



# Weekend Road Trip to Turtle Beach

14th – 16th April 2017 @ Velas Beach (Maharashtra)



Rarely do we get an opportunity to witness something extra-ordinary and yet short-lived. Drive down with us to the little known Velas beach in Maharashtra, where endangered Olive Ridley turtles visit and lays eggs. Your heart will fill with melancholy and delight when you see the newly hatched baby turtles take their maiden walk into the sea, towards freedom of life.

Mumbai, our beloved maximum city weaves a familiar shot-lived tale of chaos, fame, sorrow and joy. Here we work through the week waiting for the weekend, when all of us dream for an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. ***We have meticulously arranged for all experience seekers, a beautifully curated extended weekend road trip plan, a couple of hours away from the city, to escape the chaos of city life!***

We will start our road trip early in the morning, crossing the serene beaches of Kashid and Srivardhan on our way. This adventure filled road trip will take you past some amazing terrain and the winding ocean roads make this journey an amazing affair. After stopping by and feeding our eyes to the spectacular view of Murud Janjira, the majestic island fort, we will head to our final destination, Velas.

The Velas turtle festival takes place every year between the months of March and April. Apart from the festival, this place is all about its pristine beaches, temples and forts. A well planned road trip is decorous to explore the coastal sprawl of this quaint little beach town in Ratnagiri.

And so, we will be embarking on a trip to Ratnagiri – home to the king of Indian mangoes – the Alphonso, where we will visit an organic mango farm and treat ourselves to the superior authentic taste of this fruit. On our last day, we will go and visit the ruins of Bankot Fort, which is settled by the bay, and offers a beautiful view of the beach surrounded by a forest at one side. This is an apt place to feed the soul of all shutterbugs.

***Explore the amazing destination of Velas with Carvan Trips, enjoy the journey, soothe your eyes to mesmerizing views, sulk and sway in happiness and create everlasting memories.***

**Charges – INR 2999 per person**



## Detailed Itinerary:

### Day 1

07:00 AM: Meet at Kalamboli McDonalds (before the pune expressway)  
07:10 AM: Start Riding/Driving towards Velas. Pass Kashid Beach on the way.  
12:00 PM: Reach Murud Janjira & explore the majestic Fort.  
02:30 PM: Start riding/driving towards Velas.  
06:00 PM: Reach the Homestay at Velas and retire to your rooms to freshen up.  
07:00 PM: Hi-Tea. Later participate in Games and other activities arranged around the camp fire.  
09:00 PM: Dinner  
10:00 PM: Retire for the night

### Day 2

05:30 AM: Wakeup call  
06:00 AM: Proceed towards Velas Beach to spot Oliver Ridley Turtles  
08:00 AM: Start driving/riding back to the Homestay.  
08:30 AM: Breakfast  
09:30 AM: Leave Homestay and prepare yourself for a fun day out visiting Mango, Cashew and Spices Farms  
01:00 PM: Reach Homestay and have delicious Lunch  
02:00 PM: Relax by the beach or take an afternoon nap  
05:30 PM: Start riding/driving towards the Turtle Beach for the second sighting of the baby turtles  
08:30 PM: Return to the Homestay.  
09:00 PM: Enjoy your dinner.  
10:00 PM: Retire for the night.

### Day 3

05:30 AM: Wakeup call  
06:00 AM: Proceed towards Velas Beach for a final sighting of the Oliver Ridley Turtles  
08:30 AM: Breakfast  
09:45 AM: Start your journey to visit Bankot Fort  
12:00 PM: Lunch and packing of all things and gears back at the Homestay  
02:00 PM: Start for your return journey to Mumbai.

