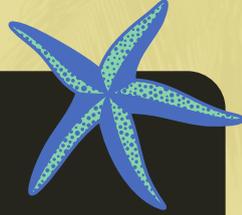


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#1 – The Blue Sky's - The Backyard Cafe

THE BLUE SKY NOW HAS A WARM RESTAURANT SPACE THAT SERVES FOOD AS WELL AS A GREAT AMBIANCE. ALONG WITH GORGEOUS POOL-VIEW AND A RETRO THEMED VIBE, THE RESTAURANT SERVES MULTI-CUISINE MEALS/SNACKS. THIS IS THE BEST SPOT FOR PARTIES!

#2 – Varsoli Beach – 1.3 KM (5 MINUTES)

VARSOLI BEACH IS A SMALL HAMLET. IT IS CLEAN AND LESS CROWDED BEACH IN ALIBAUG REGION. THOUGH THIS BEACH SERVES AS A NAVAL BASE, TOURISTS CAN ENJOY THE WHITE SAND AND CLEAN WATER. MOREOVER, THE BEACH IS DOTTED WITH NUMEROUS COCONUT AND CASUARINA TREES. VARSOLI BEACH IS A POPULAR TOURIST SPOT FOR THOSE WHO WANT A QUIET AND SERENE ATMOSPHERE. AT THIS WONDERFUL BEACH, THERE ARE MANY WATER SPORTS AVAILABLE BOTH FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. THE SUNSET IS REALLY WORTH VISITING AT VARSOLI BEACH

#3 – Alibaug Beach – 3.4 KM (13 MINUTES)

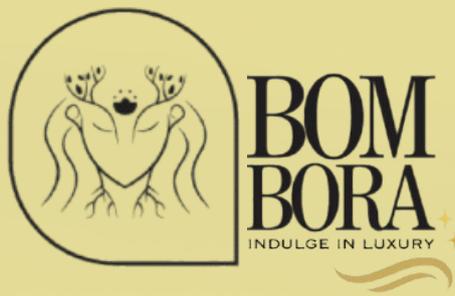
LOCATED ALONG THE COAST OF THE ARABIAN SEA, THE ALIBAUG BEACH IS A PICTURESQUE STRETCH OF SAND SITUATED IN MAHARASHTRA. ALIBAUG IS A BLACK-SAND BEACH WHICH OFFERS THE PANORAMIC SIGHT OF THE KOLABA FORT FROM THE SHORES. AMBER SAND LIES UNDERNEATH ITS COARSER BLACK COUNTERPART, AND ITS UNIQUE SIGHT IS FURTHER ACCENTUATED BY THE ROCKS THAT LAZILY LIE AROUND THE ENTIRE LANDSCAPE. THE RUINS OF THE FORT ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE ALIBAUG BEACH WHICH CAN BE EASILY ACCESSED BY WADDLING THROUGH THE WATERS IN LOW TIDES AND A SHORT BOAT RIDE DURING HIGH TIDES. THE BEACH IS FAMOUS FOR ITS PICTURESQUE SCENERIES OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET THAT ONE MUST MARVEL WHEN IN ALIBAG.

#4 – Kolaba fort, Alibag – 3.4 KM (13 MINUTES)

NAMED AFTER THE ALIBAUG COAST, THE ALIBAUG BEACH IS NOT ONLY POPULAR FOR ITS SCENIC BEAUTY BUT ALSO FOR ITS RICH HISTORY AND MANY ADVENTURE SPORTS ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN TAKE A BOAT RIDE THROUGH THE WATERS OF THE BEACH, WHICH OVERLOOKS THE KOLABA FORT IN ALL ITS GLORY. AN UNWAVERING SYMBOL OF ALL THAT THE MARATHA EMPIRE STOOD FOR, THIS HISTORIC MONUMENT STANDS STRONG ALONG THE COAST EVEN TODAY. THE COASTLINE OF THE BEACH RUNS FOR 4 KILOMETERS ALONG THE SHORES OF THE ARABIAN SEA AND IS ALSO A SETTLEMENT OF A FEW FISHING VILLAGES, WHERE YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THE LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE OF THE LOCALS. WHILE HERE, YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE GANPATI TEMPLE, WHICH IS ALMOST 400 YEARS OLD

