

Overview

About Lohagad Fort

Lohagad Fort means Iron Fort in Marathi. Situated close to the hill station of Lonavala Khandala and 52 km northwest of Pune, Lohagad rises to an elevation of 1,033 meters, or 3,389 feet, above sea level. The Lohagad Killa is connected to the neighbouring Visapur Fort, which is on its eastern side by a small range. The range divides the basins of the Indrayani River and the Pavana River. Lohagad Pune overlooks the Pawna lake, located to the south of the mountain. The hill extends to the northwest to a fortified spur, called Vinchu Kata Scorpion's Tail, because of its resembling shape. The four large gates of Lohagad are still in good condition and reasonably intact. The fort has been declared as a protected monument by the Archaeology Survey of India. The best trekking routes near Mumbai and Pune for beginners. On the bucket list of all Mumbai hikers are places near Lonavala to visit.

Things to see at Lohagad Fort

We can reach the top of the fort by stairs. While reaching the top, we will come across four doors. The first one is called "Ganesh Darwaaja", the second one is called "Narayan Darwaaja", the third one is called "Hanuman Darwaaja" and the fourth one is called "Maha Darwaaja". Of these, Hanuman Darwaaja is the most ancient of all the doors. There are two godowns between Narayan and Hanuman Darwaaja that were used as granaries for storage. After entering the Maha Darwaaja, we come across an old 'Dargah'. Besides the

Dargah, there are remnants of the court. Towards right, we come across 'Laxmi Kothi', which has many rooms. The treasury of Nana Phadnis was kept here. In front of this place are two cannons. On the western side of the fort is Vinchu Kata. It is a 1500 metre long and 30 metre wide part of the mountain, separated from the main part. Viewing from the fort, this area looks like a scorpion's sting and hence it is called Vinchu Kata. As named, this portion was to keep a watch on the surrounding region, and any activity of the enemy in its vicinity could be tackled. Lohghad and Visapur are the most famous Lonavala Forts. Pune hikers prefer Lohghad fort near Lonavala for weekend treks.

Trek to Lohagad Event Details

- The Lohagad trek difficulty level is easy.
- Lohagad Fort Height: 3400 feet.
- Base village for Lohagad is Lohagad Wadi.
- Location: Malavali, Lonavala
- Endurance Level is Medium
- Lohagad Fort Trek photos: available in the photo gallery.
- Trekker Fitness and Endurance: Medium and BMI under 30
- Time required for climbing: 2 hours from Malavali and 40 minutes from Lohagad Wadi.
- Lohgad fort trekking. The total distance for climbing is 5 kilometers.
- Lohagad Fort Trek's nearest railway station is Lonavala.
- Duration: 1 day
- Trek Type: Fort Trail
- Distance from Mumbai to Lohagad trek start point: 100 km approx.
- Distance from Pune to Lohagad trek start point: 66 km approx.

Cost for Lohagad Trek

- Option 1 By Train (Lonavala to Lonavala): Rs. 999/- per person
- Option 2 By Bus (Mumbai to Mumbai): Rs. 1499/- per person

Trek to Lohagad Event Itinerary

Option 1 - By Train

Day 1

Train timings for Mumbai participants Indrayani Express

- 05:40 am CSMT
- 05:51 am Dadar
- 06:14 am Thane
- 06:33 am Kalyan
- 07:58 am Lonavala

Train timings for Pune participants

Lonavala Local Train

- 06:30 am Pune
- 06:34 am Shivaji nagar
- 07:50 am Lonavala

08:00 am - Meet at Lonavala station and move towards Lohagad fort by jeep.

08:45 am - Reach at base and breakfast.

09:30 am - Start ascending Lohagad Fort.

11:00 am - Reach at Lohagad top and explore.

12:30 pm - Start descending.

02:00 pm - Reach at Lohagad Wadi and lunch.

03:00 pm - Move to Lonavala Station by jeep.

04:00 pm - Departure for Mumbai / Pune from Lonavala station.