**Dates** – 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

**Meeting point** – Kalamboli Mc Donalds, before the pune expressway

**Time** – 7:00 AM

**Contact number** – 08976949403

**Charges** – Rs.2999 per person

**Includes** – Dinner, Breakfast, Accommodation, Expertise charges

**Excludes** – Travelling, Transport, Lunch and Breakfast on day 1 and other charges not mentioned (ferry charges/parking/ entry charges etc)

**Note** – The price mentioned does not include transport. We encourage people to bring their own vehicle (Be it Car, Bike, Bus, etc.) for a fun ride. But for those who do not have access to a vehicle, please inform us accordingly; we will try & accommodate the person in another vehicle where there is space. The cost of fuel can be shared.

**Special Note:** Emergence of Hatchlings of turtles is a natural process, so we cannot give guarantee of emerging possibility of the turtles on the mentioned dates. These are the most likely dates.



## List of things to carry for a road trip

### *Clothing*

- Wear light, comfortable clothing for the trip
- Waterproof jacket/ umbrella
- Comfortable day shoes / sandals or flip-flops
- Sensible footwear for walking, ideally walking boots with ankle support, but trainers with good grip will suffice
- Socks and Handkerchiefs
- Warm hat / gloves
- Sun hat / sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Warm sweater / fleece
- Neck pillow

### *Toiletries*

- Tooth Brush & Paste
- Toilet Soap & Shampoo
- Face wash & Moisturizing Cream
- Shaving Kit
- Deodorant
- Comb
- Wet wipe tissue or towel

### *Eateries*

- Packed snacks
- Precooked food if possible
- Bottled Drinking Water / Sippers

### *Documents*

- Identity card
- 2 Photocopies of Identity card
- Emergency contact number
- Driving License, Vehicle papers along with photocopies

### *Electronics*

- Mobile Phone with a roaming and Internet data facility
- Camera with extra memory card and Battery, Camera Charger
- Portable charger, Car Charger, AUX, Headphones

### *Others*

- Backpack or carry bag
- Lock for Bag
- Cash
- Watch
- Flashlight / Head torch
- Novel to read
- Pen and a small Diary



## How to reach?

### ***For those coming by their own vehicle –***

Location of the meeting point - <https://goo.gl/maps/LXqiNovCHPn>

### ***For those who do not have vehicle but intend to come in one –***

Please inform us in advance so that we can try to accommodate you into any vehicle available. Please note that this is subject to availability and we do not guarantee it.

## Terms and Conditions of Service (TACS)

- You ("The user") understand that there are inherent risks of the services which may or may not be directly provided by Carvan Trips ("Us" / "The Company") in which the user may engage.
- The user confirms that they are physically and mentally capable of availing the service.
- The users' participation is voluntary and the user shall under no circumstance hold Carvan Trips responsible for any injury, accidents, illness and damage to or loss of personal property as the result of any incident or accident that may occur during the period of service.
- The conduct and behavior of the user should not cause distress or harm to anyone including other user members, Carvan Trips' staff, service providers etc; in which case we/ service providers reserve the right to ask you to immediately leave, or in certain circumstances, hand you over to the appropriate authorities, in which case the financial liability would be of the user.
- If for any reason the user wishes to abruptly end the trip before its scheduled completion, or is unable to participate due to being unfit, we will not be responsible to provide any refund and the financial liability for making any alternate arrangements would be of the user.
- The user is responsible to follow the instructions of the leader/ service provider and the user has to bear all the expenses which may arise in case for medical exigency or any emergency condition.
- Cuts, bruises and minor injuries are normal for an adventure activity. First aid kit is provided and the coordinators are trained to respond in such situations. Carvan trips take all the reasonable steps to provide basic safety required for the particular activity.
- During the trip, the trip leader's decision will be final decision, whatsoever.
- Carvan trips hold the rights to change the itinerary or even cancel the activity in case of any unexpected change in weather or other unpredicted situations occur that are beyond our control. Carvan trips will not be liable for any costs such as travel or accommodation incurred by the participant in such circumstances.
- All activities are described as accurately as possible; however, the exact arrangements may differ slightly on any given day. Photographs are used for representation purpose and should be taken as a guide only.
- It is mandatory to disclose any personal medical conditions so that prior arrangements can be made. Carvan trips do not hold any responsibility for the outcome of any undisclosed medical condition during the trip.
- Smoking and drinking is strictly prohibited during the nature treks.
- Carvan Trips is not responsible for any unforeseen damage brought to participant's personal belongings or personal vehicle during the trip.
- If participants are found violating the rules, Carvan trips reserve all the rights to remove the participant from the group. In such situation, no refund shall be provided.

