

# Rajmachi Fort: Fireflies Special

## Highlights

Region: Rajmachi fort jungles

Trek Difficulty: Moderate

Highlight of the trek: Jungle walk around fireflies, Sunrise experience from Rajmachi Fort

## Day wise Itinerary/Journey

### From Pune

5:00 PM: Departure from Pune

8:30 PM: Arrival at Rajmachi fort & Dinner

10:30PM: Night walk to experience fireflies & bonfire during camping

5:00AM: Morning trek to Rajmachi fort for breath taking sunrise

8:30 AM: Have Breakfast & Depart to Pune

### From Lonavala

5:00 PM: Departure from Pune in a local train

8:30 PM: Arrival at Rajmachi fort & Dinner

10:30PM: Night walk to experience fireflies & bonfire during camping

5:00AM: Morning trek to Rajmachi fort for breath taking sunrise

8:30 AM: Have Breakfast & Depart to Lonavala station

## Includes

- Pune to Pune travel in Bus/Lonavala to Lonavala travel in Jeep
- Dinner
- Morning Breakfast
- Camping with Bonfire
- Fireflies night walk
- Trek Badge & Trek Guide
- Primary First aid

## Excludes

- Anything not mentioned

## Must Know

The Rajmachi Fireflies Trek is a mesmerizing adventure that attracts nature enthusiasts from Pune and Lonavala. This trek, set against the backdrop of the Sahyadri mountain ranges, offers a unique opportunity to witness the enchanting spectacle of fireflies. The best time to embark on this trek is during the pre-monsoon months of May and June when thousands of fireflies light up the night sky, creating a magical ambiance. The trek begins from either Pune or Lonavala, making it easily accessible for trekkers from both cities

Starting from Lonavala, the trek to Rajmachi Fort covers a distance of approximately 16 kilometers. The trail takes you through dense forests, lush green meadows, and picturesque landscapes, providing a refreshing escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. As you trek towards the base village of Udhewadi, you will be greeted by the twinkling lights of fireflies, especially around sunset. This natural phenomenon, known as bioluminescence, is a sight to behold and offers a perfect setting for photography enthusiasts

Rajmachi Fort itself is a historical marvel, consisting of two forts - Shrivardhan and Manaranjan. Built by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the 17th century, these forts offer panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and the Borghat pass. The trek not only provides an opportunity to witness the fireflies but also to explore these ancient forts and learn about their historical significance. The combination of natural beauty and historical exploration makes the Rajmachi Fireflies Trek a memorable experience

For those starting from Pune, the journey involves a drive to Lonavala followed by the trek to Rajmachi. The entire experience is enhanced by the local cuisine and hospitality of the villagers in Udhewadi. Trekkers can enjoy home-cooked meals and stay in tents or local houses, adding to the rustic charm of the adventure. Whether you are a seasoned trekker or a nature lover, the Rajmachi Fireflies Trek promises an unforgettable experience filled with natural wonders and historical insights

## Safety

- Adhere to the instructions provided by Trek Leaders consistently.
- Uphold decorum throughout the trekking experience.
- Enjoy the journey and immerse yourself in the natural surroundings.
- Refrain from consuming alcohol during or prior to the trek.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited.
- Please avoid littering along the trails.
- Never leave the group/leaders un-informed
- Do not use loudspeakers while on the trails

## List of things to Carry

- Personal water bottle (minimum 3 liters)
- Sun cap and sunscreen
- Quick-dry or Dri-Fit clothing (Avoid Jeans)
- Extra set of clothes (Top, Bottoms, Socks, Jacket)
- Lightweight hand towel
- Personal medications
- Personal Hygiene Kit (Wet Wipes, Facewash, Sanitizer)
- Dry snacks (such as biscuits, dried fruits, and fresh fruit)
- Ziplock or reusable plastic bag for wet/changed clothes

- Sturdy shoes with good grip
- Identification proof

Trekkers can wear Slippers/Sandals during bus travel