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Jakson Inns brings Phaltan to tourism map

With Jakson Group setting up a world-class hotel in Phaltan in the Satara district of Maharashtra, leisure seekers from cities like Mumbai and Pune, have more reasons to look at this hidden gem of Maharashtra for their weekend getaway. **Anurag Tiwari**, who visited Phaltan and relished the hospitality of Jakson Inns, shares his experience.

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If you are a Mumbaikar and want to plan a weekend holiday, especially during monsoon to nearby destinations, names that naturally come to mind are Lonavala, Khandala or some other waterfalls on the outskirts of the city. These traditionally popular places have now become too commercial and too crowded. The peace that you are searching for during the weekend is hard to find at these locations. It is time to move ahead from these clichéd holiday spots to more hidden, peaceful destinations.

Phaltan, a town under Satara district of Maharashtra, and a five hour drive away from Mumbai and two hours away from Pune, will provide you all the adventure, peace and joy that you are looking for. Jakson Inns has taken the initiative to uplift this small town and make it equally popular.

Jakson Inns, the only three-star hotel in this region but no less than a five-star hotel, greets you with a cherishable hospitality. A Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified hotel, built on a six acre area, Jakson Inns has 69 deluxe rooms and four suites. There are rooms tailored for the single lady traveller with special audio-video facilities and rooms customised for the physically challenged at the hotel.

Jakson Inns features a multi cuisine restaurant, Green Bean, which offers wholesome international cuisines to delicious local cuisines. It has a well-stocked bar - Fulltoon. For those who are looking to hold corporate events or destination weddings, Jakson Inns Phaltan has an indoor banquet hall – Maratha – and outdoor lawns with a capacity to host 1,000 guests. The hotel also offers avenues for leisure and recreation like a basketball court and table tennis. There is a full-fledged gym – Burn – for health conscious guests. For wellness, there is a well-equipped spa – Kundalini – with treatment rooms.



Thosegar Waterfalls, a popular attraction close to Phaltan

For corporate travellers who are looking for team building activities, the hotel arranges activities like horseback riding, bullock cart rides, tractor rides and dairy farming.

“We want Phaltan to grow hand in hand with Jakson Inns,” said Sameer Gupta, CMD, Jakson Group, adding, “Phaltan is a small town that needs immense exposure for future development. We have adopted various schools in Phaltan and also engaged in trade activities with local farmers. We have focused on sustainable development in all aspects of the hotel building. At Jakson Inns, one can enjoy traditional farming activities and live in the nature.”

To explore Phaltan and other nearby destinations, Jakson Inns offers day tours to guests. One among them is Pussegaon windmill tour which is an hour drive from the hotel. There is rich history and heritage around Phaltan. The Rajwada Palace or Mudhoji Manmohan Rajwada is the maternal home of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj’s first wife, Sai Bai. The Palace is a half-hour drive from the hotel. Other popular attractions close to Phaltan include Thosegar Waterfalls and ‘Kaas Plateau’ or ‘Kaas Pathar’, a UNESCO site which is Maharashtra’s own flower valley.

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