## Terms and Conditions for Road Trips

By signing up for the Road trip, the user confirms to the terms and conditions (TACS) stated below. These TACS comes into effect as soon as there is a confirmation via mail/call from our side, once you make the payment.

- **Privacy policy**

We respect your privacy, we are committed to protect it through our compliance with this policy. Your information will be used by our staff while processing your bookings. Your name will be given to our service providers since all bookings are made in your name. We also use your information to update you about our upcoming trips. If you do not wish to receive such information, you can notify us.

- **About other members**

The contract binds you and all the other members of your group for whom you have signed up on their behalf. It is your responsibility to ensure that all members of your party accept the Terms and Conditions.

- **Cancellation**

All cancellations must be received in writing. As soon as you know that you need to cancel, please email us on [carvantrips@gmail.com](mailto:carvantrips@gmail.com). Cancellation charges are calculated from the date we receive your instructions by email. Once you email us, please call us to inform about the email sent.

- **Loss of property and injuries**



The users' participation is voluntary and the user shall under no circumstance hold Carvan Trips responsible for any injury, illness, accident or death as the result of any incident or accident that may occur during the period of service. Participants are also responsible to take care of their own belongings. Carvan Trips holds no responsibility for the damage or loss of any such property.

- **Behavior during the trip**

The conduct and behavior of the user should not cause distress or harm to anyone including other user members, Carvan Trips' staff, service providers etc. If participants are found violating the rules, Carvan trips reserve all the rights to remove the participant from the group. In such situation, no refund shall be provided. During the trip, the trip leader's decision will be final decision, whatsoever.

- **Pets on the trip**

Pets are strictly not allowed during the trip. We reserve the right to refuse any animal which is considered to be potentially dangerous.

- **Change in Itinerary from User's Side**

If for any given reason the participant wishes to end the trip before its scheduled completion, or is unable to participate due to being unfit, Carvan Trips will not be responsible to provide any refund and the financial liability for making any alternate arrangements would be of the user.

- **Change in Itinerary from service provider's side**

Carvan trips hold the rights to change the itinerary or even cancel the activity in case of any unexpected change in weather or other unpredicted situations occur that are beyond our control. (including but not limited to riots, natural disasters, fire, technical problems, third party administrations, bad weather and acts of government or acts in compliance with any applicable law, regulation.) Carvan trips will not be liable for any costs such as travel or accommodation incurred by the participant in such circumstances. Carvan trips reserves the right to change the date, location, amenities as long as they are of a similar standard than originally booked. In case of the downgrade in the facilities or standard, the difference will be refunded.

- **Medication**

It is mandatory to disclose any personal medical conditions so that prior arrangements can be made. Carvan trips do not hold any responsibility for the outcome of any undisclosed medical condition during the trip.

- **Disabled Guests**

If you have any specific requirement due to disability, you must notify us at the time of booking. We will do our best to meet the requirements, but please note that this cannot be guaranteed.

- **Accommodation**

Participants are expected to treat their accommodation with care and respect. It will be inspected before leaving. The participant will be held responsible for any damage caused during his/her stay. On departure, please leave the place clean and tidy. We reserve the right to charge you during or after your stay for any loss or damage to the property.

Participants should make sure that they are not disturbing their neighbors due to music or loud noise.

- **Harmful products**

Any harmful product that can cause injuries will be confiscated upon discovery. Anyone found with any suspected illegal or controlled substance (Alcohol, drugs for eg.) will be immediately removed from the Event.

- **Information provided and media use**

All activities are described as accurately as possible, however, the exact arrangements may differ slightly on any given day. Photographs are used for representation purpose and should be taken as a guide only.