

## Useful information

### Facts and figures about Pune

The city of Pune is located in the western state of Maharashtra, at an altitude of around 559 m above sea level. It is spread over an area of 138 sq km and is the second largest city in Maharashtra. Apart from tourism, Pune is also quite popular as an education destination. The city boasts of having some of the best institutes in India, ranging from management schools to medical colleges. In the following lines, we have provided almost all the interesting facts about Pune, India. Check out the Pune facts and figures given below.

<b>Area:</b>	138 square kilometers
<b>Altitude:</b>	559 m above sea level
<b>Geographical Location:</b>	Latitude: 18° 32' N Longitude: 73° 51' E
<b>Climate:</b>	Average temperature ranges around 15°C to 35°C
<b>Rainfall:</b>	68 cm (annual)
<b>Best Time to Visit:</b>	October to March
<b>Languages:</b>	Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi and English
<b>Religions:</b>	Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikhs, Parsis and Sindhis
<b>Population:</b>	Around 4 million
<b>Major Festivals:</b>	Diwali, Navratri, Ganesh Chaturthi, Janamashtami, Deep Dewali, Gudhi Padwa, Holi, Nag Panchami, Raksha Bandhan and Ratha Saptami
<b>Tourist Attractions:</b>	Aga Khan Palace, Raj Bhavan, NDA Academy, Empress Garden, Babasaheb Ambedkar Museum, Pataleshwar Cave Temple and St Mary's Church
<b>Currency:</b>	Rupees
<b>Business Hours:</b>	9 A.M. - 5 P.M. (Monday to Friday)
<b>STD Code:</b>	020

## **Pune history**

Pune was initially built as an agricultural settlement, by the name of Punnaka. The city dates back to the 8th century and was under the rule of the Rashtrakutas. After Rashtrakutas, the city came under the reign of the Mughals and the Marathas, which came to end somewhere around the year 1818. The mid-seventeenth saw Pune adopting the role of the temporary residence of King Shivaji. In the following lines, we have provided more information on the history of Puna, India.

In 1749, the city was given the status of the capital of the Maratha kingdom, under the Peshwa rule. As per the origin & history of Pune, this time proved to be the golden era for the city as it experienced large-scale development during this period. A number of temples were also constructed under the Peshwa rule, contributing to the architectural beauty of Pune. Standing as a testimony to this time is the Shivneri Fort, where Shivaji was born and spent a major portion of his childhood.

Pune history shows that the city played a major role in the independence struggle also. It served as the starting point of a number of social as well as religious reforms. Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Vinayak Damodar Savarkar started numerous movements from Pune. The city also played host to reformers like Mahadev Govind Ranade, R.G. Bhandarkar, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Maharshi Vitthal Ramji Shinde and Mahatma Jyotirao Phule.

After the country attained independence, efforts were made to develop Pune as an educational and research center. The first step in this regard was the establishment of the University of Pune, and the National Defence Academy (NDA) in the city. Today, Pune is home to some of the best schools, colleges as well as professional institutions of India. Infact, the city is known as the 'Oxford of the East'.



## **Pune airport**

The Pune airport is under the management and control of the Airports Authority of India.

Situated at a distance of approximately 10 km to the northeast of the city, the airport is presently sharing its runway with the Lohegaon Air Base. The airport in Pune served only domestic flights for quite a long time. However, quite recently it started operating flights to international destinations also. Air India operates direct flights from Pune to Dubai and Indian airlines, from Pune to Singapore.

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Pune airport is connected to almost all the major cities in India, like [Delhi](#), Mumbai, Bangalore, [Hyderabad](#), etc. There are plans to construct a new airport for the city of Pune. The Government of Maharashtra has handed over the responsibility of executing the Pune International Airport project to MIDC. The new airport is proposed to be built between the area of Chakan and Rajgurunagar. Lying at a distance of approximately 40 km from the city, this airport will be along the Pune-Nashik National Highway.

### Pune Currency Exchange



In Pune, Indian rupee is used as the currency. It is available in the denomination of Rs. 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000. Upto Rs. 5, notes as well as coins are used. Rs. 10 and above are available in the form of notes only. Whenever you are roaming in the city, it is better to keep some change with you, for travelling purposes or for the purpose of giving tips, etc. In the city of Pune, currency exchange is not a very difficult task. Apart from banks and hotels, currency can be exchanged through a number of other authorized dealers also. In the following lines, we have provided a list of money exchangers

### Official Bankers of the CYG Pune 2008

**Bank of Maharashtra (A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
FEX Centers – Shiv Chhatrapati Sports City**

- 1. Athlete Village**
- 2. Spectator's Plaza**
- 3. Branches:- I. Overseas Center Fergusson**

**College Rd.**

**II. Deccan Gymkhana, Pune**

**III. Pune Camp.**

### Money Exchangers in Poona

- **V K C Credit And Forex Services (P) Ltd**  
Vighnagar Chambers, Karve Road, Erandwana
- **Amico Forex Pvt. Ltd.**  
Vaswani Nagar, Koregaon Park
- **Centrum Forex Ltd**  
Sassoon Road, Opposite Jehangir Nursing Home

- **Nucleus Securities Ltd**  
Aurora Tower (East Wing), Moledina Road
- **Trade-Wings Limited**  
Amba Complex, M.G. Road
- **Pheroze Framroze And Co Pvt Ltd**  
Nalin Chamber, Dhole Patil Road
- **Skylark Overseas Pvt Ltd**  
Vrindavan North, Main Road, Koregaon Park

- **Shopping Malls**
- **AFMC Pune**
- **Bharati Vidyapeeth Pune**
- **IIMM Pune**
- **IT Companies in Pune**
- **National Defence Academy**
- **Fairs and Festivals**
- **Pune History**
- **Symbiosis Pune**



Pune public transport consists of buses, autos, taxis and suburban rail. Know about Pune local transport/transportation.

