

## **Overview**

# Rajmachi Fort

Rajmachi Fort has two forts Shirvardhan and Manaranjan which were built by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj during the 17th century. It is a famous spot for trekking. It is a 16 km trekking distance from Lonavala Station. Rajmachi Fort is a strategic fort overlooking Borghat which was an old trade route. Rajmachi peak has two stable structures the Shrivardhan fort and Manaranjan Fort. Places to visit in Lonavala during monsoon the fort is covered with fog and mist. Lonavala sightseeing you can spot Rajmachi Killa from Khandala there is a dedicated viewing point.

Available from Lonavala

### **Highlights of Rajmachi Camping**

- Popular trek cocooned in the laps of Sahyadri Mountain ranges of Western Ghats
- Shrivardhan Ballekilla stands tall at a height of 2750 feet overlooking the Borghat Pass
- Excellent Location for Astrophotography around the new moon
- Gratifying Home-cooked Local Food



### **Rajmachi Camping Event Details**

- Shirvardhan Fort Height 2710 feet approx.
- Nearest City Lonavala, Karjat
- Separate stay for females and males
- Tent stay on triple sharing basis.
- Shrivardhan Fort Exploration.
- Local Village Food.
- Cost for Rajmachi Camping: Rs. 1599/- (per person)

## **Event Itinerary Rajmachi Camping**

Day 1 - Saturday

For Mumbai Participant

Konark Express 11019 (Mumbai CSMT to Bhubaneshwar)

- 02:00 pm CSMT
- 02:12 pm Dadar
- 02:33 pm Thane
- 02:55 pm Kalyan
- 04:27 pm Lonavala

For Rajmachi Pune participants

Pune to Lonavala local train

- 03:00 pm Pune
- 03:05 pm Shivaji Nagar
- 03:24 pm Chinchwad
- 03:45 pm Talegaon
- 04:20 pm Lonavala

04:45 pm - Assemble at Lonavala Railway Station.



05:00 pm - Move towards the base village by local Jeep.

08:00 pm - Reach Base Village.

09:30 pm - Dinner.

#### Day 2 - Sunday

06:00 am - Wake up and freshen up

06:30 am - Start ascending Shrivardhan Fort.

07:30 am - Reach on top and explore.

08:00 am - Start descending.

09:00 am - Reach at base village.

Have breakfast.

Visit Udaysagar lake and temple.

11:00 am - Start Return journey towards Lonavala by local jeep.

01:00 pm - Disperse at Lonavala railway station

#### How to book?

- Click on the "BOOK NOW" button.
- Select your departure date and click on pay and book button.
- Select your ticket type and quantity. (If you have a coupon code, apply at this stage)
- Fill out your personal details and proceed with reviews & payment.
- Select your payment type (UPI, Debit Card, Credit Card, Net Banking) and proceed.
- Once your tickets are booked, you will receive confirmation via email. (Please provide valid email id)
- A WhatsApp group link will be sent to your WhatsApp number 8 hours prior to the departure. (Please provide WhatsApp number while booking)
- Event Details and Trek Leaders details will be shared on that WhatsApp group only.



#### **Please Note**

- People may board the same train from their respective stations of convenience.
- If it rains, stay will be in a homestay. Camping is not possible due to rain.
- Due to the visitor rush during this period, jeeps are sometimes unavailable or overbooked, and the participant is requested to wait patiently for their jeep.
- If the road is not motorable, the jeep will be available till halfway only. Participants will have to walk 8km.
- If you wrongly booked for different date or batch. And you want to change date within 3 days of departure, then transfer charges will be applied which will be Rs. 200/- per person.

## **Inclusions**

- Lonavala to Lonavala travel by local jeep
- 1 Veg Dinner, 1 veg Breakfast
- Tented stay on multi sharing basis
- Treks and Trails India expertise charges

## **Exclusions**

- Travel till Lonavala and back
- All kinds of Extra Meals / Drinks Ordered
- Insurance, tips, Porters, bottled mineral water, aerated drinks, etc.
- Any kind of personal expenses (camera charges, etc.)
- Any kind of cost, which is not mentioned in the cost, including above
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required

## **Highlights**

- 2/3 liters of water
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on the trek



- A good torch must with an extra battery
- Sleeping bag or two bed-sheets
- Warm clothes
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets
- One Day Backpack 20 to 30 liters
- Sun Cap and Sunscreen
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine
- Identity Proof
- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect you from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles

