



# One day jungle trek to Bhimashankar From Pune

🕒 1 night, 1 day

## Overview

## Bhimashankar Trek

Situated in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra and covering an area of about 120 km at a height of 3400 feet high up in the hills. There is a beautiful temple of Lord Shiva amidst the wilderness of the dense jungle which is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas in India that attracts pilgrims and devotees.

Bhimashankar is of great religious importance and one can see flocks of devotees visiting here during the month of Shravan. It is said that Lord Shiva after getting angry, killed Rakshas Tripurasura. The heat generated from their war caused the origin of river Bhima. That is why it is called the Bhimashankar. The Bhimashankar temple is a composite of old and the new architecture. It is a modest yet graceful temple and it dates back to the 18th century.

## Bhimashankar Hills Trek Information

We ascend via Ganesh ghat. There is Ganesh mandir en-route.



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This is the halfway mark. The trail, after the two routes meet, is a steep climb through thick forest and lush green bushes. It leads directly to the top, where you find the Bhimashankar temple. You pass through a glimpse of history as you cross Paddar Killa - Padargad.

There is a streamlet route going down from the left of the temple. Via that route, we enter a thick jungle and come across the Sakshi Vinayak temple around 25 minutes. A route going toward the waterfall left of this temple leads to the “water sculpted” “Shiva Linga” under this waterfall. This is called the Gupt Bhimashankar.

### When to visit Bhimashankar Trek

It is a moderate difficulty level trek which takes about 4 hours to ascend and 4 hours to descend via Shidi Ghat. The entire trail exudes a serene and rustic charm. While monsoon is the best time to do this trek, it can also be done in other seasons.



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## Inclusions

- Private bus Travel (Non ac buses)
- Breakfast and tea
- Lunch(Veg)
- First aid
- Fun games during the bus journey
- Local Guide charges
- Entry charges
- Expertise from our team

## Exclusions

- Entry fee for foreign nationals
- Mineral water/lime water/ purchased for personal consumption
- All kinds of Extra Meals / soft drinks ordered
- Any kind of personal expenses (camera charges, etc.)
- Any kind of cost that is not mentioned in the cost included above
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required



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## Highlights

- **Lord Shiva Temple:** Bhimashankar Temple is located in the village of Bhorgiri 50 km North West of Khed, near Pune. There is a beautiful temple of Lord Shiva which is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas in India. It is a modest yet graceful temple and it dates back to the mid 18th century. The shikhara of the temple was built by Nana Phadnavis. This temple is closely associated with the legend of Shivaraj Khade slaying the demon Tripurasura associated with the invincible flying citadels Tripura. Shiva is said to have taken abode in the Bhima form, upon the request of the Gods, on the crest of the Sahyadri hills, and the sweat that poured forth from his body after the battle is said to have formed the Bhimarathi River. Bhimashankar is also the source of the Bhima River, which flows south-east and merges with the Krishna River near Raichur. Trek to Bhimashankar can be easily done as it's near Mumbai.
- **A big size bell in Hemadpanthi structure:** - Built by Nana Phadanavis is also a feature of Bhimashankar.
- **Hanuman Lake**
- **Gupt Bhimashankar, Sakshi Vinayak, Origin of River Bhima**
- **Nag Phani** from where one can see the view of the Peth fort and Padhar, Bombay Point, and lot more.
- **Bhimashankar is a conserved forest area and wildlife sanctuary** where a variety of birds, animals, flowers, plants can be seen.
- **A rare animal "Shekru"** can be found in deep woods.
- **Bhimashankar is worth visiting for jungle lovers and trekkers as well as for pilgrims.**

## Itinerary

## PICKUP DETAILS

1) Hadapsar 4:00 AM

Noble Hospital ,Hadapsar :- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/n92gJU6zzisPP8AN7>



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## 2) Vimannagar 4:30 AM

Ramwadi Metro Station :- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FstoDku2nbtdei678>

## 3) Shivajinagar 5:00 AM

JM Corner :- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MMdVcJvMXT12Yu4V9>

## 4) University Road 5:15 AM

Pride House Building :- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/XqrwrKK8TpNynCwt8>

