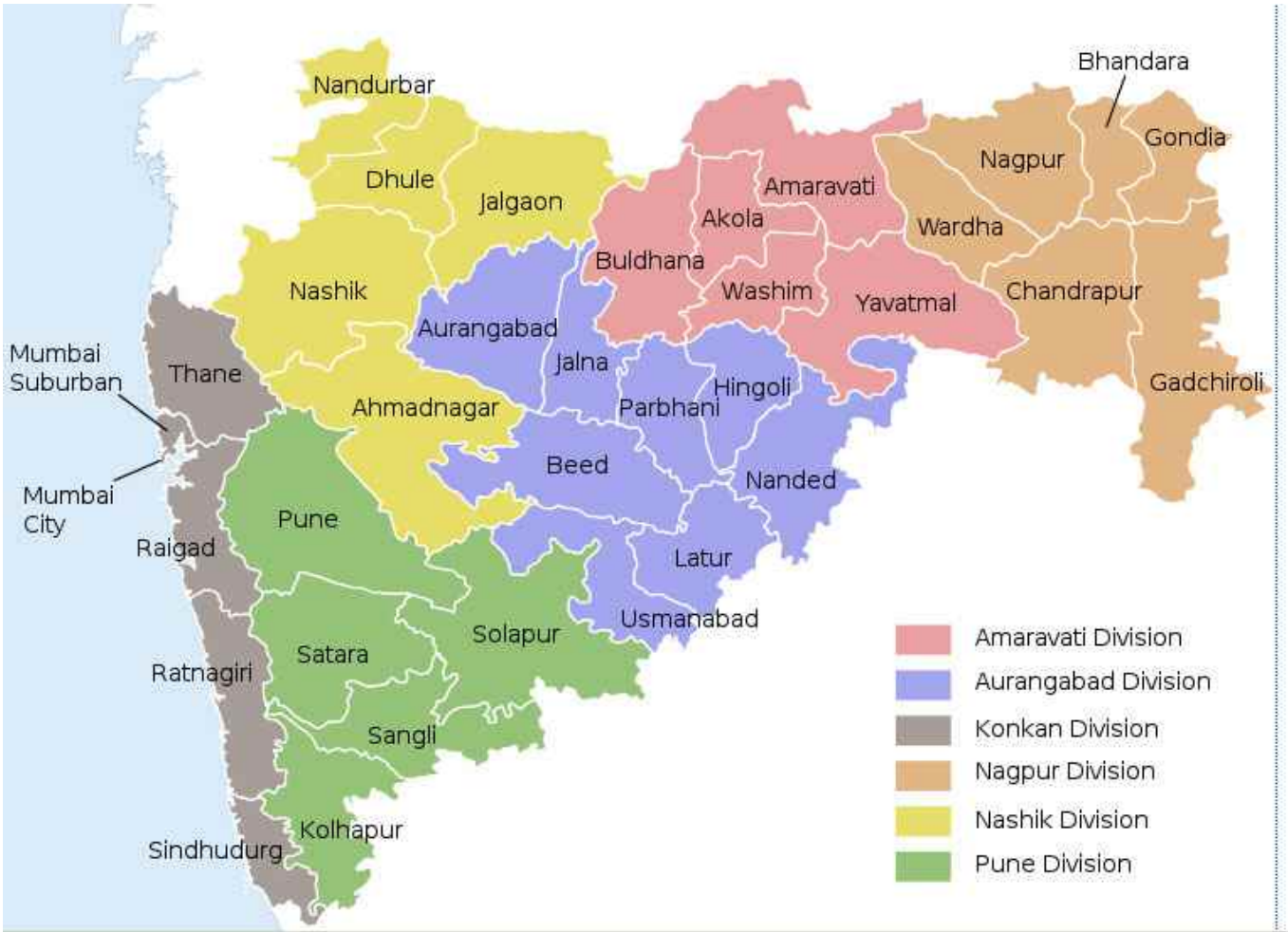




Pune



Map of Maharashtra state



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Where we are in Pune

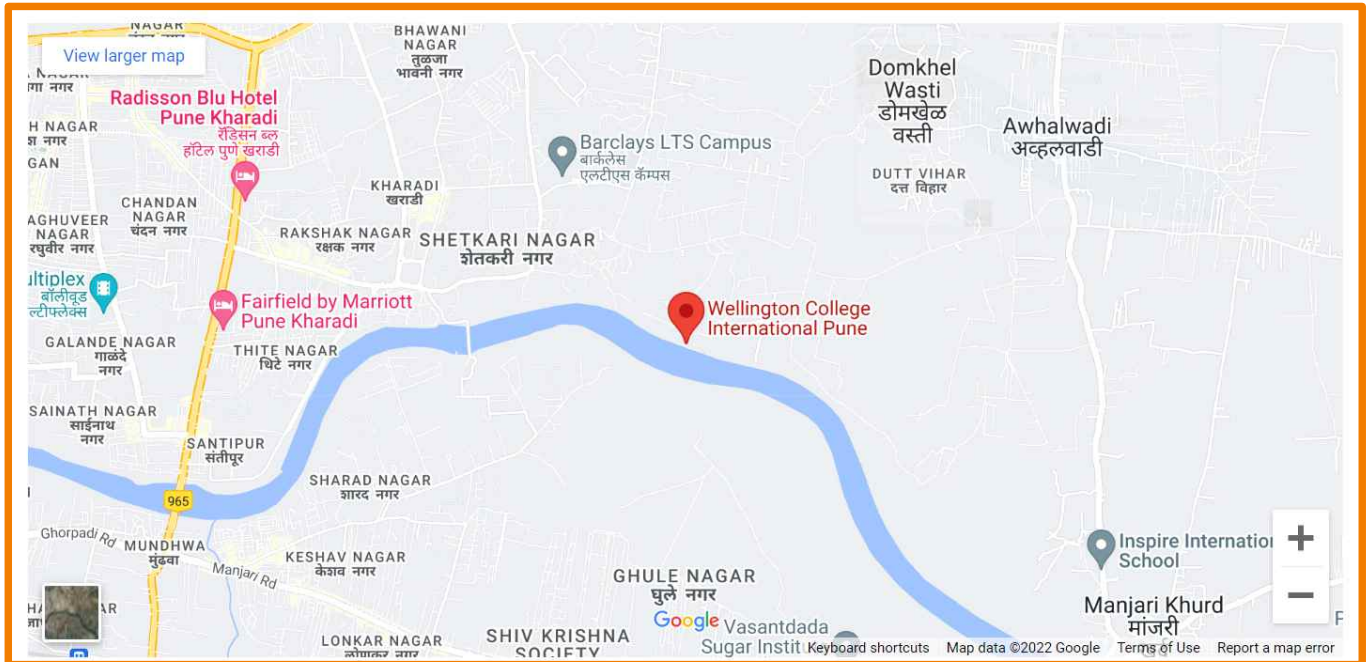




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Pune is the second largest city in the state of Maharashtra in western India (population approximately 5 million), around 160 kilometres south-east of the state capital, Mumbai. Situated 560 metres above sea level on the Deccan plateau, at the confluence of the Mula and Mutha river, it is the administrative capital of Pune District and the eighth most populous metropolitan area in India.



Pune is viewed by many to be Maharashtra's cultural capital and the form of Marathi spoken in Pune is considered to be the standard form of the language. The culture of Pune encompasses both the traditional Maharashtrian lifestyle that is prevalent in the heart of the city, as well as a modern, progressive outlook resulting from it being a hub for education and liberal thought. People from multiple religions and speaking different regional languages reside here, and English is widely spoken here. It also hosts various national festivals and cultural events throughout the year