#### **Pune : Travel Tips : Pune Public Transport** Pune Public Transport

If you are planning to visit Pune, it is better to know about the modes of public transport in the city. This is especially important for those people, who are planning to go by air or by train. In the following lines, we have provided information about Pune local transportation.

#### **Local Buses**

One of the most popular modes of local transport in Pune comprises of the local buses. The buses are run by PMT and cover almost each and every part of the city. There are also two Pune Darshan buses that take you on a tour of the city, covering all the significant tourist destinations on the way. The tour starts around 9 am and comes to an end around 5 pm.

#### **Auto Rickshaws**

There are a large number of auto rickshaws plying on the roads of Pune city. One can also get prepaid rickshaws, at Shivajinagar, Swargate Bus Depot and Lohegaon Airport. If a prepaid auto is not available, always insist on going by the meter.

#### **Suburban Rail**

There are suburban rails connecting Pune with Lonavala, a popular tourist destination near Mumbai. The government is presently considering the feasibility of a second monorail line.

**Taxis**

One can find the typical yellow and black taxis as well as private taxis in Pune. However, hiring taxis is quite expensive and is recommended only if the group is quite large.

**Political**

The Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) was established on 15th February 1950. The PMC controls the whole administration of the city. The executive power of the corporation is vested in the Municipal Commissioner, an IAS officer appointed by the Maharashtra state government. The corporation consists of directly elected corporators headed by a Mayor. The mayor has few executive powers.

The total number of PMC members is 151. The PMC is in charge of the civic needs and infrastructure of the metropolis. Pune is divided into forty-eight municipal wards, each overseen by an Assistant Municipal Commissioner for administrative purposes. The corporators of the administration are elected by the people through a popular vote and almost all the state political parties participate in the election.

The city comes under the Haveli Taluka of Pune District, Maharashtra. The

collectors are in charge of property records and revenue collection for the Central government. They also conduct national election in the city. Like other metropolises in India, the Pune Police is headed by a Police Commissioner, an IPS officer. The Pune Police is the law enforcing agency in the city and comes under the state Home Ministry.

### Economy

Pune is now a fast growing industrial hub of the country. It has become a major industrial centre for automobiles. It is home to one of the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturers- Bajaj Auto. The manufacturing plant of India's largest Passenger car and commercial vehicle manufacturer, Tata Motors, is in Pimpri, a suburb of Pune. Daimler Chrysler also has an assembly line for its Mercedes Benz brand in Pune. It is also home to Kinetic Engineering, Force Motors Ltd (previously known as Bajaj Tempo).

The world's second largest forging company (Bharat Forge Ltd) is located here. Cummins Engines Co Ltd has a Research & Technology India center in Pune in addition to its manufacturing plant. Other Engineering companies include Alfa Laval, Sandvik Asia, Thyssen Krupp (formerly Backau Wolf), KSB Pumps, Finolex, Greaves India, Forbes Marshall, etc. Numerous small and medium-sized enterprises have grown in the city.

Pune has a growing software industry. Many of India's major software companies such as Xansa, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, Satyam, KPIT Cummins, Persistent Systems and Kanbay Software have their branches in Pune. Global majors like HSBC Global Technology, IBM, Siemens, EDS, I-Flex, Cognizant, Symantec and Zensar have a major presence in Pune's various Software Technology Parks and other areas. Some of the prominent IT parks in the city are the Hinjewadi IT Park, Magarpatta Cybercity, Marisoft IT Park (Kalyaninagar) etc.

The city has become a prominent place for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) companies. Companies like Convergys, WNS, Progeon, EXL and MphasiS have started their operations in Pune. The city has huge human resources to operate these companies. Pune also houses the headquarters of the Bank of Maharashtra. To facilitate this explosive economic growth in Pune, the city and the state authority have taken several steps to popularize the industrial policy and other aspects relating to establish industries.

### Weather

Situated on the leeward side of the Western Ghats, Pune experiences a pleasant weather throughout the year. The temperature remains moderate the year round, neither being too hot nor too cold. Pune weather and climate does not experience much extremities and this is one of the reasons that the city can be visited throughout the year. In the following lines, we have provided some more Puna

weather information.

### **Summer**

The summer season in Pune stretches on from March to July. The early mornings are cool and pleasurable, while evenings are breezy and pleasant. However, daytime is characterized by dry heat. It is advisable to carry sunscreen, sunglasses and hats with you, if you are planning to visit the city in summers. The average maximum temperature ranges between 38 deg C and 20 deg C.

### **Monsoon**

From mid-July to October, Pune experiences monsoons. The city receives a decent amount of rainfall every year, which takes the humidity to a high level. The average temperature in the monsoon season ranges between 18 deg C to 30 deg C.

### **Winters**

The winter season in Pune lasts from November to February. In the daytime, light woolens suffice. However, early mornings as well as evenings are quite cold, with the average temperature dipping down to as low as 8 deg C.

### **Spring**

The months of late-January to mid-March are considered to be the spring season in Pune. During these months, the weather in Pune is quite pleasant, with the sunrays being warm and bright.