

Matheran in 3 Days from Hyderabad

3rd AC to Karjat, a group trek, two-night stay, all meals, classic viewpoints, market shopping and the toy train.

3 days TRIP	₹6,000 / about £46 pp BUDGET	Train + trek DURATION	3 days GUIDE
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What this guide includes

Actual or planned costs, a readable day-by-day itinerary, practical food and accommodation notes, and public transport station pairs where available.

Important: Historical costs are budgeting references. Verify current prices, route numbers, opening times and entry rules before travel.

Budget and transport

Expense	Group total	Per person
Hyderabad → Karjat, 3rd AC train	₹18,000	₹1,500
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Two-room stay for 2 nights	₹12,000	₹1,000
Breakfast + lunch + dinner, ₹300/day × 3 days	₹10,800	₹900
Toy train ride	₹720	₹60
3 cars to the station, ₹600 each	₹1,800	₹150
Local market shopping	₹6,000	₹500
Karjat → Matheran trek	₹0	₹0
Known itemised spend	₹67,320	₹5,610
Rounded allowance for small unrecorded expenses	₹4,680	₹390
Trip budget used in this guide	₹72,000	₹6,000

Bus, train, tram and ferry route card

Mode	Service	Board at	Get down at	Approx. fare	Note
Train	Booked Hyderabad-Mumbai/Karjat service	Hyderabad / Secunderabad station shown on ticket	Karjat Junction	Check booked-class fare on IRCTC	Use the exact train number from the reservation.
Local train	Central Railway local	Karjat	Neral Junction	About ₹10-30	Check stopping pattern because not every service stops at every station.
Toy train	Neral-Matheran narrow-gauge service	Neral	Matheran	About ₹50-300 by class/service	Services can be seasonal or disrupted; reserve/check with Indian Railways.

Checked October 2026: confirm live schedules and disruptions in the official operator planner.

Day-by-day itinerary and practical notes

Our three-day Matheran budget trip from Hyderabad cost about ₹6,000 per person. Twelve of us took a 3rd AC train to Karjat, trekked up, shared two rooms, ate our meals at the stay and explored Matheran mainly on foot.

Prices are historical rather than live quotations. Use them as a budgeting reference and verify current fares, entry fees and booking conditions before travelling.

How much does a Matheran budget trip cost?

Our real group trip cost about ₹6,000 per person for three days. It included the train from Hyderabad to Karjat, onward travel and trekking, two nights' accommodation, three daily meals, walking routes, viewpoints and the toy-train experience. A smaller group or a different rail class will change the per-person figure.

Currency note: ₹6,000 was about £46 using the exchange rate checked in September 2026. The rupee amounts are the important trip figures; exchange rates move.

Matheran was especially good for a group trip because once we reached the hill station, most of our sightseeing was on foot. Our biggest fixed costs were the Hyderabad-Karjat trains, the two-room stay and food.

Our real Matheran budget

How to replicate this trip

The formula was simple: book rail in advance, travel with a group, choose a stay that can feed everyone, and plan for a walking-heavy hill-station itinerary.

We paid ₹1,500 per person each way.

We booked two rooms through Agoda for twelve people and kept the per-person stay cost low.

We trekked from Karjat to Matheran and then explored the hill station largely on foot.

Our route: Hyderabad → Karjat → Matheran → Hyderabad

Charlotte Lake, Echo Point, Louisa Point and Sunset Point

Our first day was a classic Matheran walking day. We started around Charlotte Lake, moved on to Echo Point and Louisa Point, then finished at Sunset Point.

We did not keep separate historical entry-fee records for these viewpoints, so no invented attraction charges are included in the budget.

Panorama Point, Garbett Plateau and local market shopping

Day 2 was our bigger landscape day. We covered Panorama Point and Garbett Plateau, then spent time in the local market. We recorded about ₹500 per person for shopping.

One Tree Hill, heritage walk and the Matheran toy train

Our final day combined One Tree Hill, a heritage walk and the toy train. The toy-train ride cost us ₹60 per person. After coming down, our group used three cars at ₹600 each to reach the station for the return journey.

₹300 per day covered breakfast, lunch and dinner

Our stay provided all three meals for ₹300 per person per day. Over three days, food came to ₹900 per person. On the departure day, they also packed our dinner, which made the return journey easier and helped us avoid an extra restaurant stop.

What kept our Matheran trip affordable

Group size made the biggest difference. Twelve people shared the accommodation and return transfer costs, while the stay's meal package kept food predictable. The hill station itself was also walking-heavy, so we did not need daily local car costs inside Matheran.

Booking & planning options for this itinerary

Useful links for planning the same trip

Our Matheran trekking kit

Because this trip included trekking and long walking days, lightweight charging, footwear and connectivity mattered more than extra luggage.

Our normal plan gave us 4G connectivity in Matheran.

Bought through Amazon and used for our Matheran and Coorg trips.

Our trekking footwear for the walk into Matheran and other rougher routes.

We take it on every trip for navigation, calls and photos.

Our India backup connectivity option.

Two compact items in our regular outdoor travel kit.

Our usual payment app for travel within India.

Simple, lightweight items we regularly carry on trekking and group-stay trips.

See our complete travel kit →

Before you travel

Reconfirm every fare, stop, timetable, visa or entry requirement, baggage rule and food-import restriction with the responsible provider.