Pune is situated on the leeward side of the Sahyadri mountain range (the Western Ghats), which separate it from the Arabian Sea. It is a relatively hilly city, with its tallest hill, Vetal Hill, rising to 800m (2,625 ft) above sea level. Just outside the city, the Sinhagad fort is located at a height of 1300m.

The climate is tropical with a monsoon season and a usually dry climate with average temperatures ranging between 20°C to 28°C. Pune experiences three distinct seasons: summer, monsoon and winter. Typical summer months are from March to May, with maximum temperatures ranging from 30 to 40 °C.

The warmest month in Pune is April; although summer doesn't end until May, the city often receives locally developed heavy thundershowers in May (although humidity remains high). Even during the hottest months, the nights are usually cooler due to Pune's altitude.

The monsoon lasts from June to October, with moderate rainfall and falls ranging from 10°C to 28°C (50°F to 82°F). Most of the 722mm of rainfall in the city fall between June and September, and July is the wettest month of the year. Pune once received rainfall on 29 consecutive days.

Winter begins in November; November in particular is known as the Rosy Cold (Marathi). The daytime temperature hovers around 28 °C (83 °F) while night temperature is below 10 °C (50 °F) for most of December and January, often dropping to 5 or 6 °C (42 °F). The lowest temperature ever located was 1.7 °C on January 17, 1935.