### **Cancellation Policy**

- 75% refund if notified via phone conversation 8 or more days prior to the event date.
- 50 % refund if notified via phone conversation 4 to 7 days prior to the event date.
- No refund if the cancellation requested is less than 3 days prior to the event date
- No show No Refund.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another date against cancellation.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another person against cancellation.
- If the event gets canceled we will refund "Trek Amount" only.
- If the event is canceled due to any natural calamity, political unrest or other such reasons beyond our control the same cancellation policy will apply.
- Refunds won't be issued if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns or a personal medical emergency.
- Your booking cannot be shifted to another date if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns, or a personal medical emergency.
- If your area is prone to flooding, traveling from a flooded area, heavy traffic, heavy rains, missing the train, or any other reason, if you cannot attend the event, we won't issue a refund or shift you to another date.
- Management won't be held responsible if you are stuck due to heavy rains, traffic jams, personal emergencies or floods during the event.
- If you are bringing kids, please understand the possibility of getting stuck or delayed. You might have to stay back due to heavy rains, floods, bus breakdowns,



- and rush at the trekking destination. We won't be able to refund or shift you to another date. You will have to wait it out till the weather clears.
- Due to bad weather, floods, sudden changes in government rules, and overcrowding at the destination trek, the organizer has the right to change the trekking destination.
- During the trek, due to any circumstances seen or unseen trek leader has the right to cancel the trek for safety reason. No refund shall be issued.

#### **Treks and Trails Event Rules**

- Kindly carry one Identity proof, at least for the trek with your address.
- We all are going for an adventurous and exciting trekking expedition; please Do Not misinterpret it as a PICNIC or LEISURE TOUR.
- The leader's decision will be final, and all the members should abide by it.
- We do not destroy or dirty the archaeological, historical monuments, natural habitat on the trek.
- Swimming is not allowed in the lake or water tank on the forts. Locals use that water for drinking.
- Putting your feet in water tanks or on the canon is not allowed on our treks.
- Any addiction is strictly prohibited, e.g. drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco anyone caught doing it will have to exit the trek without a refund and travel back on own expense.
- People caught smoking or drinking alcohol will be asked to exit the event on an immediate basis.
- Please do not carry or wear any valuables, ornaments, jewellery, etc. If carried, then we Do Not take any liability for the same.
- Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Trekking, or any adventure activity is potentially risky.
  For all these events, you are at your own risk. Organizers are not responsible for any accident or compensation in whatsoever manner.
- We should strictly follow the code of conduct to avoid troubling our fellow trekkers or other people from our group or outside.
- Listening to music on earphones or Bluetooth speakers is not allowed while trekking.
- Bluetooth speaker not allowed inside the homestay or camping tents.
- Drinking/smoking,/eating is not allowed inside the tents.



- If you damage the tent, break the tent poles, you will have to pay us for the whole new tent on MRP.
- If you are late for the bus pickup and are not reachable on the phone during your bus pickup, the trek leader will leave without you, and we will provide no refund.
- Please check things to carry and wear trekking shoes on our treks.

## **Itinerary**

#### 1. Can we drive to Rajmachi village camping?

Not in monsoon. You will need a proper SUV to reach Rajmachi Village during the winter and summer seasons last 12 km. The road is in terrible condition, and Rajmachi Trekking is the only option available during monsoon to reach the fort. A small path is open for bikers during monsoon.

#### 2. How far Rajmachi Camping from Mumbai/Pune?

Three hours drive from Mumbai, 125 km approx. Two and half hours drive from Pune, 90 km approx. From Rajmachi point in Khandala, you can see the Balekilla of Rajmachi known as Manoranjan and Shirvardhan. Rajmachi Garden is a famous picnic spot at Khandala for visitors who cant trek till Rajmachi Fort. Rajmachi point Lonavala is located near Dukes resort.

#### 3. The number of days required for Rajmachi fort trek and camping?

Two days and One Night is required for exploring Rajmachi Fort and camping. Rajmachi fort is huge with two smaller forts Shirvardhan and Manoranjan. It has a huge plateau ideal for camping.

#### 4. Where can we park our cars for Rajmachi Camping?

Lonavala at your own risk. Parking is available near the Lonavala railway station. Lonavala to Rajmachi route is off-road, and you will need a good SUV to reach the base village, Udhewadi. Please note in case it rains very heavily, the road becomes unmotorable.

