GO PLACES

Bring in the New Year by attending a masquerade ball, scuba diving or winning big bucks in a casino

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If the maddening crowds and the exorbitant entries to party venues have you searching for options outside city limits, here is our guide to destinations we think are worth your while and money on New Year’s Eve.

Local

WHAT: Rock climbing
WHEN: December 29
WHERE: Naneghat
A 200 km drive from Mumbai, it is situated amidst the lush-greenery of the Sahyadris. The exploratory adventure includes rock climbing, exploring the caves and the local fort and a jungle trek on the way down.
CONTACT: Blueberry Trails, 962510 42196

WHAT: Motorcycle ride
WHEN: December 31
WHERE: Bhimashankar
This ride starts in Panvel and ends at the Blue-Mommon resort at Bhimashankar, before heading back to Panvel. The total distance covered is 380 km. Visitors can enjoy the jungle trek, a tribal village visit, boating and horse riding at the resort.
CONTACT: Konkan Moto Tours, 94671 43439

Attend a masquerade ball at Lonavala

WHAT: Masquerade ball
WHEN: December 31
WHERE: Della Adventure, Lonavala
This formal New Year’s Eve ball allows people to let their hair down. Included, as part of the package, are the DJ, music, fireworks, entertainment, starters and buffet.
CONTACT: Della Adventure, 90544 66000

WHAT: New Year’s Eve camping
WHEN: December 31
WHERE: Tikana village, Kanshal
Two days in the breathtaking foothills of the Sahyadri range in Maharashtra, is the perfect way for anyone to put their “real lives” on hold and reconnect with nature.
CONTACT: Life Away From Life, 90000 66663

Rock climbing in Naneghat

National

WHAT: Rann Utsav
WHEN: Anytime
WHERE: Kutch, Gujarat
The region happens to be one of the most ecologically and ethnically diverse regions of the area. During