



# Cultural Trails of Palghar

## Walking Through the Landscapes of Art, Craft, and Community

### The Coastal Heritage & Orchard Trail of Gholwad

**Beaches, Bamboo Craft, and the Famous Chikoo Belt**

**Ideal for:** Culture lovers, slow travellers, food enthusiasts, and weekend explorers.

#### Arrival

Begin your journey by arriving at Dahanu Road or Gholwad railway station, and travel to Gholwad village (around 10km)

#### Community Heritage Experience

Step into the Gholwad Community Museum, a vibrant space that preserves local memories, traditions, and stories of the region's diverse communities.



#### Meet the Artisans

Visit local bamboo craft makers and witness traditional craftsmanship passed down through generations. Under their guidance, try your hand at weaving your own bamboo creation and discover the beauty of sustainable craft traditions.

#### Walk Through the Chikoo Orchards

Gholwad is known across India for its chikoo orchards. Take a leisurely orchard walk, learn about the cultivation of this beloved Geographical Indication certified fruit, and enjoy tasting freshly harvested chikoo straight from the farms.

#### Coastal Escape

Continue to the scenic beaches of Dahanu, Bordi, and Chinchani, where the Arabian Sea meets quiet stretches of sand. As you stroll through these serene seaside landscapes, encounter the region's distinctive Parsi cultural presence, reflected in charming heritage bungalows, quiet lanes, and elements of colonial-era architecture that lend the coastline a unique historical character.

#### Historic & Spiritual Stops

- Explore the historic Tarapur Fort (approximately 30 km from Gholwad), overlooking the Arabian Sea.
- Visit the revered Mahalaxmi Temple (approximately 40 km from Gholwad), a sacred site nestled amidst natural beauty.

#### Departure / Stay

Return to Mumbai by late evening train from Dahanu Road or Gholwad, or extend your experience with a peaceful overnight stay in Dahanu-Bordi coastal belt.

### Warli Heartland Cultural Immersion in Ganjad and Bapugaon

**A Journey into India's Most Iconic Tribal Art Tradition**



**Ideal for:** Art lovers, cultural travellers, researchers, and creative explorers.

#### Arrival

Arrive at Dahanu Road railway station and travel to Ganjad village (approximately 15 km from Dahanu), one of the most important centres of Warli art.

#### Legacy of a Master Artist

Visit the home of Padma Shri Jivya Soma Mashe, the legendary artist who brought Warli painting from village walls to the global art stage. Discover the philosophy and storytelling traditions embedded within this unique art form.

#### Village Artist Trail

Walk through the village and meet Warli artists in their homes and studios. Learn about the symbolic language of Warli paintings—depicting nature, community, rituals, and everyday life.

#### Hands-on Warli Workshop

Participate in a guided Warli painting experience, where artists will help you create your own artwork using traditional motifs and techniques.

#### Journey to Bapugaon

Travel onward to Bapugaon (approximately 30 km from Ganjad), another vibrant cultural hub. Here you can:

- Interact with Warli painters
- Discover the making of the Tarpa, a traditional wind instrument central to Warli celebrations
- Experience the rhythm of community life through folk songs and traditional dances

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#### Departure / Stay

Return to Dahanu Road for your journey back to Mumbai, or enjoy a relaxing stay in Charoti or the Dahanu region.

### Jawhar Hills Cultural Retreat

**Tribal Culture, Bamboo Landscapes, and Western Ghats Serenity**

**Ideal for:** Nature lovers, culture seekers, photographers, and peaceful retreats.

#### Journey to Jawhar

Travel by road to the scenic Jawhar Hill Station, located in the lush landscapes of the Western Ghats.

- Approx. 65 km from Dahanu Road
- Approx. 80 km from Nashik

#### Royal Heritage Walk

Explore the historic Old Palace and Jai Vilas Palace, reminders of Jawhar's princely past and architectural charm.

#### The Bamboo Oxygen Park

Visit the tranquil Oxygen Park, a green sanctuary created with over 6,000 bamboo plants. Designed to support sustainable livelihoods, the park celebrates the deep ecological knowledge of local tribal communities.

#### Village Craft Experience

In nearby Ramnagar village, meet bamboo artisans who transform natural materials into beautiful, eco-friendly creations. Visitors can explore their craft collections and try a hands-on bamboo craft experience.

#### Living Cultural Villages

Visit vibrant cultural villages such as Kardhan, Shakarshet and others, known for their traditional folk songs, dances, and tribal performance traditions. Interact with performers and witness the rhythms of community celebrations.

#### Scenic Viewpoints

Jawhar is dotted with numerous waterfalls like Dabhosa that come alive during the monsoon, cascading through its lush green landscape. Other breathtaking viewpoints include:

- Suryamal Peak – the highest point in the region
- Hanuman Point – overlooking lush valleys
- Sunset Point – a perfect place to watch the hills glow at dusk

#### Stay in the Hills

End your day with a relaxing overnight stay in Jawhar town, surrounded by cool mountain air and forested landscapes.





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### Why Visit Palghar?

- Authentic tribal and rural cultural experiences
- India's iconic Warli art heritage
- Hands-on craft workshops with local artists
- Scenic beaches and orchards
- Peaceful hill retreats in the Western Ghats
- Community-led tourism supporting local livelihoods

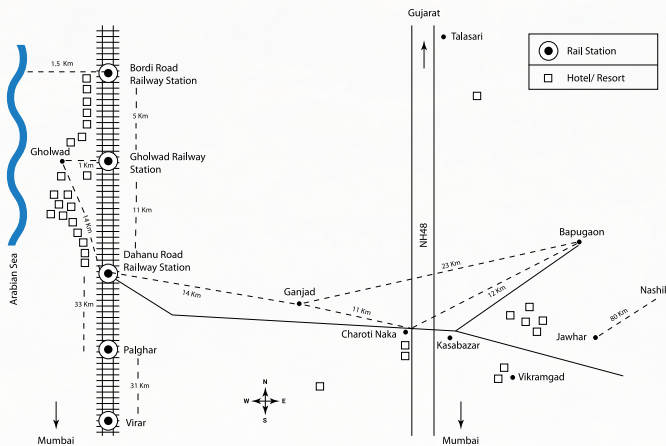
### Best Time to Visit

Palghar can be visited throughout the year, with each season offering a distinct experience. October to March is ideal for beach walks, cultural explorations, and orchard visits, with pleasant weather and clear skies. June to September transforms the region into a lush green landscape, making the Jawhar hills and surrounding countryside especially scenic during the monsoon months.

### Getting There

Palghar district is well connected to Mumbai and Gujarat through the Western Railway line. Visitors can easily reach the region via Dahanu Road or Gholwad railway stations, which serve as convenient gateways to the Dahanu-Bordi coastal belt and nearby cultural villages. Jawhar hill station can be accessed by road from Dahanu, Palghar, or Nashik.

### How to reach



# Palghar



- Folk Song & Dance
- Warli Painting
- Basketry
- Folk Instruments
- Seaside
- Bohada Mask
- Dam
- Fort
- Water Falls
- Temple
- Palace
- Local Attraction

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