

BHIMASHANKAR

Bhimashankar is located about 100 km from Pune and 223 km from Mumbai. Bhimashankar is popularly known as temple town. One of the twelve traditional 'Jyotilingam' shrines of Lord Shiva in India is found in Bhimashankar.

Bhimashankar is surrounded by hills and is covered by thick green rainforests. Legend has it that the name Bhimashankar was originated from the river Bhima which evaporated due to the heat developed during the war of Lord Shiva and the demon Tripurasura. It is considered as one of the holiest places in India because of the jyotirlinga. Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary is a famous tourist destination.

Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary



The densely forested area is spread over an area of 120 sq km on the Western Ghats, also known as the Sahyadri Ranges. The place is mainly famous for being a home to many endemic and pandemic animal and bird species including the Indian Giant Squirrel. It is rich in flora and fauna and its considered to be one of the biodiversity hotspots of the world. The reserve is also known for being the home of 14 sacred groves which are said to be thousands of years old and responsible for the origin of many species. You can enjoy trekking through the well-marked and safe routes within the dense forests, taking in the sheer beauty of nature and experiencing it from close quarters.
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Bhimashankar Temple



The holy shrine of Bhimashankar is a work of Naga style of architecture. The holy shrine of Bhimashankar is a work of Naga style of architecture. Situated atop the hills, the place is perfect for all nature lovers and trekkers. The forest nearby is said to be a treasure of medicinal herbs. A visit to this temple is both religious and adventurous.

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Hanuman Lake



This place is slightly difficult to reach, although worth the effort, this is a beautiful lake located in Bhimashankar. You can see lots of animals including squirrels and birds. There is a temple nearby too. It's a good picnic spot for family and it is advisable to carry some packed food here and board games or frisbees.

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Ahupe Waterfalls



It has a wildlife reserve in the vicinity and a beautiful view of the Dimbhe Dam backwaters. The waterfalls is a popular tourist destination especially among young couples.

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