There are pleasant waterfalls also worth visiting, such as Chirmamang Falls, Dholi Falls and Lingasal Falls, the latter being the most impressive, cascading almost 900 ft. from a cliff.

Another tourist attraction is the Ganges, or the confluence of the five rivers that flow over the Deccan Plateau. There are many old temples too, which become the focus of attention during the festival season.

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Location: Mahabaleshwar is situated 1,572 meters above sea level in the Western Ghats, in Satara District of Maharashtra State, India.

Languages spoken: Marathi, Hindi and English.

Climate and clothing: The climate is pleasant throughout the year, but the best time to visit is between October and June. Temperatures range from 18°C to 30°C in summer and can fall as low as 0°C in winter. Cottons and light woollens are recommended attire.

Shopping and foods: Mahabaleshwar is famous for its fruit products. Strawberries, honey, jams, pickles and chilis (a sweet chilli made from jaggery and an assortment of nuts) are a favourite buy-and-end in handcrafted leather footwear.

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About 18 km from Mahabaleshwar lies the hill station of Panchgani. It is surrounded on all sides by 5 hills ("Panchhi" — five, "Giri" — hill) and is very popular with tourists owing to its close proximity to Mahabaleshwar. Panchgani is known for its resident boarding schools and its strawberry and raspberry farms. Visitors to Mahabaleshwar almost always come to Panchgani to make most of their holiday in the hills.

Panchgani City