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Nearest Airports

Lohegaon Airport Pune

International & Domestic: (3-4 hours' drive)

It is great for domestic travel and it's not very far from the residential areas of Koregaon Park, Boat Club Road, Kalyani Nagar and Viman Nagar. Also good for connecting flights to Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai. Though limited there are also some direct flights available to UK and Dubai.

Nearest Railway Station

Pune Railway Station

The rail / train journeys are comfortable provided you book them much ahead in time. (We will suggest 3 months in advance) and travel by A/C 2-Tier, 3-Tier or First Class.

They have an online reservation system for which you need to sign-up on their website i.e. <https://www.irctc.co.in/>

Making Online Bookings**– Flights, Train and Buses**

You may go through the websites such as www.yatra.com and www.makemytrip.com, both of these websites enable you to make online booking for flights, trains and buses.





Places to Visit in and around Pune

Sinhgad Fort

Sinhgad Fort lies at a distance of 25km from Pune city. It is one of the popular picnic spots near the city. It is located on a hill, at a height 700 m above the surrounding landscape. Due to its height, the fort also serves as a popular trekking destination for the people of Pune.

Sinhgad can be accessed by the S.T. and P.C.M.T buses. A well-marked path - partly in steps - takes one to the top, through a series of gates. An alternative route is also up the ridge through the forests and leading right up to the fort.





Lavasa

Is a private planned city near Pune. It is stylistically based on the Italian town Portofino. Lavasa is famous for its sheer natural beauty. It's a perfect weekend get-away, particularly during monsoon season. The place is well equipped with restaurants and hotels. You will be able to find out more details on their website www.lavasa.com. Water sports are also available but they are not operational during monsoons. www.lavasa.com



Lonavala

Lonavala is a hill station in the Pune District, Maharashtra. It is about 64kms west of Pune. Lonavala is a place where nature is present in its entire splendour. Lonavala has become famous because of nature's gifts. Lonavala has been blessed with valleys, hills, scenic waterfalls, lush greenery and pleasant cool winds. This region is full of natural beauty. www.lonavala.com



Osho Ashram & Park

The usual schedule at Osho Ashram includes Dynamic meditation, Vipassana meditation, Nadabrahma meditation, Kundalini meditation; the list is endless. Their teachings mainly revolve around control over one's mind, meditation, Sannyas and renunciation. The Park is located in Koregaon Park. www.osho.com



Adlabs Imagica

This is a theme park near the city of Khopoli on the Mumbai-Pune expressway located The INR1,650-crore theme park spread over 300 acres opened in April 2013. It offers entertainment, dining, shopping and accommodation. The park can accommodate as many as 20,000 visitors. Adlabs Imagica is India's first and only international standard theme park. A video tour of the park is available on YouTube. It should be a fun family weekend at Adlabs Imagica!! For more details you may browse through their website – www.adlabsimagica.com



Khandala

Khandala and Lonavala are neighbours. Although it is comparatively small, it is equally blessed with natural beauty. A deep valley on one side and high hills on the other side divide Khandala and Lonavala. While travelling on the Mumbai Bangalore National Highway, one has to cross the arduous Khopoli - Khandala Ghat. This is the famous Borghat. In a short distance of 8 kms one has to climb a height of 369 metres. This is a difficult Ghat to climb. But once you reach here, you feel that this climb has been worth the trouble. It is located about 120km (75 mi) southwest of Pune and 285km (177 mi) from Mumbai.



Mahabaleshwar

Mahabaleshwar is a vast plateau measuring 150km² (58 sq miles), bounded by valleys on all sides. Mahabaleshwar is a popular holiday resort. Mahabaleshwar is also known for the honey and strawberries produced here. One can visit strawberry farms to enjoy the real flavour of the fruit. It is said that the climate of Mahabaleshwar is ideal for strawberries and mulberries.

The Venna Lake is one of the major tourist attractions of Mahabaleshwar. The lake is surrounded by trees on all sides. A late winter evening boat ride through the slight fog is well appreciated.





