

About Pune City

Pune city, the second largest in the Indian state of Maharashtra after Mumbai. Once the centre of power of the Maratha Empire, it is situated 560 metres above sea level on the Deccan plateau at the confluence of the Mula and Mutha rivers. Pune city is the administrative capital of Pune district.

In 1730, Pune became an important political center as the seat of the Maratha Peshwa, the prime minister of the Maratha Empire. After the town was annexed to British India in 1817, it served as a cantonment town and as the "monsoon capital" of the Bombay Presidency until the independence of India.

Pune is known for its high educational facilities and industrial area including manufacturing, automobile and information technology. Pune is cultural capital of Maharashtra. The city is known for cultural activities like classical music, spirituality, theatre, sports, and literature. These activities and job opportunities attract migrants and students from all over India and abroad, which makes for a city of many communities and cultures.

The National Defence Academy (NDA) is an integrated military training center for officers of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force is located near Pune. It also host College of Military Engineering which is also commonly referred to as CME, trains Students in Engineering subjects in relation to military. The Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune is for Medical Study along with Nursing Courses for Indian army.

Pune is India's "Motor City". It is home to the Automotive Research Association of India. All sectors of the automotive industry are represented, from two-wheelers and autorickshaws to cars, tractors, tempos, excavators and trucks. Automotive companies like Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Mercedes Benz, Force Motors (Firodia-Group), Kinetic Motors have set ups in Pune. Automotive companies including General Motors, Volkswagen, and Fiat have set up greenfield facilities near Pune. Several automotive component manufacturers like Saint-Gobain Sekurit, TATA Autocomp Systems Limited, Robert Bosch GmbH, ZF Friedrichshafen AG, Visteon, and Continental Corporation are located here.

Tourist places in Pune

- 1) **Shaniwar Wada:-** Palace of the Peshwas.



- 2) **Shinde Chhatra:-** A memorial dedicated to the 18th century military leader Mahadji Shinde who served as the commander-in-chief of the Maratha army under the Peshwas.



- 3) **Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum:-** The museum holds over 20,000 objects of which 2,500 are on display. These consist of mainly Indian decorative items from everyday life and other art objects, mostly from the 18th and 19th centuries.

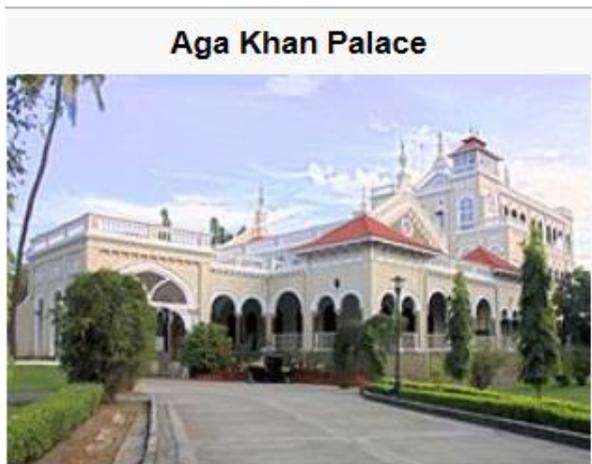


- 5) **Pataleshwar Cave Temples:-** The Pataleshwar Cave is a rock-cut cave Shiv temple, carved out in the 8th century in the Rashtrakuta period.



6) **Tribal Museum:-** The Tribal Museum documents the cultures of Maharashtrian communities, particularly those from the Sahyadri and Gondawana regions.

7) **Gandhi National Memorial / Aga Khan Palace:-** This palace houses a memorial on Mahatma Gandhi.

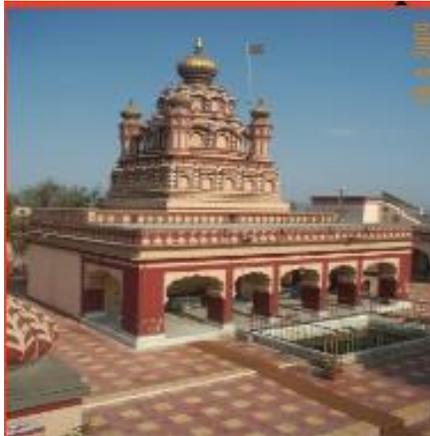


8) **Vishrambaug Wada:-** was the luxurious residence of Peshwa Bajirao II, the last Peshwa of Maratha confederacy, in early nineteenth century.



9) **Saras Baug:-** Beautiful garden that houses the famous Ganesh Temple on the top of a small hillock in the center.

10) **Parvati Hill:-** The Parvati Temple used to be the private shrine of the Peshwa rulers. It is having five temples at top.



11) **Katraj Snake Park:-** The 130-acre zoo is divided into 3 parts: an animal orphanage, a snake park, and a zoo.



12) **Peshwe Udyan:-** A zoo maintained by the Pune Municipal Corporation.

13) **Dagadusheth Halwai Ganesh Temple:-** The temple is popular in Maharashtra and is visited by thousands of pilgrims every year.

