

Getting to Pune

By Air:

For Indian participants:

Pune is very well connected by air from most of the major cities.

For International participants:

Although Pune has an international airport, not all flights arrive in Pune. Most of the international flights in India either arrive at Mumbai (Bombay) or New Delhi airports. New Delhi is quite far from Pune. There are number of flights from New Delhi to Pune However we advise that you should choose "Mumbai" as the embankment /destination as Pune is very near to Mumbai and one can easily travel by road within 3 hours as detailed below.

Travel from Mumbai to Pune:

There are very limited direct flights from Mumbai domestic airport to Pune. These flights are either in the morning or in the evening. Since most of the international flights arrive after midnight, domestic flight connection is not suitable unless you plan to stay overnight in a hotel in Mumbai. Hence we advise you to travel by the arranged taxi. The participants who wish to travel from the Mumbai airport to their hotel (and back) can arrange a taxi through the hotel at the time of booking. The cost is approximately 80 - 100 US \$. For those participants who fly directly to Pune and wish to avail the pick up facility from Pune airport to their respective hotels a shuttle service free of cost can be arranged for them, however for both facilities prior information with complete details of flight Number, Timings, and Date is required. This information should be sent to the hotel when making your reservation.

Remember when booking a room at the Hotel Sayaji to quote the following:

sales@sayajipune.com
cc(required): reservations@sayajipune.com
Email Subject: "IITM-sparc"

For the detailed information about air connectivity, see the link: <http://www.csia.in/>

By Road:

The distance between Mumbai and Pune is approximately 170 kms, and there is an excellent expressway that most buses, taxis and private cars use. The approximate travel time from Mumbai to Pune is 3 hours depending upon the traffic conditions. Those who wish to take a taxi from Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai (either domestic or international) to their hotel or from the hotel to Mumbai can arrange this with the hotel upon reservation. The cost is around 80-100 US \$. Again, remember to let the hotel know if you want to do this.

**** Note **** A shared taxi is cheaper, splitting the cost between the number of occupants.

By Rail:

Pune is very well connected to most Indian cities by train. The Mumbai-Pune railway line is about 192 kms long. The distance from the Pune Railway Station to the IITM is around 10 kms. Those who are arriving in Mumbai and wish to travel to Pune by train require prior reservation. It would be difficult to get immediate reservation from Mumbai to Pune for outstation candidates who do not have prior reservation hence we recommend to travel by road. To know more about the trains, Click the link <http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/>

Traveling within Pune

Traveling in Pune:

Autorikshaws and bus services are available from the Pune Railway Station. If you are new to Pune city, the most convenient way of traveling is by metered auto rickshaws.

Transportation between the hotel and meeting site:

There will be free transportation between the hotel and the meeting site.

If you have any logistical questions about travel or reservations please email sparc@tropmet.res.in.

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