IUCAA, Pune: Travel Information

If you let us know your travel plan well in advance, we will be happy to assist you in making arrangements. We strongly recommend this to the international participants.

If you arrive in Mumbai by air:

The major international airport closest to Pune is at Mumbai. International flights usually arrive there around midnight and depart around 1am. If you are arriving in Mumbai, you may opt for one of the following:

- 1. <u>Travel to Pune by taxi</u>. On the average the taxi-ride takes around 3.5 hrs, the distance is ~170 km and the cost is around US \$90.
- 2. You can stay overnight at a hotel close to Mumbai airport (from ~US\$120) and take a taxi the next morning from that hotel to Pune.
- 3. <u>Flight from Mumbai to Pune</u> As an alternative to the taxi ride, you may take a flight from Mumbai to Pune, departing around 9:30am.

If you arrive at Pune by air via New Delhi:

You can come to Pune via New Delhi. The international and national terminals in New Delhi are in the same building, and changing over is easy. International flights arrive in the middle of the night. There are many flights between Delhi and Pune, with the first one in the day leaving at around 6am. The flying time is ~2.5 hrs. There is a hotel at the terminal, which provides rooms in 4 or 5 hour blocks, and costs ~US \$ 130. You can, of course, simply wait in the terminal, which is open and full of people at all hours of the day and night.

If Pune is your port of entry in India (by air):

There is a Lufthansa flight from Frankfurt to Pune, on some days of the week. This is a relatively small aircraft, which tends to get booked fast, and tickets can be somewhat expensive. The flight arrives in Pune around 3am, but then Pune airport would be less than 30 minutes drive from your place of stay.

If you arrive in Pune by train:

If you are coming to Pune by Train, please take a Taxi/Auto from the station to your place of stay. An Auto ride to IUCAA takes about 30 - 45 minutes depending on traffic.

It is easy to get a Taxi/Autorickshaws from Pune Airport/Railway station almost at any time of the day till late night, which includes mobile app based services like Uber, Ola, etc.

Evening Transport

We can arrange taxis for those who may want to go to the town in the evenings, or at other times. Taxis can be hired for 4 hours or longer at reasonable rates.