Option 2 - By Bus from Mumbai

Day 1

- 05:00 am Meet at Borivali National Park main gate. (https://goo.gl/maps/65qVB7H4swdFjjWs6)
- 05:10 am Leave for the trek.
- 05:20 am Pick up at Virwani Bus Stop, Goregaon. (https://maps.app.goo.gl/
 M7EGDNh6wWYmuhA1A)
- 05:30 am Pick up at Gundavali Bus Stop, Andheri East. (https://goo.gl/maps/gorbeX9fencdiqfh8)
- 05:40 am Pick up at Kalanagar bus stop, Bandra. (https://goo.gl/maps/CAsqYFeK8aTRBk9B7)
- 05:45 am Pick up at Everard Nagar bus stop, Sion. (https://maps.app.goo.gl/nlw5e7K6QTbwywa99)
- 06:00 am Pick up at Diamond Garden, Chembur. (https://goo.gl/maps/y2rbSdA3VyMhoudC7)
- 06:25 am Pick up at Vashi Plaza. (https://goo.gl/maps/uY6ZEs9hyiviHfKQ9)
- 06:55 am Pick up at McDonald's, Kalamboli. (https://goo.gl/maps/
 EJksuJiNC8uVFaoM7)

08:45 am - Reach at Lonavala and move towards base village by local jeep.

09:15 am - Reach at base village and have breakfast.

10:00 am - Start ascending.

11:00 am - Reach the top and explore.

01:00 pm - Start descending.

02:00 pm - Reach base village and have Lunch.

03:00 pm - Start return journey towards Lonavala by local jeep.

03:30 pm - Reach at Lonavala and proceed to Mumbai by private vehicle.

09:00 pm - Approx. arrival at Mumbai.

How to book?

- Click on the "BOOK NOW" button.
- Select your departure date and click on pay and book button.
- Select your ticket type and quantity. (If you have a coupon code, apply at this stage)
- Fill out your personal details and proceed with reviews & payment.
- Select your payment type (UPI, Debit Card, Credit Card, Net Banking) and proceed.
- Once your tickets are booked, you will receive confirmation via email. (Please provide valid email id)
- A WhatsApp group link will be sent to your WhatsApp number 8 hours prior to the departure. (Please provide WhatsApp number while booking)
- Event Details and Trek Leaders details will be shared on that WhatsApp group only.

Best time to visit Lohagad Fort

The monsoon season (June to September) is the best time to visit Lohagad Fort. With cool rains, the surroundings become lush and green, providing relief from the heat. The fort's water cisterns and ponds fill up, inviting visitors to splash and enjoy themselves. The scenic beauty is enhanced by the presence of dark clouds, making it ideal for nature lovers and trekkers. The monsoon season provides a refreshing and rejuvenating experience, making a visit to Lohagad Fort an absolute treat. So, grab your rain gear and set out on an enjoyable trek through the lush greenery!

How To Reach Lohagad Fort from Mumbai?

To reach Lohagad Fort from Mumbai using public transport, start by boarding an express train heading towards Pune. Once you reach Lonavala Station, switch to a local train heading to Pune and get off at Malavli Station, which is the closest stop to Lohagad Fort. From there, you have two options: either take a shared auto-rickshaw to Lohagadwadi Village, the base village for the trek to Lohagad Fort, or you can choose to walk to the fort directly. The trek from Malavli to Lohagadwadi Village is around 45 minutes to an hour.

How To Reach Lohagad Fort from Pune?

To reach Lohagad Fort from Pune, start by heading to Pune's main railway station or bus depot. Take a local train towards Lonavala and get off at Malavli Station, which is the closest railway stop to the fort. From Malavli, you have two options: either hop on a shared auto-rickshaw to Lohgadwadi Village, the base for the Lohagad Fort trek, or you



can choose to trek to the village, which takes around 45 minutes to an hour. Once at Lohgadwadi Village, begin your trek to Lohagad Fort

By Road: The base of the fort is well connected to other cities and towns by road. Hence, you can drive on your own directly to Lohagad Fort.

