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“the specialty of these caves is a flat floor and well sculpted pillars. These caves are famous for camping and make for a challenging trekking adventure which is yet not perilous. However it is advised that an expert should accompany a trekking trip in this cave for novice trekkers” tells Dhanaji, 26, a trekking enthusiast.
Another highlight is that historical places like Kalwawantinchha Mahal, Nagtahi, Siddhagad, Malanggad, Chandher, Prabalgad, Manikgad, and Matheran that surround the fort and are also visible from its apex.
“Kothaligad, is truly for nature lovers and best known for trekking. Peth is a tiny village which is devoid of any hotel for accommodation and food. Therefore it is advisable that the visitors carry their camping gears and packaged drinking water and food,” Shailesh Rane, a tour operator.
In conclusion, don’t expect the luxury of city life here. This destination is certainly for those people who want to experience nature up and close and get a vivid taste of what wilderness is all about.
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With breath taking views from on top of the hills, amidst the clouds that surround you, the hill station is worth a visit. Known for its horse rides for those who don’t fancy the trek, horses and lot of red mud is the —only thing that will not leave your sight.
“For people who are up to a little rough weather, Matheran is open to all seasons,” said KK, an advertising professional.
With beautiful weather all round the year Matheran feels like its situated a million kilometres away from Mumbai. While all of Matheran shuts down at 9pm, the fog around this time of the year adds character to the meandering lanes. A perfect getaway from the fast paced life of the city, time passes beautifully and the best thing about it is, it passes at your convenience.

On a rare three day weekend, majority of Mumbaikars ran out for a quick rejuvenating trip! Amongst the popular but crowded hill stations, Serena Menon makes a personal trip to a tiny hill station that stands apart...

N ot very often does the working population of Mumbai get an official three day long weekend off, and when they do, everyone wants to run away from the fast life and unwind.
One of those unusual and very rare occasions happened to occur around Independence Day which ‘happened’ to be followed by Raksha Bandhan and the usual Sunday. Tons of people struggled to get out of the city and all the usual weekday weekend destinations became too popular to run away to. One place amongst the lot, stood apart - a small hill station called Matheran situated around 120 kms away from main land Mumbai which has something that not many places around the world offer. IT DOESN’T ALLOW CARS, not that it is the only thing, but is a characteristic that ciphers numerous advantages. With no cars, this hill station keeps the majority of the city that prefers the luxurious drive, away and leaves ample space for adventure for the ones who yearn for it and a quiet getaway for those looking for one.
No pollution, no honking sounds and not a lot of people, Matheran makes up for everything anyone would want to get some time off. A couple of kilometres walk on either directions of the little or only motor road in Matheran will take you to Luisa Point, Echo Point, Charlotte Lake, Malay Spring, Garbhat Point, Panorama Point, which is the sunrise point and Porcupine Point which is the sunset point. “I just couldn’t get over the fact that for the weekend that I was there, I didn’t have to subject my ears to any honking,” gested Neha Bist, a TV executive.

GETTING THERE: Train from CST to Neral. Catch a cab (for Rs. 50 per head) that will drop you to the closest you can get to Matheran on wheels. Jump onto a horse or WALK ON to a lovely walk along the narrow gauge train tracks that will lead you right into the petite hill station!

STAYING THERE: A 3 star hotel will not cost you more than Rs. 1400 per head per night, including, meals from checking in till checking out and much more. For something cheaper, there are various lodges that will provide you with a room for Rs. 500 per night, which too is negotiable.

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