

25 biggest planned cities in the world

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Location: Maharashtra, India

Status: Under development

Cost: \$6.4 billion (according to media reports)

Lavasa is a private planned hill city. The city is one fifth of the size of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai and is a three-hour drive from Mumbai and an hour's drive from Pune. It is stylistically based on the Italian town Portofino.

It is based on the principles of New Urbanism which organizes all components of essential city life within walking distance from each other.

Lavasa is planned for an estimated permanent population of around 300,000 residents and a tourist inflow that is envisaged at 20 lakh per annum.

The promoters of the project include Hindustan Construction Company (HCC), Avantha Group, Venkateshwara Hatcheries, and Vithal Maniar.

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