Why choose Treks and Trails for Lohagad Fort Trek?

- We were preferred by over 20000 trekkers last year with a 4.7 review rating of 5.
- We equip one trek leader for every ten trekkers.
- Female trek leader on each trek
- Provide an E-certificate on successful completion of the trek. Valid for a lifetime with 99.9 percent availability online.
- E-certificate is tamper-proof and shareable on social media and leading networking websites.
- The roadmap includes adventure insurance for every trekker and trek leader for all our treks.
- We self-operate our treks
- Group discounts available

Please Note

- People may board same train from their respective stations of convenience.
- Missing the train is missing Monsoon Trek to Lohagad, no refund will be provided.
- If you wrongly booked for different date or batch. And you want to change date within 3 days of departure, then transfer charges will be applied which will be Rs. 200/- per person.

Inclusions

- 1 veg Breakfast and 1 veg Lunch
- Lonavala to Lohagad base and back to Lonavala transport by local jeep (in both options)
- Mumbai to Mumbai travel by private Ac vehicle (By Bus option)
- Trek Leader Expertise Charges



Exclusions

- Travel till Lonavala and back
- 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
- Any kind of cost which is not mentioned in the cost includes above.
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required

Highlights

- Mask and sanitizer
- 2/3 liters of water
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on trek
- Good Torch must with extra battery
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets
- One Day Backpack 20 to 30 liters
- 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

Cancellation Policy and Charges

- 75% refund if notified via phone conversation 8 or more days prior to the event date.
- 50 % refund if notified via phone conversation 4 to 7 days prior to the event date.
- No refund if the cancellation requested is less than 3 days prior to the event date

- No show No Refund.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another date against cancellation.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another person against cancellation.
- If the event gets canceled we will refund "Trek Amount" only.
- If the event is canceled due to any natural calamity, political unrest or other such reasons beyond our control the same cancellation policy will apply.
- Refunds won't be issued if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns or a personal medical emergency.
- Your booking cannot be shifted to another date if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns, or a personal medical emergency.
- If your area is prone to flooding, traveling from a flooded area, heavy traffic, heavy rains, missing the train, or any other reason, if you cannot attend the event, we won't issue a refund or shift you to another date.
- Management won't be held responsible if you are stuck due to heavy rains, traffic jams, personal emergencies or floods during the event.
- If you are bringing kids, please understand the possibility of getting stuck or delayed. You might have to stay back due to heavy rains, floods, bus breakdowns, and rush at the trekking destination. We won't be able to refund or shift you to another date. You will have to wait it out till the weather clears.
- Due to bad weather, floods, sudden changes in government rules, and overcrowding at the destination trek, the organizer has the right to change the trekking destination.
- During the trek, due to any circumstances seen or unseen trek leader has the right to cancel the trek for safety reason. No refund shall be issued.

Treks and Trails Event Rules

- Kindly carry one Identity proof, at least for the trek with your address.
- We all are going for an adventurous and exciting trekking expedition; please Do Not misinterpret it as a PICNIC or LEISURE TOUR.
- The leader's decision will be final, and all the members should abide by it.
- We do not destroy or dirty the archaeological, historical monuments, natural habitat on the trek.
- Swimming is not allowed in the lake or water tank on the forts. Locals use that water for drinking.

- Putting your feet in water tanks or on the canon is not allowed on our treks.
- Any addiction is strictly prohibited, e.g. drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco anyone caught doing it will have to exit the trek without a refund and travel back on own expense.
- People caught smoking or drinking alcohol will be asked to exit the event on an immediate basis.
- Please do not carry or wear any valuables, ornaments, jewellery, etc. If carried, then we Do Not take any liability for the same.
- Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Trekking, or any adventure activity is potentially risky.
 For all these events, you are at your own risk. Organizers are not responsible for any accident or compensation in whatsoever manner.
- We should strictly follow the code of conduct to avoid troubling our fellow trekkers or other people from our group or outside.
- Listening to music on earphones or Bluetooth speakers is not allowed while trekking.
- Bluetooth speaker not allowed inside the homestay or camping tents.
- Drinking/smoking,/eating is not allowed inside the tents.
- If you damage the tent, break the tent poles, you will have to pay us for the whole new tent on MRP.
- If you are late for the bus pickup and are not reachable on the phone during your bus pickup, the trek leader will leave without you, and we will provide no refund.
- Please check things to carry and wear trekking shoes on our treks.

