

AURANGABAD



Pune Aurangabad 3 Day Package

Pune to Aurangabad (245/kms)

<https://en.wikivoyage.org/wiki/Aurangabad>

Aurangabad, which was declared by the Government as the Tourism Capital of Maharashtra back in 2010, is a famous tourist hub which greets its visitors with a richly woven tapestry of sights and sounds. The city got its name for being the erstwhile capital of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb in the 17th century AD.

<p>Grishneshwar temple (Day 1)</p>	 A photograph of the Grishneshwar Temple in Ellora, Maharashtra. The temple is a large, ornate structure with a prominent dome and intricate carvings. It is surrounded by trees and a clear blue sky.	<p>This is considered as an UNESCO World Heritage Site, Grishneshwara Temple is known as one of the 12 sacred Jyotirlingas. Grishneshwar Temple is a 13th Century Shiva Temple located in Ellora. It has been mentioned in the Shiva Purana, which forms an integral part of the Shaivism Literature, as the 12th place of worship in the country. The original temple was a prehistoric monument which was later destroyed by the Mughals. This new structure was rebuilt twice after the Mughals were defeated. The temple architecture also draws several tourists to the site.</p> <p>https://www.holidify.com/places/aurangabad/grishneshwar-temple-sightseeing-1232.html</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/i8MTLgaHfKfVfBjV9</p>
<p>Ellora And Ajanta Caves (Day 1)</p>	 A photograph of the Ellora and Ajanta Caves. The image shows a large, multi-level rock-cut temple complex with intricate carvings and a prominent staircase leading up to the entrance. The surrounding area is rocky and hilly.	<p>Recorded in the list of world-heritage site, Ellora cave is situated around 30 km away from Aurangabad. The Kailash Temple of the Ellora caves is the major attraction among the tourists and work of art of the architect. The temple is one of the largest and massive sculptures of the world.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajanta_Caves</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/EUw4qWwvp4HptCWE8</p>

<p>Aurangabad Cave (Day 1)</p>		<p>Excavated from the soft rock during the 6th and 7th century, the caves are divided into two separate locations - Western Group Caves having caves 1-5 and Eastern Group Caves having caves 6-10, located 1 km from apart. The image and designing is moulded by Tantric Hinduism. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aurangabad_Caves G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/DWT1MWGoPsqLwwNd9</p>
<p>Bibi Ka Maqbara (Day 2)</p>		<p>Built in 1679 AD by Aurangzeb's son, the monument Bibi Ka Maqbara was built in the memory of his mother Rabia. It was designed by Ata Ullah, who initially designed the Taj Mahal. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bibi_Ka_Maqbara G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/QkdwZjQ4bMqU51Wt5</p>
<p>Sunehari Mahal (Day 2)</p>		<p>Located in Paharsingpura, Sunehari Mahal was constructed by a Bandalkand chief who came with Aurangzeb in the Dakhan. The structure is made of stone and lime and is counted among the marvel of Aurangabad. http://tourmet.com/sunheri-mahal/ G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/Pey9xM9HVqy9QuEq6</p>
<p>Mhaismal (Day 3)</p>		<p>Mhaismal is a small hill station in Aurangabad District of Maharashtra. Located at an altitude of 1067 m, it is about 12 km from Khuldabad and about 40 km from Aurangabad. Places of tourist interest are an ancient temple of Girijamata and a lake. You can also visit an exact copy of the Balaji Temple (a replica of Tirupati Temple). The hill station attracts visitors during monsoons when it is covered in greenery, and it offers a fantastic view of the surrounding valleys. https://www.holidify.com/places/aurangabad/mhaismal-sightseeing-122644.html G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/16vjpt9hDXxsWtDx7</p>

**Jayakwadi Dam
(Day 3)**



Monsoons and winters are great to be spending a quiet evening at a waterway. About 50 km south of the city of Aurangabad is the Jayakwadi dam, a gigantic construction that's about 10 km long. One of the largest multipurpose dams of Maharashtra, the Jayakwadi waters the fields of the Marathwada regions.