Matheran

The British Raj discovered Matheran & developed it as a famous tourist destination. Motor vehicles are banned and many visitors arrive by the narrow-gauge railway on the 1907 Neral-Matheran Toy Train. The train takes you through dense forest. The real beauty of Matheran is best viewed in the monsoon. The climate is cool and pleasant with a beautiful lake and many points worth a visit. It is nearest hill station to Bombay. The distance from Pune & Matheran is 120.5kms and can be reached in 2.5hrs. www.newmatheran.com



Rajmachi Park

On the way to Mumbai from Lonavala there is a beautiful garden before the beginning of the Ghat. It gives a spectacular view of the surroundings. On the east side, two towers of the Rajmachi Fort can be seen and at the bottom is a huge valley. There is a restaurant here and a temple close by. The Ghat begins from this point so many people come to enjoy the view. There is a children's park here and there are regular bus services.

www.rajmachifort.co.in



Green Tokri

Green Tokri is a Pune-based farm that grows and supplies their own produce to supermarkets and homes across Pune. A perfect place near Pune, to enjoy an outing and spend quality time with your family and friends. At Green Tokri farms we grow exotic vegetables, lettuce. www.greentokri.com





Koregaon Park

Koregaon Park is an area located in Pune. It is about 5.8 kms from the Pune International Airport.

It is an affluent residential area with lush greenery, but of late has been growing into a commercial hub as well. Home to the Osho International Meditation Resort, Koregaon Park also has a trendy dining and nightlife hub, with sleek European and Indian restaurants, plus live music bars, buzzy pubs and trendy cafes.

It is also a destination for art and music enthusiasts in the city with many art galleries and clubs in the vicinity. Street stalls sell local Osho slippers, and stores offer designer fashion and home decor.



Dine-In Spaces Koregaon Park

- **Malaka Spice**
South-East Asian Cuisine
- **Arthurs Theme**
European Restaurant
- **The Daily All Daily**
European Restaurant
- **Sassy Spoon**
European Restaurant
- **The French Window Patisserie**
French Restaurant
- **Boteco**
Brazilian Restaurant
- **Qora Cocktail Bar & Kitchen**
Modern Indian Asian Restaurant
- **Sorriso**
Italian Restaurant
- **Premis**
Continental & Indian Restaurant
- **Beetroot Bistro**
Italian Restaurant
- **Yogi Tree**
- **German Bakery**





Dine-In Spaces

Kalyani Nagar and Viman Nagar

- **Fish Bowl, Hyatt**
- **La Terrazza, Hyatt**
Italian
- **Paash Orange Ivy School**
- **The Flour Works**
European Restaurant
- **Pergola de Pines**
European & North Indian
- **Baan Tao – Kalyani Nagar**
Pan Asian
- **Cobblers & Crew**
- **Toit Pune**
Italian, American, Continental
Bar & Restaurant



Events & Festivals

Festivals have always been special days keeping the rich cultural spirit alive. Pune is famous for joyous & colourful festivals:

January

- Pune International Film Festival: **PIFF** is one of the most awaited events in Pune

February

- *Shiv Jayanti* – On 19th February, the city celebrates the beloved King Shivaji
- *Holi Festival* – It is a Hindu spring Festival, also known as the festival of colours or sharing love.

March

- *Prayatna* film & Dance Festival: If you are interested in offbeat modern dancing & classical Indian dances, Prayatna has a lot in store for you.



November

- NH7 Weekender Music lovers get a treat of original, mind-blowing music from famous musicians & artists all over the world.
- *Pune Oktober Fest* – Oktober fest is perfect for the beer lovers and if you are not able to visit Germany for the fest, here are our top go to places : Toit, Conrad, Independence Brewing Company, British Brewing Company.



Shopping

- **Tutto Bene Delicatessen**
3A & 3B, Jewel Tower, Lane 5, Off North Main Road, Koregaon Park, Pune
Tel: 020 65334555, 020 65334666.
- **Godrej Nature's Basket** is a leading gourmet online grocery store in India. They have their outlets in Aundh, Dhole Patil Road and Koregaon Park. For online grocery shopping, you may log on to <http://www.naturesbasket.co.in>
- **Spicer College Stores**
Great peanut butter and a selection of soya products Butcher for beef, etc. in the Islamic section of Shivaji Market
- **Phoenix Market City**
located in Viman Nagar. This is Pune's hottest, largest and the only lifestyle, shopping and entertainment destination. Under one roof you have a hypermarket, deparmental store, bookstore, kids play zone, electronics and toy stores.
- **Koregaon Park Plaza**
As the name suggests, it's located on the North Main Road Koregaon Park. The Spar Hypermarket in there is good!
- **Season's Mall Pune**
Magarpatta City, Hadapsar
www.seasonsmall.in
Shop, Dine or watch movies.
- **Amanora Town Centre-Shopping Mall** -
www.amanoratowncentre.com located in Hadapsar - Kharadi Bypass

