8 Breathtaking Weekend Getaways Near Mumbai For Your Next Trip

The beautiful city of Mumbai is in every sense, a true metropolitan city with some of the best places to eat, see around and live in. Be it the old magnificent architecture or the vast sea coast, Mumbai will leave everyone spellbound, And i am no different. While the colorful city holds people captive of its beauty it can sometimes get a little chaotic and overwhelming. So if you're one of those people who need a break from this vibrant city and want to hear your thoughts in the quiet of nature? we have a list of perfect places near Mumbai you can rush to.

The perfect location of Mumbai offers so many weekends getaways that you would actually find it difficult to make your pick, but worry not, I have made a list of some of the most stunning weekend getaways from Mumbai that you definitely must visit for a rejuvenating experience you will never forget. So here are the top 8 most popular places near Mumbai for a quick trip.

1. Lonavla

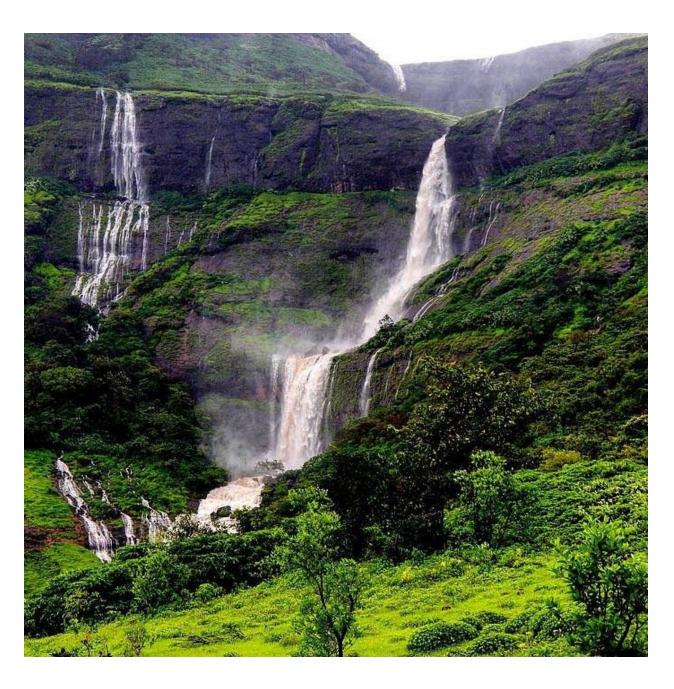


Distance from Mumbai- 94 km

Best time to visit- October to May

Lonavala is a must visit for every Mumbaikar. It is one place which despite being a popular and mostly busy hill station still eludes you with its beauty. Especially in monsoon there is no other place that even compares to the misty mornings of Lonavala. It is just s drive away from Mumbai and makes for a perfect road trip destination with friends and family with numerous pit stops of food stall and restaurants on the highway to keep your mind and tummy engaged. Lonavala also has some of the most luxurious and out of the box hotels like the Machan. Want to spend a day listening to birds chrping right in the middle of a forest on your own tree house deck? Well, Lonavala is the place for you.

2. Malshej Ghat



Best time to visit- July to March

If road trips is what gets you excited Malshej ghat will be a perfect weekend getaway for you to connect to nature. It is one of the most picturesque landscape all throughout the journey. A great weekend getaway from Mumbai for a small day trip or two. Malshej ghat is also known for the migratory birds that flock the place in the months around July making it a sight for bird lovers. Don't forget to visit the Malshej falls while you are there, the white splashing of water with that soothing rushing sound is definitely a magnificent sight you can not forget for a very long time.

3. Bhandardara



Distance from Mumbai- 164 km

Best time to visit- July to March

If you are looking for a break from the general chaos of life and want spend time alone with your thoughts? There cannot be a better place than Bhandardara. The tranquil lake with soothing sunshine will make you feel at peace and give you the much required peace you seek. It is one of my personal favorite and i would recommend a stay in the lake side camping tents you can easily book online. Evenings in the camping sight can be like the 'Sham' song from Aisha movie and offer you ample chance to make great friends over some life conversations. Don't miss the chance to visit the Randha falls and Sandhan valley for some Breathtakingly beautiful views. Give it a chance, you won't be disappointed.

4. Matheran



Distance from Mumbai- 92 km

Best time to visit- September to February

A quiet little hill station over the western ghats, Matheran is another very popular weekend getaway from Mumbai that should be on your list. The slow paced life with some lush green landscapes can make you feel so refreshed and rejuvenated. With a few sights to see around, you can easily spend a few days just lazing around and soaking in the beauty of this place. To make your experience better, take the toy train ride from Neral to Matheran, it offers some unbeatable views that Just cannot be seen by road.

5. Kamshet



Distance from Mumbai- 105km

Best time to visit- October to May

While some may seek peace to unwind, others seek thrill. And if you're looking to get your adrenaline running Kamshet is the place you should head to. There are number of activities you can do to keep your inner adventure needs fulfilled. Indulge in some rock climbing, trekking, boating and of course Paragliding. Kamshet is very well known in India for its paragliding scene. The hilly landscape offers enough opportunities for slope soaring. The thrill of have a bird's view of a place so beautiful will make you fall in love with Kamshet. A 2 day trip to this paragliding heaven definitely is one of the best weekend getaways from Bombay.

6. Kolad



Distance from Mumbai- 126km

Best time to visit- June to February

If the skies scare you take a adventure filled dip in the Kundalika river and satisfy your adventure hunger in Kolad. The gushing river makes for a great place for river rafting with a few difficulty level courses to choose from. It is a definite must try if your visit with a group of friends. An idyllic landscape with some beautiful springs and waterfalls, Kolad is a great place not just for adventure but also to unwind and relax in the lap of nature with camping and and trekking activities that take you to views that cannot be justified even by the best f pictures. Don't believe me? Go see yourself.

7. Alibaug



Distance from Mumbai- 95km

Best time to visit- October to July

Alibaug is another really close by destination that will be perfect for a one or two day trip for your weekend near Mumbai. This place is perfect for a strict budget trip with a lot to offer. You can i dulge in bird watching, water sports and visit some historical places like the Murud Janjira fort, the Nagaon beach, Varsoli beach and Kaneshwar mandir. You can also indulge in luxury with some great hotels in the place. I would recommend taking a ferry ride till Alibaug from the Gateway of India and soak in the serenity of the Arabian sea.

8. Panchgani



Distance from Mumbai- 244kms

Best time to visit- October to May

Another gem of a place is this quaint little hill town located right in between five hills of the Western Ghats. This place has great weather with some of the most strikingly beautiful natural landscapes. If you and your family are seeking a break from the monotony of city life this place will strike just the right chords for you. Enjoy your time gorging on the strawberries and enjoying a hot cup of chai in some little cottage balcony overlooking the tranquility of these hills. I assure you can't find a better place to unwind your mind and soul.

I hope you like this carefully curated list of weekend getaways near Mumbai for a short trips amidst nature. Which one's your favorite and why? let us know in the comment section below. We would be thrilled to hear back from you.