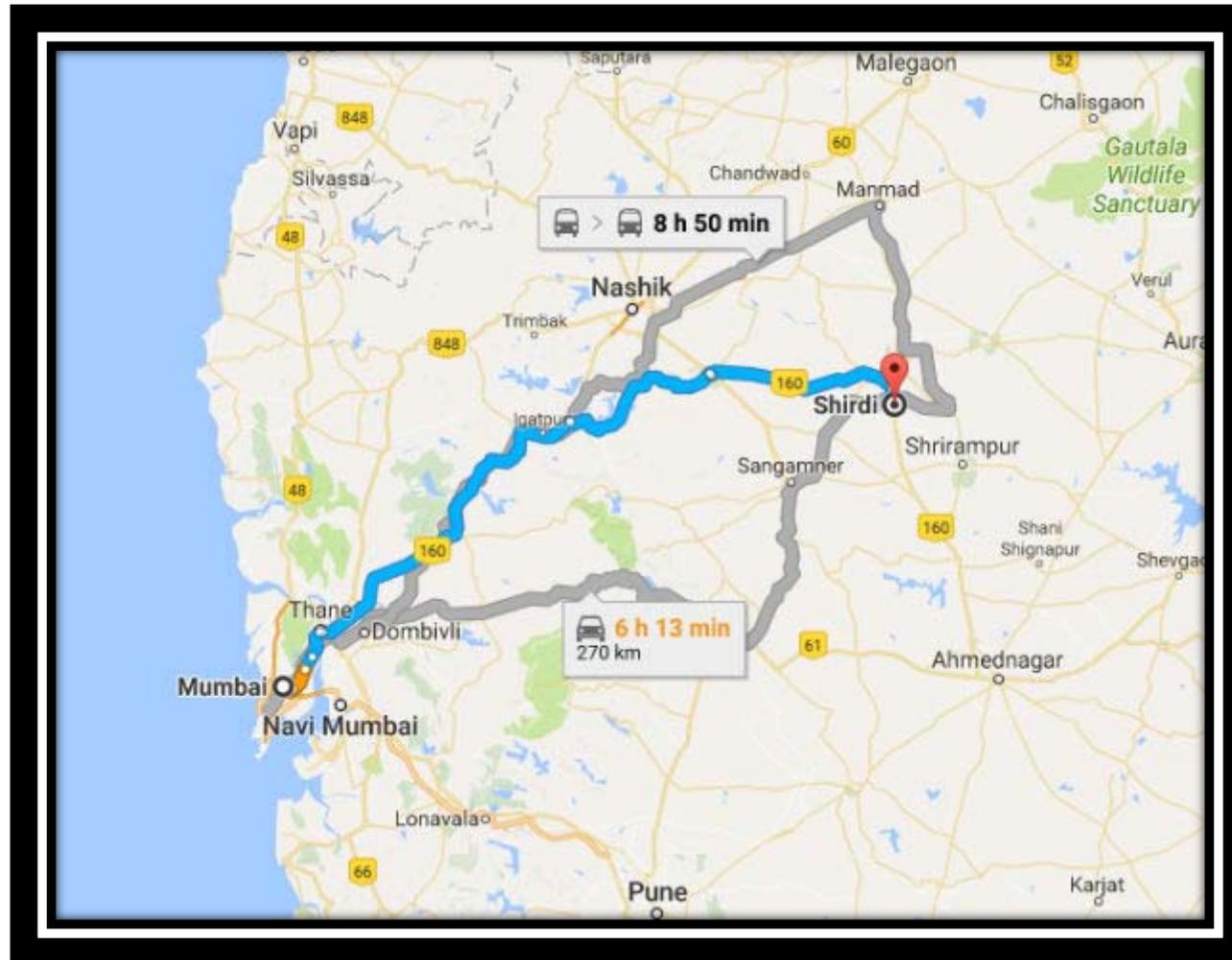
Near the dam is a reservoir called the Nath Sagar Lake, along with a garden called Dyaneshwar Udyan close by and a bird sanctuary as well. From the Nath Sagar Lake, the dam is an impressive and amazing feat of engineering.

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1 Day Trip To Shirdi

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Shirdi will provide complete peace and spirituality in the best possible way. Shirdi is a divine place and extremely popular for Shirdi Sai Baba as it is here he lived for decades before attaining the Samadhi. Shirdi is the abode of Sai Baba, one of the greatest and the most revered saints of India.