- **Kayani Bakery**
Shrewsbury biscuits/Cakes
East Street
 - **Laxmi Road & Tulsi Baug**
Great for wholesale craft, garment items at reasonable rates. Tulsi Baug is a great market for local Indian materials, crafts at affordable rates.
 - **SGS Mall**
located in Magarpatta which is a lifestyle, shopping and an entertainment destination.
 - **Fab India**
Opposite Jehangir Hospital & in Koregaon
- Park known for its natural products, ethnic & Western wear & home décor. which is contemporary & affordable.
- **Anokhi**
sells lovely pure cotton clothing, silver, jewellery & bed linen at Lane 5 in Koregaon Park.
 - **Just Casuals**
Lovely cotton export clothing ie Gap, Chanel, Zara, Mango in Koregaon Park.
 - **Maharashtra Store**
Great for all kitchen & tableware, glassware etc. at MG Road.
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Online Shopping

- Bigbasket.com
 - Tokri.com
 - Naturesbasket.com
 - Dunzo.com
 - Swiggy.com
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Food/Meat

- Chicken & mutton (goat meat) are widely available.
- Fish is available in fish markets or in the frozen food section of the supermarket.
- Buffalo meat is available in some markets and is similar to beef.
- Beef is outlawed in the state of Maharashtra and buying and consuming beef is a serious crime.
- Green Tokri provides organic produce.



Furnitures, Tailors & Electronic Stores

FURNITURE

- Furniture Ladder & Pepperfry (Online & Home delivery)
www.urbanladder.com & www.pepperfry.com
- Lifestyle & Home Centre: Kalyani Nagar & Phoenix - Viman Nagar
- betterhomeindia.com - Kalyani Nagar
- Great Mattresses @Home - Kalyani Nagar
- www.IKEA.in
- www.amazon.in

TAILORS

- 5th Avenue - Suits for men & women
- Raymond's - MG

ELECTRONIC STORES

- Ezone - Viman Nagar (Phoenix Mall)
- Reliance World - Viman Nagar
- Vijay Sales - Viman Nagar.



Staying Healthy and Safety Tips

- Avoid drinking tap water
- Homes equipped with a water purifier should be serviced on an annual basis
- Fruits & vegetables should be carefully washed before eating. There are veggie wash producers which help cut residues or bacteria. It is also effective to use a bit of dish soap and/or salt in the washing water.
- It is normal to have some 'traveller's diarrhoea' when moving to India. This is your body adjusting to new foods, spices and bacteria. If you do not have a fever, the normal treatment is to drink plenty of fluids with rehydration salts. Eat plain foods like banana, plain bread or rice. Plain curd or yogurt is also helpful.





Getting Around

Let us explore the fastest and safest form of transport for making happiness one's destination.

Auto rickshaws are a great way to travel around Pune. Make sure to use the meter and check the tariff card if you are unsure of prices. Each driver is required by law to carry a tariff card.