Itinerary

Are you an adventurer who loves <u>trekking</u>? Completing a trek can be a life-changing experience that leaves you with unforgettable memories. To commemorate your achievement, TreksandTrails provides e-certificates to all participants who successfully complete their trek. These e-certificates include your name, the name of the trek you completed, the date of completion, and a digital signature from TreksandTrails. They are a perfect way to showcase your accomplishment to the world and share your trekking journey with your loved ones. By receiving an e-certificate from TreksandTrails, you can proudly display your achievement on your social media platforms and inspire others to embark on their own adventures.

Here are some FAQs about our e-certificates:

Q: What is an e-certificate for trekkers and hikers?

A: An e-certificate is a digital certificate awarded to participants upon completion of a trek or hike. It serves as proof of participation and achievement.

Q: How do I receive an e-certificate from TreksandTrails?

A: Upon completion of your trek or hike with TreksandTrails, you will be sent an email with a link to your e-certificate. You can download it from the link and save it on your device or share it on social media platforms.

Q: Can I share my e-certificate on social media platforms?

A: Yes, you can share your e-certificate on all social media platforms. The e-certificate is designed to be easily shareable, so you can show off your achievement to your friends and family.

Eligibility Criteria for a Trekking Certificate:

To be eligible for a trekking certificate, individuals must demonstrate adherence to safety rules, teamwork, and cooperation.

Participants must achieve the following requirements for earning a trekking certificate: completion of the trek; physical fitness; teamwork and cooperation; knowledge of safety rules; environmental awareness; a positive attitude; great attendance; and punctuality. We appreciate their commitment to the sport of trekking and acknowledge their achievements

e-certificate TNT

1. Can we drive to Malavli Village?

Yes, you can drive using google maps - search for the Bhaja Caves Parking area. Malavali to Lohagad Fort Trek distance is 6 kilometers. Lohagarh fort Pune is well connected by the road.

2. Distance from Mumbai Malavali or Mumbai to Lohagad Trek Distance?

Lohagad trek from Mumbai distance is 100 km and three hours drive. The Maharashtra fort is one of the most famous trekking places near Lonavala. If you are planning hiking near Mumbai it is the perfect destination.

3. Distance from Pune to Malavli or Pune to Lohagad Trek Distance?

Lohagad from Pune two hours drive 65 km approx. Car parking is available near the Bhaja village.

4. The number of days required for this event?

One day is enough for the trek. On the weekend do expect crowds. Lohagad Fort timings are 9 am to 6 pm. Night stay is not allowed on the fort.

5. Is there food available on the Lohagad fort?

No. Food is available at base village. Cooking is not allowed on the fort. There are many food stalls at the bottom of the fort. Cooking is banned on all Fort in Pune by ASI and Forest department.

6. How much time required to climb Lohagad fort Pune?

Two hours from Malavali and 40 minutes from Lohagad Wadi.

7. Where can we park our cars?

Base Village at your own risk. Parking is available near Bhaja caves. Pune to Lohagad fort distance is 65 km. How to reach Lohagad from Mumbai you can use google maps it is well documented on it.

8. Is there any parking charge at the base village?

Yes, there is a parking charge, and parking is at the owners' risk.

9. Are toilets available on Lohagad fort?



Base village toilets are available. Toilet and the changing room will be available before and after the Lohagad trek. During the Lohagad Trekking, there are no toilets available on the fort.

10. Do Single travellers female sign up for these events?

We have 60 - 40 % or more Male - Female ratios on our events.

Many Single Travelling Female join our events.

11. Are Kids allowed on treks?

Kids below 16 with Parents supervision only.