<p>Sri Sai Baba Samadhi Mandir</p>		<p>You can start your day by 4 am in the morning and head to Samadhi Mandir for the most important and acclaimed "Kakad Aarti". You can easily buy an Aarti Pass that will just cost you INR 500 and be present in the lane that is near to the Sai Baba's samadhi. The Aarti will end around 6 AM and you will be out of the Mandir complex around 6:30 AM.</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/5pnpf6EvHsdrTyjF7</p>
<p>Shri Saibaba Sansthan Temple</p>		<p>After the spiritually enlightening Aarti and Sai Baba Darshan at the Samadhi and temple, you can head to Babas Chavadi.</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/EEiy7hM4iMGHSN9k9</p>

Babas Chavadi



Chavadi is traditionally a place where villager's meet, office, or court where taxes were collected, village records kept, disputes settled by the village heads, and visiting officials stayed. It so happened that once in Shirdi, during the monsoons, the Dwarkamai mosque where Baba used to stay, was unfit for providing shelter to him due to its leaky walls. As a result, out of sheer love and concern for Baba, his devotees affectionately forced him to evacuate the mosque and instead moved him to the Chavadi.

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Dwarkamai



Shri Sai Baba came to Shirdi with a marriage procession. Lord Sai baba stayed at Dwarkamai till the very end of his life. Dwarkamai is situated on the right of the entrance of Samadhi Mandir. Here Sai Baba solved problems of the people, cured their sickness and worries. Before Baba's arrival in Shirdi, Dwarkamai was an old mosque in a dilapidated condition.

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Dixit Wada Museum



The museum houses all the belongings of Sai Baba, his robes, footwear and all the things that were used by him. The museum also displays black and white as well as colourful pictures of Sai baba.

