**Bhandardara**

**Valley of pleasure**

**Location:** Bhandardara is situated 185 km from Mumbai, in Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra, India.

**Languages spoken:** Marathi, Hindi, and English.

**Climate and clothing:** The peak season is between November and April, but Bhandardara is spectacularly beautiful during the monsoons. The summers are very hot and the winters quite cold. Cool outfits for summers and warm woolens for winters are ideal.

**Mansion magic in Bhandardara.**

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** Nashik:** Located around 70 km from Bhandardara, Nashik has its own distinct personality due to its mythological, historical, cultural and social significance. It is one of the holiest places for Hindus. There are many temples and ghats along the sacred river Godavari. The famous Kundal Mela takes place once every 12 years, drawing hundreds of thousands of devotees from around the country and all over the world. Nashik is also one of Maharashtra’s major industrial centers, an aspect of its personality that starkly contrasts with its spiritual side.

** Shirdi:** Just about 90 km from Nashik lies the holy town of Shirdi, once the abode of Sai Baba, one of India’s most revered sants. The Shirdi Temple is a key center of activity and attracts people of every faith, throughout the year.

**Timbakeshwar:** The origin of the holy Godavari River, Timbakeshwar lies approximately 30 km west of Nashik. The temple of Timbakeshwar is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas. Devotees believe that a visit to this temple helps them attain salvation.

**LOCATION MAP**

**GETTING THERE**

**BY AIR:** The nearest airport is Mumbai, 177 km away.

**BY RAIL:** Igatpuri: 45 km; on Central Railway is the nearest railhead.

**BY ROAD:** Mumbai-Bhandardara: 89 km (Via Ghotoli); Pune-Bhandardara: 191 km.

**WHERE TO STAY**

**MTDC Holiday Resort:** The MTDC Resort at Bhandardara presents spectacular views of Arthur Lake and Wilson Dam. Deluxe room (1 block), Special room (9 blocks), Standard room (8 blocks), Lakeside cottage (6 blocks) and Group accommodation (1 block).

**Check-out times:** 9:00 am

**Reservation:** Mumbai, Bhandardara, and other MTDC offices.

(For the MTDC Holiday Resort, there are the resorts, resorts and guesthouses in Bhandardara directly exclusive accommodation facilities.)

**Note:** All the information has been obtained from MTDC. The information is correct as of the date of publication. However, it is advisable to check with the resort directly for the most up-to-date information.