## 5) Rishi Chowk, Near Bremen Circle 5.20 AM

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## 6) Jagtap Dairy Chowk 5:30 AM

:- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uvxxchV2o2p7mrgv9>

## 7) Kokane Chowk 5:35 AM

:- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NBFmzztdkagEi5rb9>

## 8) Hotel Ashoka, Nashik Phata 5:55 AM

:- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2ji53xgYD5WJZLag7>

## 9) Moshi Circle 6:15 AM

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## TREK DETAILS

- **09:30 AM: Reach Bhorgiri and have breakfast on the way**
- **10:00 AM: Freshen up and start your jungle trek to Bhimashankar Forest**
- **12:00 PM - 02:00 PM: Reach Gupt Bhimashankar and start your return trek to Bhorgiri**
- **Optional: If time permits, we will cover Bhorgad Fort**
- **03:00 PM: Depart for Pune**
- **09:00 PM: Arrival in Pune with loads of memories**

## FAQ

- **Where is bhimashankar situated?**

Pune - Bhīmāshankar Temple is a Jyotirlinga shrine located 50 km northwest of Khed (alias Rajguru Nagar), near Pune, in India. It is located 127 km from Shivaji Nagar (in Pune) in the Ghat region of the Sahyadri hills.

- **How is Bhimashankar?**

Bhimashankar, located about 100 km from Pune and 223 km from Mumbai, is a popular temple town. Bhimashankar is located in the village Bhorgiri in the ghat region of the Sahyadri range. Situated at a height of around 3250 feet, Bhimashankar is surrounded by hills and is covered by thick green rainforests.

- **How is the road from Pune to Bhimashankar?**

The distance from Pune to Bhimashankar is about 110 km and takes around 3 hours and 23 minutes by road.

- **How can I go to Bhimashankar from Lonavala by bus?**

Lonavala is located around 38 KM away from Bhimashankar so if you travel at the consistent speed of 50 KM per hour you can reach Bhimashankar in 2 hours and 23 minutes. Your



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Bhimashankar travel time may vary due to your bus speed, train speed or depending upon the vehicle you use.

- **What is the best time to visit bhimashankar?**

The best season to visit Bhimashankar is the winter season. The temperature remains comfortable and is apt for visiting the wildlife and other places of interest in Bhimashankar. The best months to visit are October, November, December, January, February and March.

- **Is bhimashankar a hill station?**

Bhimashankar Hill Station. Bhimashankar hill station is a mind pleasing spot situated amidst lush green Bhimashankar hills. Nestled between Sahyadri Mountains, this place offers a scenic holiday destination. ... Location: 50 km North-West of Khed, Pune District, Maharashtra.

- **How many steps are there in Bhimashankar temple?**

It will be 300 steps and very wide steps. I think you can walk. The Chair facility is available for Rs 400 or 500. 4 persons will carry you and again bring upstairs. Bhorgiri is one of the most scenic locations in Maharashtra. Bhorgiri is a very small village. There are hills on the three side of the village & one of the hills has Bhorgiri fort and caves. Bhorgiri to Bhimashankar is the perfect trek for Beginners. Bhorgiri to Bhimashankar trek goes through dense jungle. One can see Giant Squirrel during the trek. The trek route is through dense jungle and provides many opportunities for nature lovers and particularly Photographers!!! It's a plain Jungle walk of around 3 Hours which ends at "Gupta Bhimashankar". One has to pass the Streams & waterfall to reach the Bhimashankar Temple. A serene journey through gurgling waterfalls!!! Bhorgiri is a small village about 90 kms from Pune.



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### ➡ Things to Carry

- 2/3 liters of water
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on the trek
- Good Torch must with an extra battery
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets
- Proper backpack (No sling or Jolas)
- Rains are expected, so pack your bags accordingly to save them from getting wet
- Double pack your valuables/phones in plastic bags
- Rainwear / Poncho / Waterproof jacket etc. if you don't want to get wet
- Sun Cap and Sunscreen
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine
- Identity Proof
- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles

### ➡ Cost

Rs 1,350

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