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Khandoba Mandir

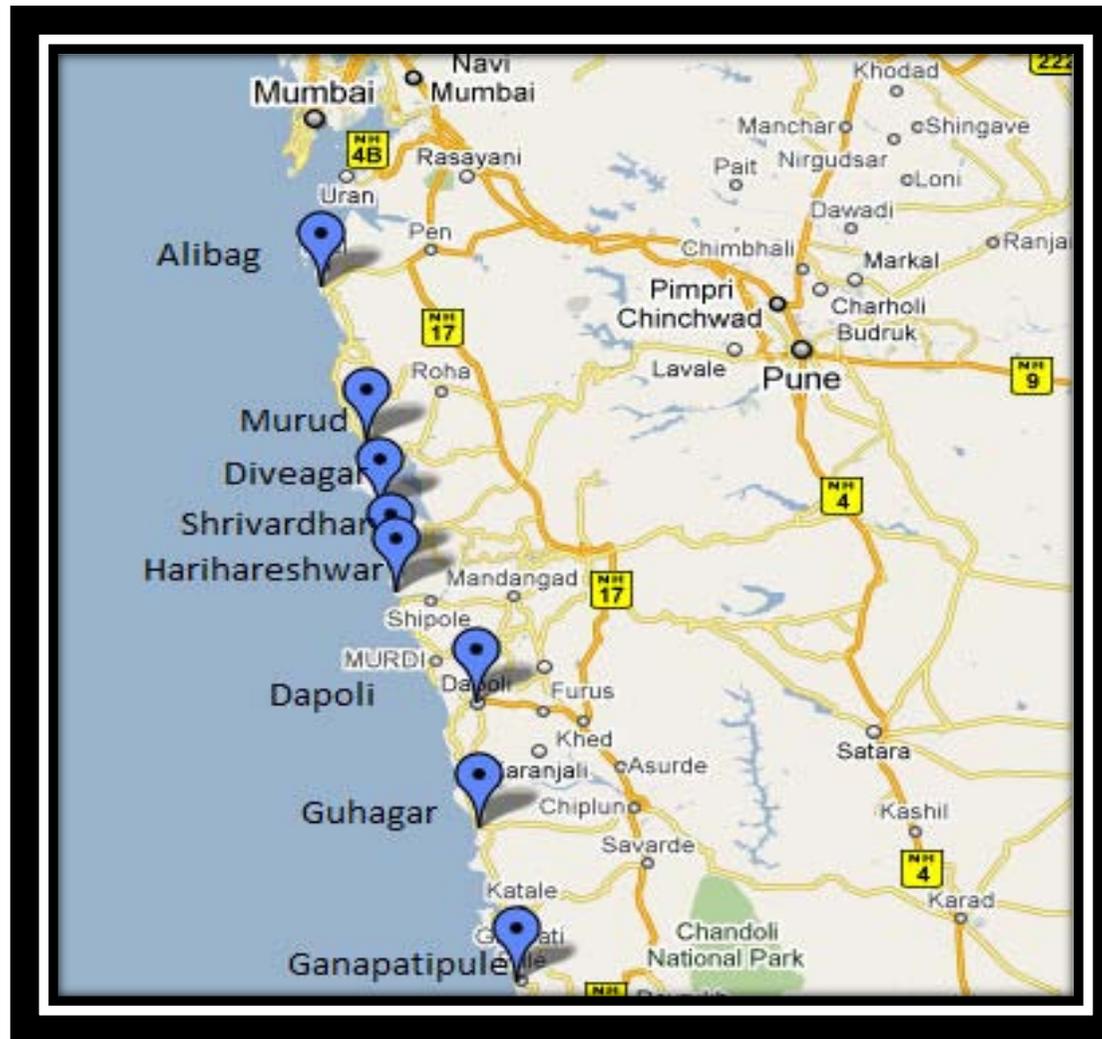


Lord Khandoba was tutelary deity of Mhlasapti, who was priest of Khandoba temple by heredity and he was then responsible for starting worship of Sai Baba. Khandoba temple which had its origin about 500 years ago was but natural rural and simple. It did not even have a door. There is large banyan tree where Sai Baba alighted with marriage party of Chand Patil at the entrance of Khandoba temple.

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Enjoy A Peaceful And Religious Visit

1 Weekend At The Konkan Beaches



The Konkan Coast in Maharashtra offers a bounty of beautiful beaches, which are among the most pristine in the country. Delightfully off the tourist trail, they are devoid of much commercial development and many are practically deserted. In this regard, the best time to visit is during January and February, when the weather is warm (not hot), and it's the low season for domestic tourism. During peak season water sports, camel rides, and horse cart rides proliferate on the popular beaches.

<p><u>Alibaug</u></p>		<p>Alibaug is a sought after weekend destination for people living in Mumbai, and many of the city's rich and famous own bungalows there. The town has got quite a bit of history behind it. Established in the 17th century, there are numerous old forts, churches, synagogues, and temples all waiting to be explored.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alibag</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/cAjfSgWH1tN1L35K8</p>
<p><u>Kashid</u></p>		<p>A little further down the coast from Alibaug, Kashid is more isolated but growing in popularity. Its long, wide beach is lined with casuarina trees, snack stalls, and hammocks. Two of the major attractions in the area are Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary and Janjira Fort. While the beach is quite empty on weekdays, it receives an influx of visitors on weekends. Family owned cottages and guesthouses provide most of the accommodations as there are only a few hotels in the area. https://www.holidify.com/places/kashid/kashid-beach-sightseeing-2303.html</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/Ff5HnEro9W6btxfY8</p>

<p><u>Diveagar</u></p>		<p>Diveagar is a relatively unknown beach that's not too far from Mumbai. It's bordered by dense forestation. Make your way through it and you'll be greeted by a wide, clean beach with fine sand. The town used to have a Ganesh temple with a golden idol but thieves stole the idol in 2012. It's since been replaced by a silver one.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diveagar</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/MVraVAt5kUuPaYzaA</p>
<p><u>Harihareshwar</u></p>		<p>Many people head to Harihareshwar, neighboring Srivardhan, to visit its Shiva temple that houses an ancient Shiva <i>linga</i>. There's a <i>pradakshina</i> route around the temple, along the seashore. A rocky outcrop, accessible only during low tide, makes the beach particularly distinctive. The beach is actually split into two parts, north and south of the temple.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harihareshwar</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/c4NFp7EJDt7mZYCK7</p>
<p><u>Murud and Karde</u></p>		<p>Murud and Karde form what is apparently the longest stretch of beach on the Konkan Coast. Hotels and homestays have mushroomed in the area, and there are many options for a beachfront stay. The main attraction is dolphin watching, especially during the winter when sightings are frequent. A little further north, Harnai is renowned for its massive daily fish market. You can buy some seafood and get the locals to cook it up for you! Suvarnadurg Fort can also be visited. https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g1156425-d8861934-Reviews-Karde_Beach-Dapoli_Ratnagiri_District_Maharashtra.html</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/RDgEYqQoshgx1Uqr6/</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/tnBaWZmhf53NpZXe8</p>