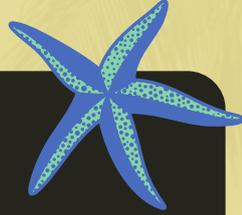
#5 - Awas Beach – 15.4 KM (33 MINUTES)

AWAS BEACH IS A BEAUTIFUL STRETCH OF GOLDEN SANDS LINED WITH CASUARINA AND SURU TREES. A WELL-KEPT SECRET OF ALIBAUG, THE BEACH RARELY HAS VISITORS WHICH MEANS IT IS IDEAL FOR ROMANTIC GETAWAYS OR TO SPEND QUALITY TIME IN SOLITUDE. THE VILLAGE ADJACENT TO THE BEACH HOUSES SOME BEAUTIFUL RESORTS WHICH ARE FREQUENTED BY FAMILIES AND COUPLES ALIKE. LACK OF TOURISM IN THE PLACE ALSO LEAD TO CLEANER SHORES, QUIETER AESTHETICS AND AN OVERALL GORGEOUS VIEW.



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#6 – Thal Beach – 5 KM (13 MINUTES)

ROMANTIC AND RELAXING BEACHES FOR LOVED-UP COUPLES.

#7 – Mandwa – 18 KM (30 MINUTES)

A POPULAR WEEKEND BEACH DESTINATION FROM MUMBAI CITY, THIS BEACH IS SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF MANDWA IN MAHARASHTRA. IT IS VERY ACCESSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE DIRECT FERRY SERVICES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE NEAR MANDWA BEACH TO AND FROM MUMBAI CITY. A SERENE AND QUIANT BEACH, MANDWA IS NOT GOING TO DISAPPOINT YOU. MANDWA IS A VERY POPULAR BEACH DESTINATION FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN MAHARASHTRA. THE PLACE HAS BEEN MADE FAMOUS AS A LOCATION FOR THE FILM AGNEEPATH, WHERE BOTH AMITABH BACHCHAN AND HRITIK ROSHAN HAVE ACTED IN TWO SEPARATE FILMS.

#8 – Kanakeshwar forest / Kanakeshwar Devasthan Temple – 8 KM (30 MINUTES)

THE BEAUTIFUL, DENSE AND MAJESTICALLY MESMERIZING LUSH GREEN KANAKESHWAR FOREST IS KNOWN FOR ITS RICHNESS AND ABUNDANCE OF FLORA AND FAUNA. POISONOUS SNAKES, PANTHERS, LEOPARDS, AND WILD BOARS CAN BE SPOTTED HERE ROAMING AROUND THE FOREST. THE FOREST IS SO RICH IN VEGETATION AS TO BLOCK ANY SUNLIGHT AND THE INTERIORS ALSO HAVE A TEMPLE DEDICATED TO LORD SHIVA.

#9 – Underi Fort – 7.4 KM (19 MINUTES)

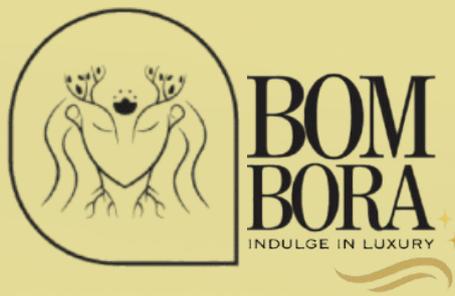
LOCATED IN THE HEART OF MUMBAI HARBOUR, SOUTH OF PRONG'S LIGHTHOUSE, IS THE ISLAND OF UNDERI. ALSO KNOWN AS JAIDURG, THIS FORTIFIED ISLAND WAS FOUNDED IN 1680 CE BY KAHIM OF SIDDHIS. COMPARATIVELY SMALLER TO KHANDERI, A SISTER ISLAND, BOTH THE ISLANDS WERE LANDMARKS FOR SHIPPING VESSELS.

#10 - Brahma Kund – 12.9 KM (31 MINUTES)

BRAHMA KUND IS IMMENSELY POPULAR FOR ITS RELIGIOUS BELIEF. LOCATED ON A HILL TO, THERE ARE TWO KUNDS THE SHIV POOL AND THE BRAHMAS KUND. POPULAR AS SHIVA TEMPLE, AT A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 13 KM FROM ALIBAUG IS THE KANAKESHWAR DEVASTHAN TEMPLE, LOCATED ON A HILL AT AN ALTITUDE OF 900 FEET.

