Summer's here, and so is the upcoming long weekend. Make the most of it and head out before it gets too sunny for comfort. Ashish Phadnis and Navya Dalal give a list of places that you can explore. Our picks have a destination for everyone—from adventure junkies, to family-time lovers, to lovers. So head out and soak in the splendid.

RAJAMACHI FORT, LONAVLA

It is one of the most sought-after outdoor adventure destinations for its scenic beauty, dense green forests and plenty of wildlife. The Rajmachi Fort, a small village nestled in the Western Ghats, is a must-visit for adventure enthusiasts. The fort is easily accessible from Mumbai and is surrounded by natural beauty. The fort has two main peaks, one of which is a hill station. The fort is also famous for its long and challenging trekking trails.

HOW TO GET THERE: The fort is around 60 km from Mumbai, which is about 1.5 hours by road.

KARMA FORT, PANVEL

It is known for its famous fort, which is a popular destination for trekkers and adventure enthusiasts. With a large area covered by forests and artificial water bodies, the fort is an ideal destination for those who want to experience the beauty of nature.

HOW TO GET THERE: The fort is around 25 km from Panvel, which is about 1.5 hours by road.

SANDRAH VALLEY, SANTHANS RANGE

The valley is a perfect destination for those who love nature walks and scenic views. The valley is surrounded by beautiful mountains and has a cool climate.

HOW TO GET THERE: The valley is around 80 km from Mumbai, which is about 2 hours by road.

KUNDALRI RIVER, KOLAD

It is a popular destination for white-water rafting in western India. The river is known for its challenging rapids and scenic views.

HOW TO GET THERE: The river is around 100 km from Mumbai, which is about 2.5 hours by road.

JALOUPPE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, TALOALA

This equestrian centre is a great destination for horse lovers. The centre offers riding lessons, horseback riding, and other equestrian activities.

HOW TO GET THERE: The centre is around 40 km from Mumbai, which is about 1 hour by road.

MACHAN, LONAVLA

Machan is a unique destination in Lonavala, which offers a unique experience. Machan is a treehouse surrounded by nature, giving visitors a chance to experience the beauty of the forest from a different perspective.

HOW TO GET THERE: Machan is around 50 km from Mumbai, which is about 1.5 hours by road.

KAMBHET

Most of us have, at one point or another, fantasized about an escape—away from the hustle and bustle of city life. This is where Kambhet comes into play. Kambhet is a small town nestled in the picturesque Western Ghats, and it offers a perfect escape from the monotonous city life.

HOW TO GET THERE: Kambhet is around 70 km from Mumbai, which is about 2 hours by road.

Letters to the editor

There is a lot of noise about speedbreakers in the city, including in recent days of shortage. The civic authorities are not always on the same page, and they are often accused of not being able to deal with the situation. However, the problem is not only about the speedbreakers but also about the road quality and the condition of the streets.

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Controversies galore

There is a lot of controversy surrounding the recent decision of the government to impose a lockdown in some parts of the city. The decision was taken to prevent the spread of a deadly virus that has been affecting the city for several days.

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Don't vote criminals

This is the main slogan of the new anti-corporate movement in India. The movement was formed in response to the increasing number of criminal politicians and corrupt officials who have been holding power for so long. The movement aims to bring about change by voting out these criminals and electing honest and accountable leaders.

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