<p><u>Ganpatipule, Malgund, and Aare Ware</u></p>		<p>Ganpatipule is famous for its Ganesh temple, located right on the beach. Due to the number of devotees it attracts, the beach is not pleasant for swimming or relaxing. If you're looking for a more serene stay, Malgund beach (a few kilometers before Ganpatipule) is a better option. Alternatively, there are a few pricey resorts located away from the temple as well. Untouched Aare Ware beach, south of Ganpatipule, is a must-visit beach. The sea views from the cliffs and road above it on either side are sensational.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganpatipule</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/DGAZCpbRVhufUdEx9</p>
<p><u>Tarkarli, Malvan, and Devbagh</u></p>		<p>If you're prepared to travel the distance, you'll be amply rewarded when you visit these beaches. The area is reminiscent of Goa decades ago before development set in. Its narrow, palm-fringed roads are lined with village homes, and locals can often be seen unhurriedly riding bicycles or walking to get around. The many beachfront homestays and guesthouses make it an appealing and inexpensive area to stay. The serenity of the beaches is preserved by the fact that water sports take place on a nearby island.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarkarli</p> <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/sfYF8Q1CJvJdu9bE7</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/wjQRsQzj5VnMEjU5A</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/fYF8gdMinouE13Yr6</p>

One Memorable Evening In Pune

A perfect blend of history and modernity, Pune is a sheer delight for travelers, backpackers, and holidaymakers. During the day, the city is brimming with traffic and commercial activities but as the day gives way to night, Pune takes on a different avatar. Its pubs become alive with music and chatter, nightclubs witness some of the best dance moves, restaurants start rustling up some great dishes for midnight foodies, and the camping sites become the favourite spots for trekkers and adventure enthusiasts. Spend an evening on a historical walkthrough or a lazy evening in chokhi dhani or switch to a happening night at Koregaon Park. Nothing can beat a romantic camping site at Pavna Lake.

Shinde Chattri



A three-storied memorial that dates back to the 18th century, Shinde Chattri is one of the top tourist places to visit in Pune during the daytime. At night, however, the edifice will delight you even more with all the illumination. This magnificent monument is dedicated to Mahadji Shinde, a renowned Maratha military leader, boasts of elaborate carvings on the walls and Anglo-Rajasthani style of architecture. It also has a Shiva temple within the premises.

- **Location:** Wanawadi, Pune
- **Timings:** 06:00 am to 09:00 pm; every day
- **Entry Fee:** ₹ 5 for Indians; ₹ 25 for foreigners

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Chokhi Dhani



Do you wish to spend an evening by indulging in some delectable food and great cultural fiesta? Make your way to Chokhi Dhani, a 7-acre village-themed resort that will tickle your taste buds with authentic Rajasthani food and keep you engaged with a number of activities. The major attractions here include tattoo artists, mithai counter, folk dances, toy trains, and other cultural activities. You can plan an entire evening here with your friends or family to bond over food and fun.

- **Location:** Pune – Nagar Highway
- **Timings:** 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm; every day
- **Entry fee:** ₹ 750 for adults; ₹ 450 for kids and senior citizens
- <http://www.chokhidhani.com/village/>
- G Map Pin:-
<https://goo.gl/maps/toNMrNB42Woi1Ehv9>

Koregaon Park



One of the most thriving locations in the city of Pune, Koregaon Park has a number of hangout places, restaurants, pubs, and nightclubs where fun gets a new meaning. You can also do some night-time shopping at Nitesh Hub, Jewel Square Mall, and other malls and shopping centers in the area. Or you can just walk around the place and soak in its nighttime charm. Some of the popular pubs and restaurants in Koregaon Park include:

