



SO WE MEET AGAIN

Travel Unravel knows no boundaries. Every month it is increasing its readership and penetrating into new educational institutions in India. Earlier the reach of the newsletter was limited to Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and New Delhi. However the August issue broke new grounds and touched educational institutions in Ahmedabad and Chennai and the readership is growing.

In our August 2010 issue we highlighted our tour programme The Adventure Unlimited Camp at Kolad situated on the banks of the Kundalika River and Tapolla situated on banks of the River Koyna. Both the campsites have ideal settings and together combine to give you thrilling and unforgettable experiences. Since Travel Unravel has made its mark in its first three months of existence, I received an invitation to visit a campsite nestled on the hills of Panchgani and experience a stay of one night as their guest and also a day visit at the Kundalika Rafting Camp at Kolad.

In an air-conditioned car, specially arranged for me and a few other guests, I set out for Terra @ Panchgani. Terra is a new camping and adventure holiday product from Mahindra Holidays. Terra, a five acre campsite with ten tents situated 16 kms from Panchgani on the Bhilar – Akhegani road, combines nature at its pristine best with recreational and adventure activities. The Campsite offers comfortable tents with attached toilets, a large dining tent and offers exciting activities like light treks, treasure hunts and bonfires. I enjoyed the hospitality and the lip licking food. The campsite is ideal for student groups as four comfortable beds including a bunker give enough leg room inside the tent. The ambience of the camp is very beautiful and on first sight, you will fall in love with the place.

Thereafter I set out to visit the Kundalika Rafting Camp, the next morning. After a four hour drive we reached the campsite and had a sumptuous meal. This property is cool and very chic, supported by 20 self contained tents, one dining area and 22 acres of vegetation overlooking the river Kundalika Rafting is the highlight of the camp with a run of 13 kms, spanned over two hours in the rapids. Although rafting is very popular, Kayaking, swimming and the B-B-Q's here are to die for. At a distance of three hours from Mumbai this camp is a great weekend option.

Both camps are ideal and not very far from each other. To give you a better insight of the camps, I have enclosed photographs on Page 03.

Taking **Maharashtra** to the world



In the Golden Maharashtra year - 2010, Creative Outdoor Development Education (CODE) takes this opportunity to acknowledge personalities in the Educational field that have promoted Maharashtra in the last ten years as an educational

destination In this issue we feature **Mrs. Hira Bhesania, Principal, New Activity School.**



If you are a student of New Activity School then your chances of visiting the Best of Maharashtra and Incredible India in your initial years in School are very high. The encouragement comes from an energetic and vibrant lady who believes that the best way to study history is to visit the

destination and learn first hand, the events that took place in the bygone era. She actively participates in each tour, personally supervising every child, ages of which range from six to nine years. With each tour the students develop confidence, become independent and learn history outside the confines of a classroom. Mrs. Hira Bhesania has done invaluable service, organizing tours to Maharashtra with tiny toddlers, since 1998, taking responsibility of their security & health. We at CODE acknowledge her contribution towards promoting Educational Tourism in Maharashtra.

Travel Unravel, Himalayan Outward Bound & Nature Trails bring Outward Bound to Western India.

Outward Bound International is an adventure programme for students from Form V to Form IX. This five year adventure programme helps the child to explore the other side of his personality which he never knew existed. This programme for the student is a morale booster, confidence builder and will perhaps take him to great height as a leader and motivator. Outward Bound International has over 30 programmes. Travel Unravel is studying all the programmes and will select the right outdoor programme that suits our students in the Indian environment. The programmes are based on jungle trekking to mountaineering, from sailing to whitewater rafting, from team building to problem-solving challenges. A complete programme on Outward Bound International will be featured in future issues of Travel Unravel.

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THE HILL QUEEN EXPRESS

In our endeavour to promote Maharashtra in its 50th Golden Jubilee year, we take you to the pristine and picturesque hill stations located in the Sahyadri Mountain range that embraces Mahabaleshwar, Panchgani, Lonavala and Matheran.

Day 01: Mumbai - Pune

Report at School at 0600 hours. Leave for Mahabaleshwar (120 km) Lunch enroute. Arrive Mahabaleshwar and check in Afternoon / Evening visit the Pratapghad Fort (25 km). .Dinner and Overnight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 02: Mahabaleshwar

Morning after breakfast visit the famous points of Mahabaleshwar. Arthur Point , Malcolm Point, Kate's Point Marjorie Point, Lord Elphinstone, General Lodwick and Elephant's Head Point. Lunch at the hotel. After lunch visit the Mapro Jam Factory. Evening visit the Venna Lake. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 03 : Mahabaleshwar- Matheran

Morning after breakfast leave for Matheran. Arrive Neral and take the toy train to Matheran. Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening walking tour to visit the Louisa Point and the Sunset Point. Dinner & Overnight at the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 04 : Matheran – Khandala / Lonavala

Morning after breakfast begin your walking tour of Matheran. Visit the Alexandra Point, Chowk Point, One tree hill, Lumley Seat and the Echo Point. Evening leave for Khandala / Lonavala. Arrive and check in. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 05 : Khandala / Lonavala

Morning after breakfast leave to visit the Bhaja Caves. Continue the tour to Lohagad Fort. Trek to the Fort on foot. Arrive and visit the fort. Evening visit the Valvan Dam. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 06 : Lonavala - Mumbai

Morning at leisure / shopping/ Lunch at the hotel. After lunch , leave for Mumbai. Arrive Mumbai and drop at School. **Tour ends.** (B, L)



Turkey is a country located at a point where Asia and Europe meet, this meeting point has always been important throughout history as the birthplace of many great civilizations. Surrounded by seas on three sides, it is covered by mountains, forests, steppes and all sorts of land variations The Hittites, Hellenes, Romans, Byzantines, Seljuk's and the Ottomans as well as a great number of other civilizations rose and fell here through thousands of years, leaving behind a multitude of historical and archeological sites.



Each year millions of tourists visit Turkey to experience the legendary City of Troy often mentioned in Homer's 'Iliad', Take a tour to the place where Mark Antony and Cleopatra met and married, Also visit where Saint Clause lived, the Home of Virgin Mary and pray at the Seven Churches mentioned in the testament. Travel along the Old Silk Road of Marco Polo, Sail the incomparable turquoise waters of the Bosphorus. All tours to Turkey start from its legendary capital, Istanbul. Visit the Aya Sofiya, Blue Mosque, Minia Turk, Hippodrome and the Ottoman Palaces – Dolmabache and Topkapi. Revisit the birth of Modern Turkey when you visit the World War 1 Battlefield – Gallipoli; the ancient cities of

Troy, Pergamum and Ephesus. Visit the white calcium terraces of Pamukkale. Take a dip in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers. Shop in the Grand Bazaar the biggest underground market in the world and sample the Turkish delicacies like a Sultan. And do it in style. Turkey is unbelievable, enormous and an amazing country to visit.

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