12. What type of food will be provided?

Only Veg local home-cooked food is available.

13. Phone Connectivity?

Limited phone connectivity is available for most cellular services.

14. Is cash payment or spot payment accepted?

- Cash payment is not accepted.
- Registration against 100% upfront payment only via Paytm / UPI / NEFT / IMPS / Payment Gateway.
- On the spot payment, they are not accepted.
- We need to book in advance bus/jeep and make other arrangements upfront payment is a must.

15. Will I get bottled water?

Normal well water shall be provided.

16. Can I charge my phone Lohgadh fort?

No electricity. Please carry a power bank if required.

17. How is the weather at Lohagad Fort now?



Summer Temperature Night 20°C - Day 39°C approx. Monsoon rains very heavily please double pack your expensive phones and gadgets. Lohagad weather will be pleasant during Monsoon and Winter season.

18. Can we smoke or drink alcohol?

NO. People caught smoking or drinking alcohol will be asked to exit the event on an immediate basis. There are many forest official and vigilante on the patrol to catch people smoking or drinking alcohol. They will make you videos if caught and troll you on social media.

19. Can we listen to music on Bluetooth speakers?

Listening to music on earphones or Bluetooth speakers is not allowed while trekking, Bluetooth speakers not allowed inside homestay.

20. Can we do camping at Lohagad Fort?

Lohagad Fort gates are closed every evening at 6 pm, and visitors are asked to vacate fort premises camping is not possible at Lohagad Fort. Where is Lohagad located it is located at Malavali near Lonavala. We can arrange Lohagad Camping near the fort during winter and summer season.

21. How do I make payment?

You can pay online on our website in How to Register tabs.

In case your question is not listed above you can email us highfive@treksandtrails.org

You can Whatsapp us 8828004949

22. How to reach Lohagad Trek?

You can drive till the base village Lohagadwadi using google maps. We would recommend parking your car at Bhaja village and hiring jeep to reach till the top as the road is bad condition, huge traffic jams, car breakdown happen. Lohagad fort distance from Pune is 65 kilometer. How to reach lohagad fort from Mumbai you can check google maps for directions it is 100 km. The participant can join by catching Mumbai to Pune trains or Mumbai to Pune bus do check if they stop at Lonavala before boarding one. How to reach



lohagad from Pune we have mentioned the train timings in event itinerary you need to board and meet our Lohagad Trek guide at Lonavala train station.

23. How far are the Lohagad Boat Club and Lohagad Resort from the fort?

Lohagad Resort and Boat Club are 12 km away from the fort. Lohagad boat club and resort located at Pawna Lake. Private jeeps are available at various places near Lonavala station to reach the club.

24. Can you tell me more about Lohagad Waterfall and Lohagad Reverse Waterfall?

There are a few beautiful waterfalls near Bhaja Caves were picnickers enjoy. Lonavala Lohagad Fort has a reverse waterfall we will be visiting the same. Strong winds blow over Lohagadh, creating a reverse waterfall a brilliant sight. If time permits we will Malavli waterfalls near the Bhaja Caves.

25. How to reach Lohagad Fort Trek from Mumbai?

We have batches for Lohagad Fort Mumbai Trek we start from Dadar by Bus. These are held on heavy monsoon weekends mostly. Lohagad fort Lonavala receives heavy rainfall every year this region is famous for waterfall and fog in Maharashtra. Lohagarh picnic spot is located below the Fort little ahead of the steps. Lohagad photos are available in the ima

26. Can you give me Lohagad trek information?

Lohagad is an ideal trek for beginners. Bhaja caves and Visapur fort trek can be combined with this fort trek. You can see Tikona Fort and Tung Fort from the summit of the fort. It is one of the most popular trekking spots in Lonavala. Other nearby tourist destinations are Korigad Fort Trek, Bhushi Dam, Rajmachi Fort, Pawna Lake Camping, Paragliding at Pawna lake, Paragliding at Kamshet, Kamshet Dam camping. Lohagad fort in the rainy season is magnificently covered in fog it feels like walking among the cloud. Lohagad fort images are available in the photo gallery to check our past events conducted. Visapur Fort trek route is visible from the Lohagarh fort Maharashtra. Visapur trek route is covered in a waterfall during peak monsoon season the rock-cut steps are destroyed by the British.