- The Bar Stock Exchange (Pub)
- The Sassy Spoon (Bar)
- Grandmama's Café (Casual Dining)
- Savya Rasa (Fine Dining)
- The French Window Patisserie (Café)
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Pavna Lake



An overnight camping involves chilling out on the banks of a waterbody, the beautiful Pavna Lake should be in your list of places to visit in Pune at night. Located on the Pune – Mumbai highway, the lake and the dam constructed on it are the favorite spots of many camping enthusiasts in the city. Needless to say, it's an ideal location to spend a night with your family or friends, enjoying the campfire, having a BBQ session, gazing at the stars, singing your heart out or just curling up inside the tent with your favorite book. Sounds like a perfect plan to enjoy a great night, doesn't it?

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Live Gig Venues



Attending a live gig in Pune is a great nighttime activity. The city has many pubs and clubs that periodically conduct live performances of artists belonging to different genres. Soul-stirring music will make your night merrier and memorable. Here are our suggestions on the best live gig places in Pune:

- Shisha Jazz Café (Koregaon Park Annexe)
- Hard Rock Café (Koregaon Park)
- High Spirits (Koregaon Park Annexe)
- Effingut Brewerkz (Koregaon Park)

Late-night Restaurants



Restaurants that plate up mouthwatering cuisines during late-night hours give you legitimate reasons to get out of bed and go on a gastronomic tour. And when you are in Pune, there's no dearth of options for eateries that serve midnight grubs. Here are our picks of the best restaurants in Pune for the nocturnal foodie in you:

Malaka Spice

- **Location:** Koregaon Park
- **Timings:** 11:30 am to 12:30 pm; every day

Sentosa Multicuisine Restaurant

- **Location:** Pune – Mumbai Express Highway
- **Timings:** 11:00 am to 3:00 am; every day

Spice Factory

- **Location:** Hinjawadi
- **Timings:** 12:00 am to 2:00 am; every day

Rangla Punjab

- **Location:** Pashan
- **Timings:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 am; every day

The Eatery – Four Points by Sheraton

- **Location:** Pashan
- **Timings:** 24 hours; every day

Spice Kitchen – J W Marriot

- **Location:** Pashan
- **Timings:** 24 hours; every day

Late-Night Cafés



Curling up on a chair with your favorite book, drinking a cup of piping hot tea or coffee? Or spending hours and hours chatting with your bestie? Then the late-night cafes in Pune must be on your list. Here are a few suggestions:

