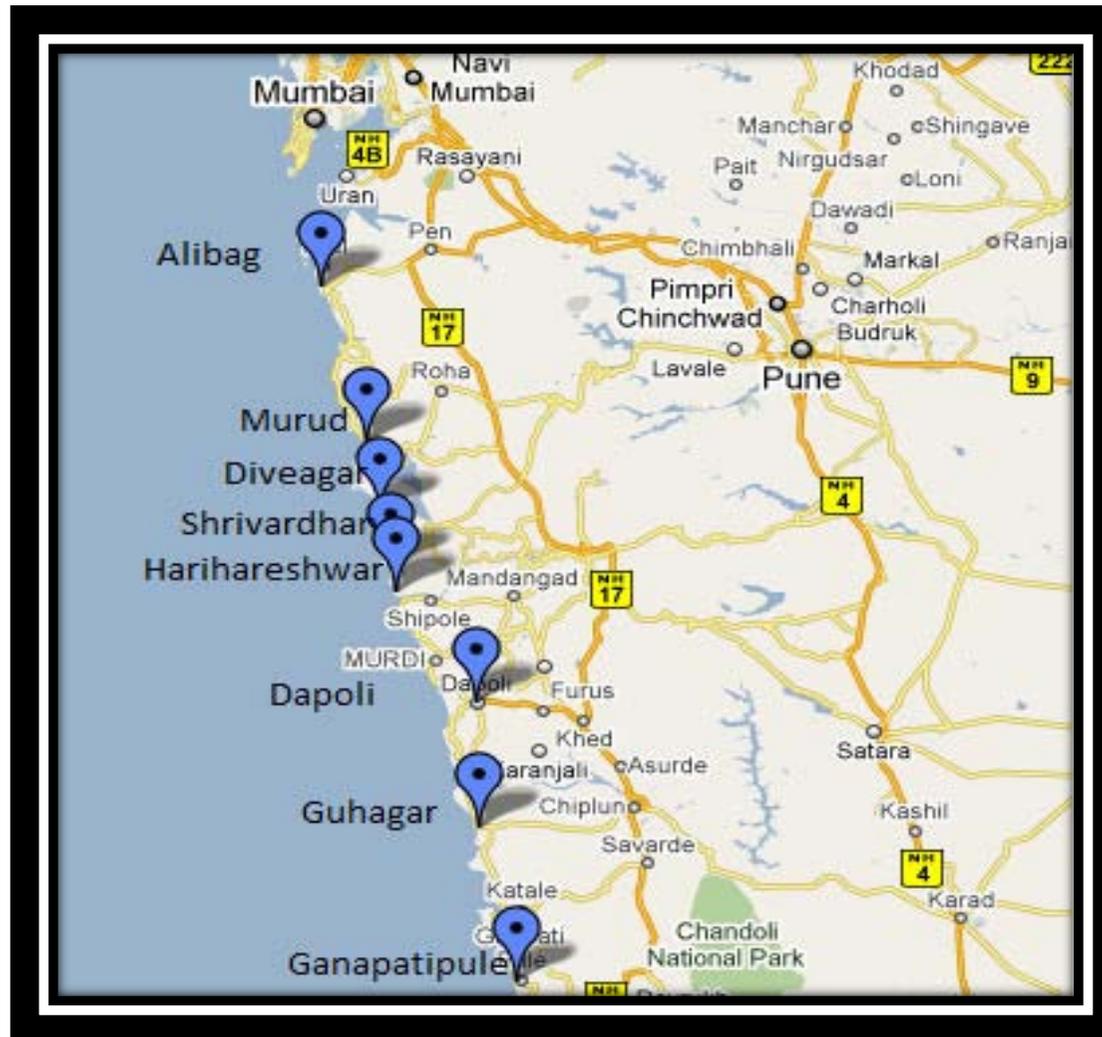


1 Weekend At The Konkan Beaches



The Konkan Coast in Maharashtra offers a bounty of beautiful beaches, which are among the most pristine in the country. Delightfully off the tourist trail, they are devoid of much commercial development and many are practically deserted. In this regard, the best time to visit is during January and February, when the weather is warm (not hot), and it's the low season for domestic tourism. During peak season water sports, camel rides, and horse cart rides proliferate on the popular beaches.

