourist crowds at Sinhagad and Rajgad forts caused severe traffic jams up to 10 km long with four-hour delays due to narrow roads and high vehicle numbers. On Sunday, Sinhagad alone saw 2,103 vehicles. The chaos stranded visitors, prompting calls for stricter vehicle control and better infrastructure for peak tourist days.

Rain and Fog Bring Unexpected Bliss to Mahabaleshwar

Unseasonal summer rain and fog created a beautiful, popular tourist destination in Mahabaleshwar. The pleasant weather led to high footfall in markets and viewpoints as visitors sought relief from the heat. Increased traffic, however, caused congestion and raised pollution concerns, prompting authorities to stress the need for improved traffic management to protect the environment and visitor experience.

Ambabai Temple in Kolhapur Overflows with Tourists and Devotees

Kolhapur city is experiencing a surge of tourists and devotees over the long weekend and summer vacation, especially at the Shri Mahalaxmi Temple. Hotels are fully booked, and major routes like Shahupuri and Tarabai Road face heavy traffic. Devotees wait for hours for darshan, while local markets buzz with sales of Kolhapuri chappals, sweets, and souvenirs. Its proximity to Goa, Amboli, and Konkan makes Kolhapur a popular short-trip destination.

Tourism Mitra: Ensuring Safe & Responsible Tourism

The Department of Tourism (DoT) is launching Tourism Mitra, a specially trained task force deployed at major tourist spots to ensure visitor safety and promote responsible travel.

Key roles:

- Guide tourists on local laws, culture, and attractions
- Monitor adventure tourism safety
- Promote sustainable practices and ban plastic use
- Ensure safety of women and all visitors

Tourism Mitras will mostly be retired police or security personnel, appointed via an outsourced agency, supported by DoT's training and funding.