Café Toons

- **Location:** FC Road
- **Timings:** 11:30 am to 11:30 am; every day

Starbucks Coffee

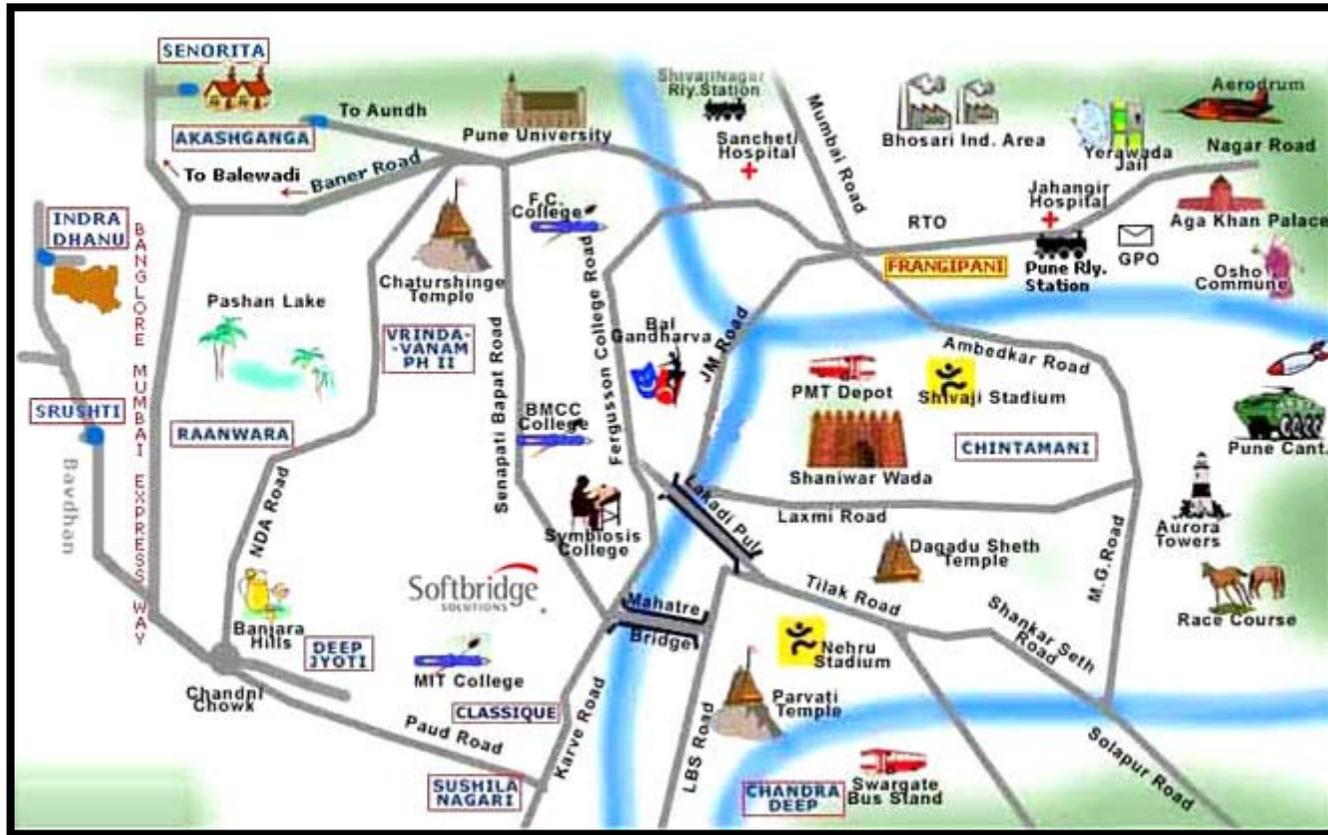
- **Location:** FC Road
- **Timings:** 7:00 am to 12:00 am; every day

Café Coffee Day

- **Location:** Bavdhan
- **Timings:** 24 hours; every day

With so many things to do and places to visit in Pune at night, you will have a smashing night to remember and cherish. Why wait? Start exploring the city at night and enjoy a wide range of delightful experiences.

A Spiritual Tour In Pune



This metropolitan city holds magnificent historical structures, and beautiful ancient temples. Wrapped in intriguing legends, these old temples in Pune are visited by thousands of devotees and explorers every day.

<p>Omkareshwar Temple</p>		<p>Dedicated to Lord Shiva, Omkareshwar temple is one of the biggest temples in Pune. The temple is also among the most ancient temples you will find in the city as it was built under the Peshwa rule.</p> <p>Complete with intricate domes and carvings, the temple's architecture is one of the first things that will strike you and leave you in awe. Apart from the idol of Lord Shiva in the main temple, there are smaller temples as well which have idols of Lord Ganesha, Goddess Durga, Lord Shani, Lord Vishnu and Lord Hanuman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Chandrashekhar Govind Apte Rd, Shaniwar Peth, Pune • Timings: 5:30 AM – 11 PM • https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omkareshwar_Temple <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/YaRnRq7uiTKSMp5m9</p>
<p>Kasba Ganapati</p>		<p>Kasba Peth is also referred as the 'Heart of Pune City'. Not only because of its location but metaphorically speaking too – Kasba Peth houses Kasba Ganapati, Pune's Gram Davait or the presiding deity Ganesha who looks after the well being of the people of Pune. When a conflict arose between the different Ganesh Mandals as to which one shall lead the Ganesh Visarjan (Immersion) process, Lokmanya Tilak solved it by according the premier status among all Ganeshas to Kasba Ganapati in the ten day long Ganeshotsav or Ganesh Chaturthi festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Kasba Peth Rd, Phadke Haud, Kasba Peth, Pune • Timings: 6 AM – 9 PM • https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kasba_Ganapati <p>G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/x7VgWqduNDNRN61VA</p>