Cab Services

- Ola
- Uber

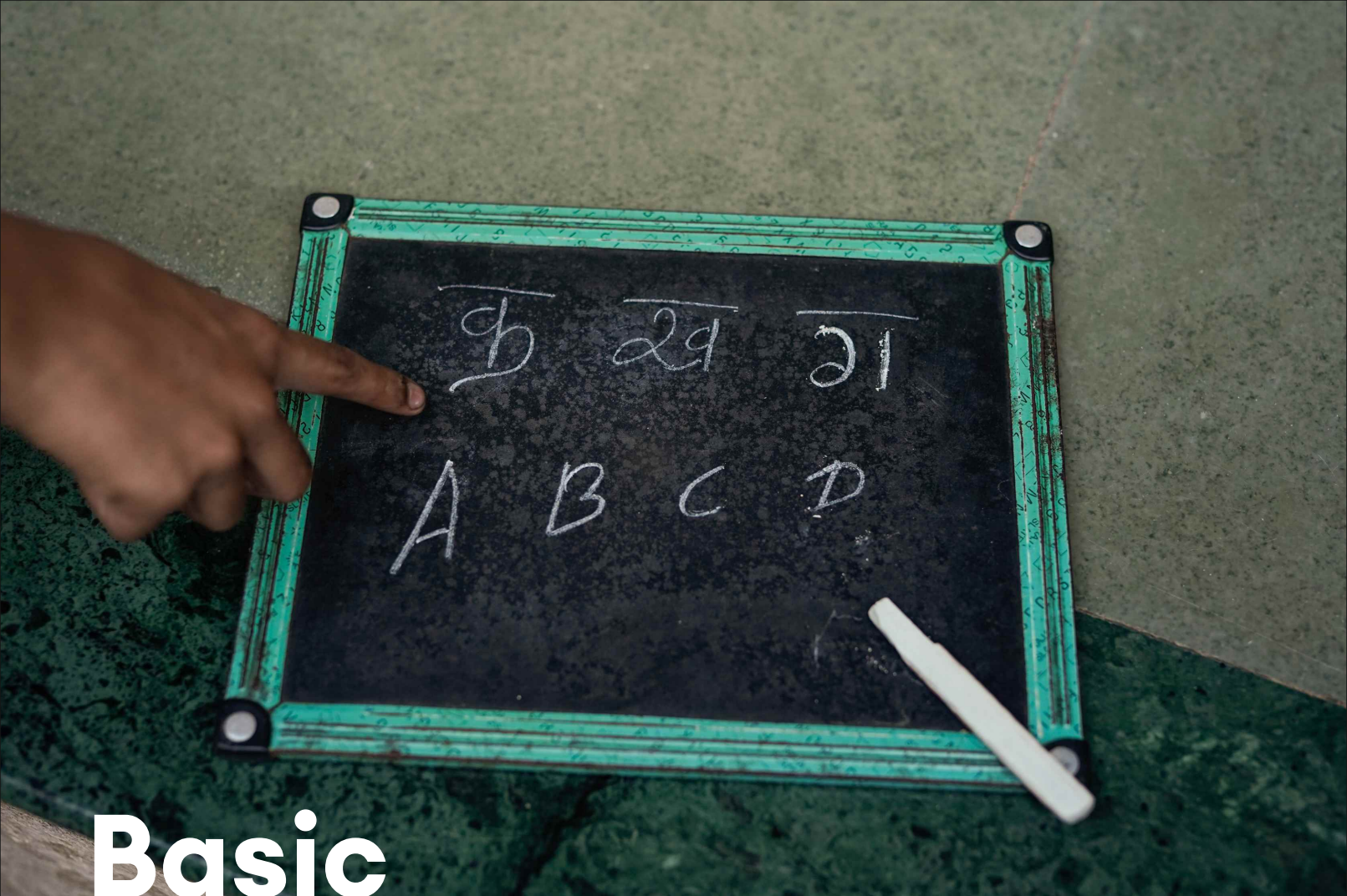
You may download the app from Google Play Store or App Store from your Iphone



Salon and Spa

- The O Hotel – Koregaon Park
- Coco Nails – Lane 7 Koregaon Park
- Le Clinique Nail & Spa – Koregaon Park
- Dream Spa – Koregaon Park
- The Ritz Carlton – Kharadi
- UNO Unisex Salon – Wagholi Panchshill Tower
- Violetta Spa – Koregaon Park
- Four Fountains Spa – Koregaon Park
- Holy Nails – Koregaon Park





Basic Hindi Words

Although many people in Pune will speak English, and for some it will be their first language, it may also be helpful to learn a few Hindi phrases in advance. Here are some key words below.

- Hello – Namaste
- My name is – Mera Naam hai
- Yes – Haan
- No – Nahi
- You- (Tum) Younger individual
- Sister – Behen
- Today – Aaj
- Tomorrow – Kal
- Yesterday – Kal
- Good – Acha
- Ok – Theek Hai many
- Water – Paani
- Vegetables – Sabji
- Food – khana
- Clothes – Kapde
- Thank you – Shukriya
- Sorry – Maaf Karo
- Please – Krupiya