27. Lohagad Fort History and Lohagad Fort Information?

Lohagad has a rich past with many dynasties controlling it at various periods in our history Satavahanas, Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas, Yadavas, Bahamanis, Nizams, Mughals, and Marathas. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj conquered it in 1648 AD, later resigned it to the Mughals in 1665 AD by the Treaty of Purandar. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj regained the fort in 1670 AD and applied it for holding his treasury. This fortress used to save the spoils from Surat. Later in the Peshwa period, Nana Phadnavis used this fort for living for some period and created numerous constructions in the fort such as a huge tank and a step-well. The Lohagad fort also has Cave on its southern side overlooking Lohgadwadi. Lohagad Visapur Fort Pune are twin forts you can complete trek for both on a less crowded day.

28. Hotels near Lohagad Fort?

Lonavala has a huge collection of hotels and resorts available for all budgets here is our list.

- Fariyas Resort Lonavala 5 star property
- Hotel Chandralok
- Upperdeck Resort
- The Machan
- Basilica Holiday Home
- Cloud 9 Hills Resort
- Club Mahindra Tungi Resort
- Amanzi Resort
- Le Farm Luxury Farmstay
- Pawna Lake Camping

29. How to reach Lohagad fort from Mumbai by train?

We have mentioned the train timings to board from Mumbai. Our trek guide will meet you at Lonavala for the Lohagad Maharashtra Trek. From Lonavala, we will move towards the fort in the private jeep and reach the base village and our hotel for breakfast. Please dont miss the train this is a group event we cannot ask other people, transport to wait extra for you. Missing the train means missing Lohagarh fort Lonavala trek.

30. How to go Lohagad from Pune?

We have mentioned the train timings to board from Pune. Our Trek guide will meet you at Lonavala Railway Station. We will start our journey to the fort in the private jeep and reach the base village and our hotel for breakfast. Please dont miss the train this is a group event we cannot ask other people, transport to wait extra for you. Missing the train is missing the trek. It is one of the nearest Fort from Pune.

31. How to go to Lohagad fort from Lonavala station?

We will be reaching the base village for the trek in a private jeep from Lonavala Station. We will take the similar jeep to reach Lonavala station after the trek. Lohgad Images are available in the image gallery.

32. How to reach from Malavali to Lohagad?

You can walk till the fort base village Lohagadwadi around 6.6 kilometers away. It is an uphill walk it will have heavy traffic during the monsoon season. You can also hire shared jeeps from Bhaja village to reach till the Base Village. From the Base village, the fort is 45 minutes climb to reach till the summit or plateau of the fort. At Treks and Trails India, we hire private jeeps from Lonavala station to save time and our participant are able to spend more time on the fort and start their return journey early from Lonavala to Mumbai Pune. Lonavala to Malavali railway station connectivity is poor. Lonavala Railway Station to Malavali Station train is available every one hour on the Lonavala Pune Local train schedule.

33. Places to see near Lohgad Fort Pune?

There are many beautiful Maharashtra Forts around Lohgad Fort you can visit Sinhagad Fort, Rajgad Fort, Torna Fort. You can enjoy the rainy season at Kune Waterfall, Dudhiware Waterfall, Kataldhar Waterfall. Dukes Nose trek is also an easy trekking option in Lonavala. Khandala and Lohagad Trek can be your perfect weekend getaways. Malavali Waterfall located next to Bhaja caves is a must destination after the trek. Visapur Maharashtra famous for the waterfall steps is an amazing trekking destination near Lohgad Fort Lonavala. You can plan your next trek near Lonavala during monsoon using the above-mentioned hiking options.

In case your question is not listed above, you can email us at highfive@treksandtrails.org
Whatsapp 8828004949 (Monday to Saturday, 11.30 am to 7.00 pm only)