<p>Neelkanteshwar Temple</p>		<p>This temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. One of the most beautiful temples near Pune, Neelkanteshwar temple is situated atop a hillock, 900 metre above sea level. To reach the temple, you will have to trek for about an hour making your journey all the more worthwhile.</p> <p>While the structure of the temple resembles South Indian temples, it is the aura and serenity of the temple that always draws visitors. From beautiful sunsets to views of the valleys, the location of the temple offers beautiful scenery worth making that steep climb.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Kondhur, Pune • Timings: 5 AM – 9 PM • http://www.placesnearpune.com/2010/12/neelkanteshwar-temple-panshet-khadakwasla/ • G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/UbGbGtVqGqbKvi7ZA
<p>Dagadusheth Halwai Ganapati</p>		<p>This temple was built by a sweet seller named Dagadusheth Gadve. His spiritual guru suggested him to build the temple after his son died. The temple's architecture is quite unique and this is perhaps the only temple where you can see the idol of Lord Ganesh from outside. Not only the idol, but the inner sanctum is also visible from outside making it a perfect place to celebrate all the festivals with pomp and no restrictions.</p> <p>The 7.5 feet tall idol of Lord Ganesh is adorned with gold and precious gems which are offered by devotees from all over the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Ganpati Bhavan, Budhvar Peth, Pune • Timings: 6 AM – 10:30 PM • https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagadusheth_Halwai_Ganapati_Temple • G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/KGBNE5NowAjnCZKL8

<p>Parvati Hill Temple</p>		<p>As the name suggests, the temple is located atop a hill, 2100 feet above sea level. To reach this beautiful temple in Pune, you need to climb 103 steps. However, all the exhaustion from such a long climb will fade away when you finally see the temple, its idols and of course, the scenic view of the surrounding area.</p> <p>It is said that at the same place where the present temple stands, there used to be a smaller temple (or a shrine) where Nana Saheb's mother used to go and pray. She was suffering from a disease and she vowed to build a larger temple once she was cured. The temple was then built by Nana Saheb, the third Peshwa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Parvati Paytha, Pune • Timings: 8 AM – 5 PM • https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parvati_Hill • G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/s4tSu9eK1mrPxDHY8
<p>Chaturshringi Temple</p>		<p>The word “Chaturshringi” is derived from the word “Chattu” which means “Mountain with four peaks” and represents faith and power. The main temple also includes idols of Goddess Durga, Ashtavinayaka and Ganesha.</p> <p>Timings : 06:00 AM - 09:00 PM Entry Fee : No entry fee Location: Senapati Bapat Road https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chaturshringi_Temple G Map Pin:- https://goo.gl/maps/3mJcLs8LH243jKFv8</p>

A Walkthrough Pune Heritage



Overview

Try and experience the walking tour of Old Pune to learn about the local culture and history of Pune. Visit different Places like Shaniwarwada Fort, Ganpati Temple, Lal Mahal and many more. Visit the chaotic local streets to experience local life of people.

Highlights

- Take an autorickshaw (<https://www.olacabs.com/>) tour through the old town of Pune
- Learn about India's Maratha Empire and Pune's role in the making of it.

- Visit local markets, Hindu temples, and an ancient fort
- Start your journey from the hotel and travel to Shaniwar Wada Fort using a local auto or ola auto. At Shaniwar Wada fort, you will see this historical monument which was the seat of the Maratha Empire till 1818.
- Next travel to Kasba Ganpati, A Ganesha temple (Elephant God) and Nana Wada who was the prominent minister and statesman of the Maratha Empire during the Peshwa administration. Visit Lal Mahal. the place where Shivaji Maharaj lived.
- Next visit the Jyotiba Phule Mandai which is the biggest market for vegetables and fruits in the whole Pune. This is the perfect place to dwell with the local people and great point for photography, from there you can head to Dagadusheth Halwai Ganapati Temple. This temple in Pune is dedicated to the Hindu God Ganesh. The temple is popular in Maharashtra and is visited by thousands of pilgrims every year. Devotees of the temple include celebrities and Chief Ministers of Maharashtra who visit during the annual ten-day Ganeshotsav festival.
- End you tour with a visit to Vishrambaug Wada, a fine mansion situated at central Pune's Thorale Bajirao Road, once it was the luxurious residence of Peshwa Bajirao II, the last Peshwa of Maratha confederacy, in the early nineteenth century.

Hope you had an enriching heritage tour.