A Visitor's Guide to Top Places to Visit in Lonavala

Lonavala is one of Maharashtra's most loved <u>hill stations</u>, nestled in the Sahyadri ranges. Known for its lush green valleys, misty viewpoints, waterfalls, historic caves, and spiritual landmarks, it's the ideal weekend destination. Whether you're visiting the serene Shree Narayani Dham Temple or planning a full-day trip, this guide lists the best places to visit in and around Lonavala.



1. Shree Narayani Dham Temple

- **Highlights**: Peaceful spiritual atmosphere, marble architecture, and clean surroundings.
- Best Time to Visit: Early morning or evening aarti.
- **Family Tip**: Great for meditation, calm prayer time, and for kids to experience a peaceful environment.
- Address: Plot No 28, 199, Tungarli Rd, near Kaivalyadhama, behind Kailash Parvath Hotel, Tungarli, Lonavala, Maharashtra 410401

2. Bhushi Dam

- Why Visit: Famous for its overflowing steps and seasonal water splashes.
- **Best Time**: Monsoon season (June to September).
- Note: Avoid weekends due to crowds; wear shoes with a grip.
- Activities: Waterfall rappelling, photography, and quick snacks.

3. Lion's Point & Tiger Point

- What to Expect: Breathtaking panoramic views of the Western Ghats.
- **Timing**: Best during <u>sunrise and sunset in Lonavla</u>.
- Experience: Fog, cool winds, street-side snacks, and stunning monsoon vistas.

4. Lonavala Lake

- Attractions: Calm waters, reflections, and birds.
- Best for: Early morning walks, photography, and relaxed picnics.
- **Season**: Full during monsoon, scenic in winter too.

5. Lohagad Fort

- What to Explore: Historic fort, easy trek, and amazing views of Pawna Lake.
- Level: Beginner-friendly trek; great for families and groups.
- Monsoon TIP: Trails can be slippery; wear proper footwear.

6. Karla & Bhaja Caves

• What to Explore: Ancient Buddhist rock-cut caves with carvings and stupas.

- Cultural Value: Dating back over 2,000 years.
- **Perfect For**: History lovers, architecture enthusiasts, and nature seekers.

7. Rajmachi Point & Trek

- Attraction: Scenic valley view with a glimpse of Rajmachi Fort.
- **Bonus**: During pre-monsoon nights (May–June), catch the famous <u>Rajmachi</u> <u>Fireflies</u> display!
- **Trek Level**: Moderate—night trek with guides recommended.

8. Lonavala Market

- What to Buy: Chikki (sweet brittle), fudge, jams and local crafts.
- TIP: Try corn, vada pav, and lemon soda at local stalls.

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- In-house Govinda Pure Veg Restaurant
- Family-friendly activities
- Close to Shree Narayani Dham Temple and the top attractions of Lonavla
- Ideal for spiritual retreats and nature lovers

Travel TIPS

- Best Season: Monsoon (June–Sept) and Winter (Oct–Feb)
- Transport: Easily accessible via road/train from Mumbai or Pune
- Packing: Umbrella/raincoat, trekking shoes, water, and light snacks
- Avoid peak weekends for a quieter experience

Lonavala offers a perfect blend of spirituality, nature, adventure, and fun, all within a short drive from Mumbai or Pune. Whether you're starting your day with blessings at Shree Narayani Dham Temple or chasing forts, foggy views, and <u>waterfalls in Lonavala</u>, this charming <u>hill station</u> has something for everyone.

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