Welcome to Nanded
City of steadfast devotion, scholarship and saintly sacrifice

DISCOVER

Maharashtra offers you the chance to discover 50,000 years of history and heritage. Here is a fleeting glimpse:

At Lonar, near Shegaon in Buldhana District:
(C.R.Y.) you can see the world’s largest basalt rock crater formed more than 50,000 years ago when a 2 million tonne meteorite impacted the earth. The Lonar lake situated in 13.5 hectares of new water making it difficult for any species to survive. Yet scientists have found various living organisms here. It is also believed that the water here has curative properties. Legend also has it that the temple atop, once a has a stream of sweet water, the origins of which are from the holy city of Benares. Nearest rail to Lonar is Malkapur on the Mumbai-Bhusaval line.

At Ajanta caves near Aurangabad:
It was mentioned in the writings of Chinese pilgrim Hsuan Tsang who visited India between A.D. 619 and 415. Both caves have been declared as World Heritage sites by UNESCO and attract thousands of visitors from all over the world.

Tadoba Wildlife Sanctuary is often called the 'Jewel of Vidarbha'. Tadoba lies in the district of Chandrapur in the north-eastern part of Maharashtra and is a good home to some 50 tigers, panthers, sambhar deer, boar, nilgai, gaur, sambar and chital. The Tadoba National Park and Andharit Wildlife Sanctuary together form the Tadoba-Andharit Tiger Reserve. The nearest airport is Nagpur Chhindwara railway station is the closest to the sanctuary.

Kanheri Fort was built by Rashtrakuta King Krishna III of Nasik. It is situated in the heart of Kanheri town and shows the influence of Mughal style in its architecture and the typical water body around it. This fort adds cultural heritage to Nanded and is a big attraction here.

Shinkeshwar Molagad is the well-known birthplace of Lord Dattatreya and is considered to be one of the Shakti Peetha of Maharashtra. The temple of Goddess Ramada Devi situated on a hill is famous for its beautiful views. The temple is said to have been constructed by Yadav Gopinath Duggali about eight to nine hundred years ago. On the day of Dasara every year a big fair is held in honour of Ramada Devi.

Kini wildlife sanctuary was set up in 1971 and covers an area of 218 sq km of the Deccan plateau. This sanctuary is famous for its tigers, cheetal, chital, sambar, nilgai and the small bear.

Chikaldara is featured in the Mahabharata. Situated at an altitude of 1115 m, it is the only coffee-growing area in Maharashtra. The only hill roast in the Chikaldara region, it abounds in wildlife sanctuaries, safari, camp, wild boar and others. Nearby is the famous Mahesh Tiger Project which has approximately 62 tigers. Best time to visit: October to June. MIDC has self-contained rooms and dormitory beds.

Nearest airport is Nagpur. Nearest railway is Rakna, Bhandara, Bhandara-Chhindwara, 700 km; Nagpur-Charhar, 220 km; Amravati-Chhindwara, 100 km. State Transport buses also.

Mahesh Ghat is a picturesque spot also home to fig trees. Hold a special attraction for trekkers, hillies and nature-lovers especially the journey to Shree Fort. Another important spot is surrounded by Buddhist caves (3rd century), in Hariharnandigd. Nearest airport is Mumbai, 144 km. Nearest railway station is a Kalyan, Mumbai to Makhdin Ghat via Murud. 134 km. Pune to Makhdin Ghat via Aurangabad, 164 km and from Ana Salai to Makhdin Ghat, 36 km.

Come, enjoy Maharashtra. Where the past is always present.

Getting There

By Road: Nanded is about 500 km away from Mumbai. There are two ways by road from Mumbai. The first is to go via Bhandara on the National Highway (NH) 27A. This is probably the shortest road from Mumbai. Another way is via Pune-Arade-Sangamner-Aurangabad-Kalwa-Jinjir. Nanded is about 12 to 14 hours by road for private vehicles. People generally prefer the convenience of a train journey. Nanded is about 4-5 hours' drive from Aurangabad and 11 hours from Pune. It is approximately 275 km from Hyderabad. Several passenger buses operate out of Nanded providing easy overnight connectivity with almost every major city in and around Maharashtra.

By Rail: The TrainExpress and the Nandedgram Express run from Mumbai to Nanded. The other station to note is a railway station. By Road: The Bus service in Nanded is served by buses from the Nanded railway station to the other nearer stations. The city has its own railway station, the Nanded railway station, which is the main railway station.