AMBOLI

Amboli is an unexplored hill station in south Maharashtra. The area is surrounded by dense forests and has a cool refreshing climate. The sea view point here offers a splendid view of the Konkan coast. There are two forts Manohargad and Mansantoshgad near Amboli. The Hiranyakachi and Nangartar waterfalls add to exquisite beauty. If you are looking for a summer retreat where you can spend time with your family in isolation, Amboli is an ideal resort. On your way to Goa do not miss to stop and take a look at this place.

Hiranyakchi and Nangartar waterfalls are known for cascading waterfalls. Located 700 metres high in the mountains, this place is an attraction for trekkers, hikers and adventurers. Away from the city life, Malshhej Ghat promises peace and solitude that is much rare to find.

The forests which surround this hill station are known for a variety of birds and animal life. A walk forest the forest and the spray of waterfalls is bound to revive you. The undulating hills promise great trekking adventures. Hartschandraghat Fort is one popular trekking destination situated near Malshhej Ghat. There are two Ganesh temples and an old shrine of Lord Shiva which lie nearby. The solitude and wilderness is sure to take you by a surprise. Malshhej Ghat is a place devoid of tourist rush. Fun, excitement adventure along with peace solitude is combination rare to find. Experience the untouched beauty of nature in a destination that offers you much more than you expect.

How to get there: Malshhej Ghat is located at a distance of 154 km from Mumbai, about a three hour drive. The nearest rail station are Kalyan and Karjat. Besides there are State Transport buses that leave for this destination at regular intervals.

DID YOU KNOW

• Photography came to India in 1840’s
• India’s first woman photographer is Homai Vyarawalla
• India’s first photography magazine is Asian Photograph
• India’s first website dedicated only for photographer is www.indian-photography.com
• World Photography Day is celebrated on 19th August

PASSIONATE ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY!

“Say cheese”- click! That’s photography for most of the people. Pictures takes you back to the memories of good times. If grabbing the outer world in your lens excites you then photography is one of the most lucrative professions for creative and passionate people. “Photography is an art and talent of seeing the world in a different way. For me, photography is one click that captures every emotion,” says Deepti Hiranzandani, winner of the MTV’s ‘On the job’ TV show.

It is the creative medium of self-expression through pictures. But with technological aspects influencing this field, it is very important to know the technical know-how. “I don’t think photography can be taught, but the technical aspects should be learnt before entering the industry. Being in a creative medium it requires an inherent talent than training. However it helps hone your skills since it gives you the knack to choose perfect perspective for the picture.” However, there are a number of streams in photography such as fashion photography, journalistic and advertising photography, outdoor photography, wildlife photography etc. to choose from.

Despite so many opportunities in this field, photography has not managed to be on the people’s priority list of careers. Prateek Singh (24) who is doing his internship with a leading photographer says, “People are yet to discover the value of photography. Though it doesn’t pay well, but the future is bright with the opening up of the economy.” Echoing the same sentiments is Deepti H who feels photography is one of the career that offers out creativity in you. However, there are some who believe that working for an organisation will influence their creativity as one has to work on the briefs given to them.” All said and done, one has to develop his/her own style if one has to make big in this industry.

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