#### 5. Is there any parking charge at Rajmachi trek and camping?



Yes, local forest officers will collect parking charges and entry fees from campers and hikers visiting Rajmachi trek and camping. Rajmachi Fort trek and camping is a beautiful place to visit in Maharashtra. It is a fort located around 16 kms from Lonavala.

You can reach Rajmachi trek from Lonavala or Karjat through the Mumbai Pune Expressway. Rajmachi fort trek is a great place for campers, hikers, and travelers, and it has lots of lakes, beautiful hills, a waterfall, and twin forts.

#### 6. Do you provide sleeping bags for Rajmachi camping?

For hygiene reasons, we don't provide sleeping bags. Please carry personal sleeping material or two bedsheets.

#### 7. Are toilets available at Rajmachi Camping?

Toilets are available at the villager's house a few minutes from the campsite. Toilets are Indian commode style. During the trek, toilets are not available.

#### 8. Do single travelers female sign up for these events?

We have 60 - 40 % or more Male - Female ratios on our events. Many Single Travelling Female join our events.

#### 9. Are kids allowed on Rajmachi night treks?

We encourage parents to come along with their kids for the Rajmachi Camping. Kids below 15 with Parents' supervision only on Rajmachi night treks.

#### 10. What type of food will be provided at Rajmachi camping?

Rajmachi fort Lonavala food preference only veg local home-cooked is available. Jain food is available; please mention it in the comments at booking.

#### 11. Phone connectivity at Rajmachi Lonavala?

Limited phone connectivity is available for most cellular services. Once we reach the summit you will receive a good network. Phone connectivity is available at different spots during the trek.

#### 12. Where will we stay at Rajmachi Pune Camping?



During Rajmachi camping, we stay in tents. We will provide a sleeping mat like a yoga mat. Please carry your sleeping bag or two bedsheets. During the monsoon, we will stay at a homestay, and it will be in Dormitory Villagers house simple sleeping mat is provided.

#### 11. Is cash payment or spot payment accepted?

Registration against 100% upfront payment only via Google pay / Phonepe / Paytm / UPI / NEFT / IMPS / Payment Gateway on the spot payment not accepted. We need to book in advance bus and stay and make other arrangements upfront payment is a must.

#### 12. Will I get bottled water at the Rajmachi festival?

We believe in reducing reuse and recycling. Normal well water shall be provided at the Rajmachi camping. Please carry a reusable water bottle to avoid pollution and garbage at the Rajmachi Fort Trek. We expect each hiker to take their trash back to Mumbai or Pune.

#### 13. Rajmachi camping, can we charge our phones?

No electricity connection is present at the base village. Please carry a power bank if required for Rajmachi camping. Rajmachi village doesn't have a power connection yet from the electricity department.

#### 14. How is the weather now?

Summer Temperature Night 17- Day 39°C approx.

Monsoon rains very heavily please double pack your expensive phones and gadgets.

#### 15. Can we smoke or drink alcohol?

People caught smoking or drinking alcohol will be asked to exit the event on an immediate basis. There are locals who keep vigilant to catch alcoholics and fine them.

#### 16. Can we listen to music on Bluetooth speakers?

Listening to music on earphones or Bluetooth speakers is not allowed while trekking, Bluetooth speakers not allowed inside homestay.

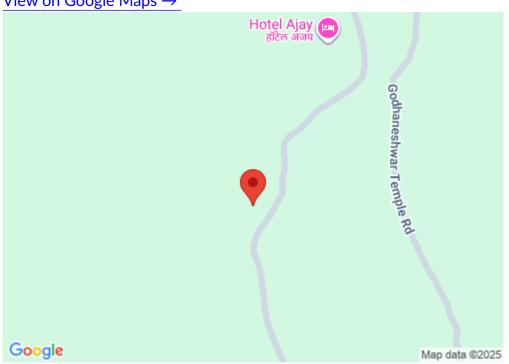
#### 17. How do I make payment for Rajmachi camping?



You can pay online on our website on book now button. In case your question is not listed above for Rajmachi camping you can email us highfive@treksandtrails.org

# Pickup point

View on Google Maps  $\rightarrow$ 



Activity

Trekking, Camping

Destination

Maharashtra

Duration

1 Day 1 Night

Reviews