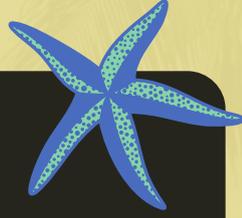
#11 - Karmarkar Museum – 16.4 KM (34 MINUTES)

DISPLAYING THE LIFE WORKS OF PADMASHREE VP KARMARKAR, THE KARMARKAR MUSEUM EXHIBITS 150+ CARVED SCULPTURES



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#12 – Akshi Beach – 9 KM (25 MINUTES)

LOCATED RIGHT NEXT TO NAGAON BEACH, AKSHI BEACH'S LOCATION IS A LITTLE SECLUDED WHICH TRANSLATES INTO A LESSER NUMBER OF HUMANS. CLEAN WATERS, CLEAN BEACH AND PROPERLY ALIGNED TREES, THIS IS THE INSTAGRAM WORTHY BEACH. ALSO, HERE IS WHERE THE LOCAL LIFE IS ACTIVE AND IF YOU CHOOSE ONE OF THE HOMESTAYS ON THE BEACH TO LIVE IN, YOU CAN WAKE UP TO THE SEAGULLS AND THE SOUND OF WAVES.

#13 – Nagaon Beach – 11.2 KM (32 MINUTES)

UNCLUTTERED AND CLEAN, NAGAON BEACH IS ONE OF THE CLEANEST BEACHES IN ALIBAUG. WITH COCONUT TREES ON SIDE MIXED WITH BETEL NUT PLANTATION AND CLEAN SEA ON THE OTHER, THIS BEACH ALSO OFFERS WATER SPORTS TO MAKE YOUR DAY SPENT HERE WORTHWHILE

#14 – Korlai Beach – 25 KM (1 HOURS)

ABUTTING THE INDIAN-PORTUGUESE TOWN OF KORLAI IS THIS BEACH WHICH HAS A MIX OF BOTH WHITE AND BLACK SAND. AND THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS PLACE IS THE KORLAI FORT, LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA ACCESSIBLE THROUGH A BRIDGE. A NICELY FORTIFIED FORT, IT HAS MANY SPOTS WHERE YOU SIT TO ENJOY AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE ARABIAN SEA. AND WHILE AT IT, WE SUGGEST YOU GET THE DIL CHAHTA HAI FORT PHOTO AS WELL.

#15 – Kashid Beach – 34.6 KM (1.17 HOURS)

KASHID BEACH IS SITUATED ON THE COASTS OF ARABIAN SEA. FAMOUS FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL WHITE COLOUR SAND, KASHID IS ONE OF THE CLEANEST BEACHES IN NORTH KONKAN. THE BEACH IS STRETCHED ACROSS 3 KM AND SURROUNDED BY SHRUBS AND TREES CALLED CASUARINA.

#16 - Murud Beach – 50 KM (1.52 HOURS)

A VANTAGE POINT TO THE MURUD-ZANJIRA FORT, MURUD BEACH IS CLEAN AND GRADUAL WHICH MAKES IT APT FOR THE KIDS TO JUMP AROUND AND GO FOR A SHORT SWIM. IT ALSO HAS SPORTS LIKE PARAGLIDING AND PARASAILING AND HAS MANY LODGING SPOTS TOO. ALSO, THE FORT IS JUST A SHORT FERRY RIDE AWAY AND IS A GREAT SPOT TO EXPLORE AS IT BOASTS OF REMAINING UNCONQUERED DESPITE MULTIPLE EFFORTS BY DUTCH, BRITISH AND MARATHA ARMIES.

#17 – Saswane Beach – 16.7 KM (35 MINUTES)

A RELATIVELY LESSER KNOWN SASWANE BEACH LIES ON THE COASTLINE EXTENDED AFTER AWAS AND ALIBAUG. THE BEACH FACES AN ELITE RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE WITH SPARSE BUNGALOWS AND POSH APARTMENTS. WITH A GROVE OF COCONUT TREES IN THE DISTANCE, THE MUMBAI SKYLINE PRESENTS A MESMERIZING PICTURE.