Hospitals

Manipal Multi-specialty Hospital

#22/2A, Near Nyati Empire
Kharadi Bypass Road
Kharadi
Pune - 410 014

Doctor Enquiry 1800 102 4647

Phone 020-6165 6666

E-mail info@manipalhospitals.com

Jehangir Hospital

32, Sassoon Road
Pune - 411 001

Phone 020-26050550 / 26122551

E-mail info@jehangirhospital.com



Sancheti Hospital

16 Ganeshkhind Road
Shivaji Nagar
Pune - 411 005

Phone 020 2899 9999

E-mail appointment@sanchetihospital.org

Medicare Hospital

Opp. Suzlon Energy
Near Amonora City, Tupe Nagar
Malwadi, Hadapsar
Pune - 411028

Phone 9119589191

E-mail risingmedicare@gmail.com



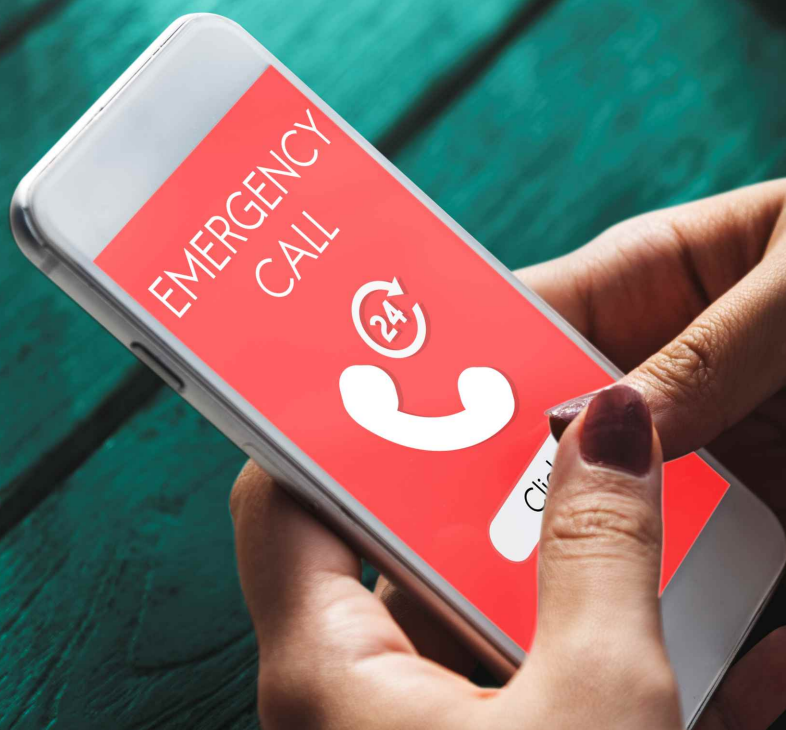
Medical Facilities & Immunizations

Dental Care

Cost?

How does one do it?

In the process of finalizing the above



Emergency Contacts



Police
100



Blood Bank
1910



Fire
101



Disaster Helpline
1077



Ambulance
108, 102



Railway Helpline
1512, 139



Women's Helpline
1091, 181





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Timelines for Expatriate Immigration Facilities

WCIP will prepare all documents and assist all colleagues
in these areas





Expatriate

Bank Account Opening

- Passport & Valid Visa Copy
- Pan Card
- EFRRO Copy
- Employment Agreement
- Three Passport Size Photo
- Company Employee ID Card

Money & Exchange and Remittance

As an Expatriate living in India, it is not currently possible to electronically transfer money from one's Indian Bank Account to an expatriate bank account.

Documents required for outward foreign remittance from Indian Bank Account

- Sign on outward remittance form (A2 Form)
- Latest Salary Slip or Company letter head request.

Foreign Exchange Services in Pune

- Thomas Cook : MG Road
- FRR Forex Pvt Ltd : Koregaon Park
- Travel Home Tours & Travels: Camp MG Road
- Fulchand Jewellers : MG Road.

Currency Conversion

GBP	INR
1 GBP	100
5 GBP	503
10 GBP	1,005
25 GBP	2,513
50 GBP	5,025
100 GBP	10,051
500 GBP	50,254
1,000 GBP	100,508
5,000 GBP	502,539
10,000 GBP	1,005,080
50,000 GBP	5,025,390

GBP	INR
1	0.00995211 GBP
5	0.0497606 GBP
10	0.0995211 GBP
25	0.248803 GBP
50	0.497606 GBP
100	0.995211 GBP
500	4.97606 GBP
1,000	9.95211 GBP
5,000	49.7606 GBP
10,000	99.5211 GBP
50,000	497.606 GBP





Price of Things

Availability & Sample prices

Most vegetables are Rs. 50-80/kilogram; more for “exotic” vegetables like red & yellow pepper, broccoli, asparagus, mushrooms, etc., but they can all be found!!!

Chicken/fish/lamb/goat, etc: Rs. 140-400/kilogram (meats are cheaper but less hygienic in the outdoor markets than in the fancier supermarkets).

Other food

Besides using Amazon, Flipkart or other online retailers who deliver in Pune, you can find virtually anything, including a large range of imported food items like olive oil, balsamic vinegar, canned meats of various

kinds, different kinds of pasta, cheese, cocoa in upscale shops in Pune. Coke, Pepsi, and other fizzy drinks are widely available (even in tiny village shops!).

Alcohol

Beer—India has some fantastic beer—Kingfisher and Bira being some favourites. Imported brands are also available like Fosters, Heineken, San Miguel, Castle, etc. Pune has a bunch of Beer gardens and microbreweries, so do explore those.

