

## Nasik - The Symbol of Utmost Divinity

Located in the north-west of Maharashtra some 185 km from Mumbai and 210 km from Pune, Nashik is popularly known as the 'wine capital of India'. This city is famous for its picturesque surrounding and the pleasant climate. Nashik has also developed as a tourism destination as it is called a religious center of India and has become one of the four holiest places in India where the drops of nectar fell when demigods and demons fought over it. It is located on the banks of river Godavari encircled by nine hills- Durga, Ganesh, Chitrghanta, Pandav, Dinger Ali Mhasarul, Jogwanda, Pathanpura, and Konkani. Nashik is one city which rose to name in the mythological era and has carried its aura to the present age withstanding the test of time. The greatest of all shows on the land of India, the Maha-Kumbhmela also happens in this city. It happens every 12 years and attracts tourists from all over the world. As the legend has it, one of the greatest heroes of Indian epics, Lord Rama, along with wife Sita and brother Laxmana stayed here for a while during their 14 year exile. It is from here Ravana abducted Sita and took her to his palace on the island of Lanka, now known as Sri Lanka. It was here that Laxman cut off the nose of Ravana's sister Surpanakha, thus the name Nashik. The temples, the ghats on the Godavari have made Nashik the holiest place for Hindus. Nashik is a very lively city in industrial and social arena as well. This city has become a major attraction also due to the clean and green surroundings and the ever so pleasant climate.

## About Aashiyana

**Aashiyana** (started in May 2015) has in a short span attained the most coveted 5-star ranking for hospitality norms, awarded by TripAdvisor. We have redefined Luxury and Comfort..!! With multiple properties placed strategically in Nashik, we are definitely the most preferred hospitality partner of the discerning traveller. We offer luxury as well as budget accommodation and are affiliated to MTDC. Our new property Bamboo Villa - The FarmStay, just on the outskirts of Nashik is our endeavour to provide the best to our guests. The reviews that we have received on TripAdvisor bear testimony to this fact. We are pleased to be the first one to promote package tours for Nashik, and as has been our policy, will strive to ensure that our guests go back with a Big Smile..!!

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## Leisure Tour

### Shubham Water Park



Welcome to Shubham Water World, the world of Joy under nature..- a "must visit" for every water and thrill lover! Have complete fun day with great food and refreshment in Shubham Water World. Make yourself comfortable and enjoy the leisure of Shubham Water World. The aquarium also adds educational value to the Water Park. Come and splash the day away at JP's Shubham Water World...!!!!

## Gargoti – The Mineral Museum



Gargoti-The Mineral Museums, is a chain of Minerals Museums in India.

A sister concern of Superb Minerals India Pvt. Ltd. which was established as an export firm in 1994 by its sibling Promoters Mr.K.C.Pandey&R.C.Pandey.Participating & attending International Shows, Exhibition & Conventions Mr.K.C.Pandey CMD, realised the need of Museums & Galleries in India to showcase & educate its citizens about The Natural Wealth of India such as Natural Minerals, Crystals, Metals, Stones etc. He worked to setup India's 1st Gem & Mineral Museum in India which led to the birth of Gargoti-The Mineral Museum displays the personal collection of Connoisseur Mr.Pandey which is the result of his consistency since past 40 years.

## Visit to the Farms



Nashik is a leading grower and exporter of a wide variety of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables such as Grapes, Pomegranates and Onions to the overseas Markets of Middle East, Europe and UK. Get to know the various farming techniques which have spurred the growth of Nashik and brought fame to the city.



## Sula Vineyards



Sula Wines- In 1996, Rajeev Samant planted the first wine grapes in Nashik and today this region is not only India's premier wine-growing region but also 80% of India's wine is produced here. Spread over a total of over 3000 acres, Sula's owned and contracted vineyards are home to some of India's finest grapes and the site of the latest in viticulture innovation and technology. The local farmers are partners in this journey to produce excellent wines and work hand-in-hand to secure their supply, provide on-ground training and support, and share the latest in sustainable winegrowing practices.

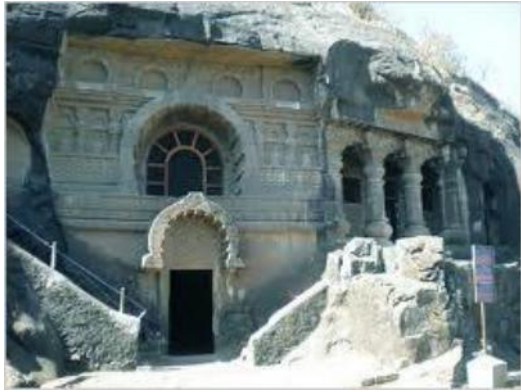
## Botanical Garden



The first-of-its-kind botanical garden -Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Van Udyan - in the country was inaugurated amid light and sound show in Nashik. The garden, spread across the forest department's 93 hectare land at the foothills of PandavLeni is being developed for Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) by Tata Trusts. It is not only a recreational and study centre, but also attracts tourists. At present, the forest nursery houses many herbal plants and wild animals that are rescued are kept here until they are released into the wild.

This park is being developed under natural resource management. The light and sound show called *Katha*, gives the message to children about forest conservation. The attractive butterfly entrance gate has become a landmark for Nashik city.

## PandavLeni



On Bombay-Agra road, a small hillock is seen. It houses the famous Pandav Lena caves. You can see from a distance the caves are cut half way through the hillock. The climb is not very steep. The height of the caves must be about 300ft. from the foot of the hillock. Many trekkers frequent the place in the mornings. It is a very peaceful place with a panoramic view of the city. Maharashtra government has taken up the area for cultivating forest & since 1996, more than 4000 trees have been planted. The place attracts tourists, archaeologists, trekkers, & artists. The caves are open for visitors from 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. everyday with an entrance fee of Rs.2/- . On Fridays, entry is free.

## Shirdi Sai Baba (Optional- Additional Day)



Shirdi is located about 90 kms from Nashik. It is called the Land of Sai. Long time ago, at the beginning of eighteenth century a young bearded man ( Shirdi Sai Baba) with sparkling eyes took shelter in a mosque, in Shirdi Village. Nobody knew from where this stranger had come who hardly spoke a word and stayed there. Gradually the curious villagers started offering food to the man, but he never asked anything from them. Sometimes he shared his food with the animals. Soon the young fakir, as he was started to be addressed, started expressing his view points with few elderly villagers. His simple language of expression and his special power of solving the problems of poor needy and destitute soon made this less known fakir, known as Shri Sai Baba. People also realised that this "Baba" was no ordinary person but a person with extraordinary powers, not observed in normal human beings. Baba preached his principle of love and faith in humanity to all his disciples. Sai baba strongly believed in uniformity of religion and he never distinguished anyone on the basis of caste, creed or religion.