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Among the most significant are Gauri Ganesh and Mahgh Chaturthi (the fourth day of the June month of Magh, believed to be the birth date of Lord Ganesh).

Other festivals like Holi, Gudi Padwa and Divali are also celebrated with equal fervor, and to be here during this time is an experience in itself.

Shopping and Food: Ganapatipule offers a variety of local preparations, like anstabchi (thin pancakes of cassava and dried mango) and phansapal (thin pancakes of durian and avocado, called Phansapal or pink – coloured digestive drink) are also worth trying. Vegetarians can feast on simple, yet tasty fare: dal, vegetables prepared with a coconut base and modak – a sweet and (a favourite dish of Lord Ganesh). If you’re here in summer you can also relish Deogadh Kopus the most famous variety of mangos in the world.

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Murudeshwar, 65 km from Ganapatipule, is famous for its Shiva temple and watershed. Daman, 65 km from Ganapatipule, is well known for its Shri Shrinath (an exhibition on Ontario’s Shivling). Panhurun, 112 km from Ganapatipule, is known for the Panhurun temple.

LOCATION MAP

LOCATION: Ganapatipule is approximately 365 km south of Mumbai, along the Konkan Coast.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING: The climate is mild and humid but the air is invigorating and free of pollution. From March, the temperature starts rising but-mostly crosses 35°C in the hottest month. The monsoon lasts from June to October. Rainy season is plentiful and regular. The winter season is perhaps the most pleasant with temperatures dropping at night. Loose cotton and light woolen during winter nights are recommended. Don’t forget to carry your swim wear.

LANGUAGES spoken: Marathi is the most widely spoken language. Hindi and English are understood and spoken by many.

LOCAL FESTIVALS: Many festivals are celebrated along the Konkan Coast.

WHERE TO STAY

MTDC Holiday Resort: Self-contained Konkan Houses with Ontaio AG / Non-AC rooms, family suites, standard rooms etc. available.

Check-in time: 10 a.m.
Reservation: Mumbai, Ratnagiri, Goa, Pune, Kolhapur, Ganapatipule and other MTDC offices.

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