<p><u>Alibaug</u></p>		<p>Alibaug is a sought after weekend destination for people living in Mumbai, and many of the city's rich and famous own bungalows there. The town has got quite a bit of history behind it. Established in the 17th century, there are numerous old forts, churches, synagogues, and temples all waiting to be explored.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alibag</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/cAjfSgwh1tN1L35K8</p>
<p><u>Kashid</u></p>		<p>A little further down the coast from Alibaug, Kashid is more isolated but growing in popularity. Its long, wide beach is lined with casuarina trees, snack stalls, and hammocks. Two of the major attractions in the area are Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary and Janjira Fort. While the beach is quite empty on weekdays, it receives an influx of visitors on weekends. Family owned cottages and guesthouses provide most of the accommodations as there are only a few hotels in the area. https://www.holidify.com/places/kashid/kashid-beach-sightseeing-2303.html</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/Ff5HnEro9W6btxfY8</p>

<p><u>Diveagar</u></p>		<p>Diveagar is a relatively unknown beach that's not too far from Mumbai. It's bordered by dense forestation. Make your way through it and you'll be greeted by a wide, clean beach with fine sand. The town used to have a Ganesh temple with a golden idol but thieves stole the idol in 2012. It's since been replaced by a silver one.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diveagar</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/MVraVAt5kUuPaYzaA</p>
<p><u>Harihareshwar</u></p>		<p>Many people head to Harihareshwar, neighboring Srivardhan, to visit its Shiva temple that houses an ancient Shiva <i>linga</i>. There's a <i>pradakshina</i> route around the temple, along the seashore. A rocky outcrop, accessible only during low tide, makes the beach particularly distinctive. The beach is actually split into two parts, north and south of the temple.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harihareshwar</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/c4NFp7EJDt7mZYCK7</p>
<p><u>Murud and Karde</u></p>		<p>Murud and Karde form what is apparently the longest stretch of beach on the Konkan Coast. Hotels and homestays have mushroomed in the area, and there are many options for a beachfront stay. The main attraction is dolphin watching, especially during the winter when sightings are frequent. A little further north, Harnai is renowned for its massive daily fish market. You can buy some seafood and get the locals to cook it up for you! Suvarnadurg Fort can also be visited.https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g1156425-d8861934-Reviews-Karde_Beach-Dapoli_Ratnagiri_District_Maharashtra.html</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/RDgEYqQoshgx1Uqr6/</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/tnBaWZmhf53NpZXe8</p>

<p><u>Ganpatipule, Malgund, and Aare Ware</u></p>		<p>Ganpatipule is famous for its Ganesh temple, located right on the beach. Due to the number of devotees it attracts, the beach is not pleasant for swimming or relaxing. If you're looking for a more serene stay, Malgund beach (a few kilometers before Ganpatipule) is a better option. Alternatively, there are a few pricey resorts located away from the temple as well. Untouched Aare Ware beach, south of Ganpatipule, is a must-visit beach. The sea views from the cliffs and road above it on either side are sensational.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganpatipule</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/DGAZCpbRVhufUdEx9</p>
<p><u>Tarkarli, Malvan, and Devbagh</u></p>		<p>If you're prepared to travel the distance, you'll be amply rewarded when you visit these beaches. The area is reminiscent of Goa decades ago before development set in. Its narrow, palm-fringed roads are lined with village homes, and locals can often be seen unhurriedly riding bicycles or walking to get around. The many beachfront homestays and guesthouses make it an appealing and inexpensive area to stay. The serenity of the beaches is preserved by the fact that water sports take place on a nearby island.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarkarli</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/sfYF8Q1CJvJdu9bE7</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/wjQRsQzj5VnMEiU5A</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/fYF8gdMinouE13Yr6</p>