Wine—Some interesting Indian brands, both reds & whites; the quality of Indian wines is markedly improving, but they are expensive. Wines usually cost Rs. 400-900 per bottle, with a decent wine being around Rs. 600.

Spirits

Domestically produced rum, gin, vodka, whisky, etc. are about Rs. 800-1500 per bottle (approx. 750ml.-1 litre volume). “Indian made foreign liquor” as it’s known, is great! However, do not buy from very small, dubious-looking liquor stores; ask once you get here for recommended stores.



Packing List

Checklist

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There is nothing you cannot find in Pune, but in case you're bringing stuff anyway, you might want to throw some of these in the mix! These are just some ideas... Even though you can find almost everything in Pune, basically, bring some things from home (Home brands) that you are used to using, since imported goods may be a bit pricey here!

Kitchen

- Particular spices or dry goods from home
- Liquor (Mumbai International Airport Duty Free is great). Pune has a bunch of micro-breweries as well :)
- Dark chocolate (some say the dark chocolate in India is sweeter, but you can buy imported chocolate easily)
- If you have particular dietary requirements (i.e., gluten free, vegan) you might want to stock up on some items.

Clothing

- Rain boots and raincoat (since you will arrive at the peak of monsoon!)
- Warm clothes for winter months (yes, it does get a little chilly on campus)
- Any trekking gear if planning a trek to the Himalayas (including warm coat and boots). However, there is a decathlon store in Pune where you can find outdoor gear.
- Full piece swimsuit (No bikinis allowed during session time)
- A sturdy pair of sandals
- A light daypack for day hikes.



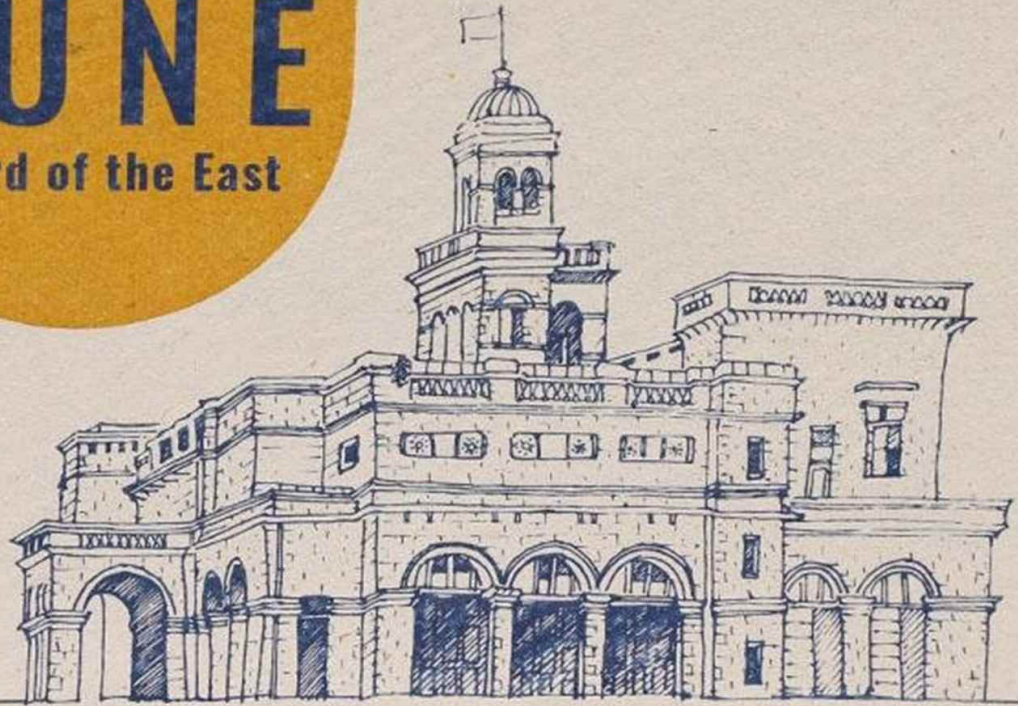
Hotels in Pune

- **JW Marriott**, Pune
- **The Ritz Carlton**, Airport Road, Yerwada
- **The Westend Pune**, Koregaon Park
- **Conrad Pune**, Mangaldas Road
- **Radisson Blu**, Kharadi
- **O Hotel**, Koregaon Park
- **Novotel**, Pune-Nagar Road
- **Mariott Suites**, Mundhwa Road
- **Central Park Pune**, Camp
- **Blue Diamond Hotel**, Koregaon Park



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