

Pune: An Expat Survival Guide



Everything you want to know about living here.



An E-book for Expatriates and NRIs who plan to move to Pune or have just landed here.

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It all started with an article that Joanna Budelman, founder director of Chillibreeze, wrote - <http://www.chillibreeze.com/articles/ExpatMom.asp>. Joanna had shared her experiences, as an American and as a mother of a five-year-old daughter.

Ever since, Chillibreeze has been receiving a steady stream of enquiries from people abroad, eager for more information.

The Pune expat survival guide is the sixth in our city series of expat survival guides. We also have expat survival guides for Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai.

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Pune has been a historically important and one of the most cosmopolitan cities in India.

This ebook is meant to be an informative read about the city you are planning to visit or relocate to. It is not an exhaustive document but is sure to be useful for managing everyday situations.

We have used a Q & A format, for ease of read. 'Chilli Tips' is a standard feature in all our publications and you will find them here too. They are meant to be your companions, guiding you through the important aspects, as you read the eBook.

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Our section on personal experiences of expats and NRIs living in Pune makes for informative reading.

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1.0 Moving to Pune?

Should I be worried or glad about moving to Pune?

If you're moving to Pune, you have plenty of reasons to be happy. This is an interesting city that has been known by a plethora of sobriquets - Queen of the Deccan; Cultural Capital of Maharashtra; Pensioner's Paradise; and, Oxford of the East, to name a few.

This is a city where the past meets the present and the unique characteristics are evident in the twin image of Pune: that of a tradition-bound place, generally considered the quintessence of Maharashtrian culture and that of a modern metropolis.

This fast growing city is also an important educational centre of India with well-known institutes like the Pune University, the Film and Television Institute of India, the National Defence Academy, the Armed Forces Medical College and the College of Military Engineering situated here. Pune is also the largest centre for Japanese learning, and is home to some of the most reputed colleges (like the Deccan College and Fergusson College) in the country.

Located in the foothills of the Sahayadri Range, near the west coast of India, Pune is a fascinating city with a salubrious climate throughout the year. It is one of the biggest industrial towns of Maharashtra state and is also known as the "automobile city" because some of the biggest auto companies are located here.

1.0 Moving to Pune?

Chilli tips

- ◇ If you're in Pune and want to know anything about the city, (from malls to multiplexes, restaurants to rest houses, hospitals to hotels - and just about anything in Pune), get in touch with Just Dial at 22222222. You can also visit their website <http://www.justdial.com/>.

On the flip side, Pune faces the same urban issues like any other big city in India. It has its share of traffic jams, pollution and inadequate infrastructure. Despite the infrastructural hiccups, this is a city that most new residents grow to love - what with the youthful exuberance (absolutely infectious!) and cosmopolitan outlook that Pune has in abundance.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune>

<http://www.maharashtraweb.com/Cities/Pune/aboutpune.asp>

About Visas

Which are the different categories of visas issued by India?

The different categories of visa are:

Business, Conference, Diplomatic, Employment, Entry, Journalist, Long Term, Missionary, Research, Student, Tourist, Transit, Yoga, Foreigners of Indian Origin

For visa information:

<http://india.gov.in/overseas/passport.php>

<http://passport.nic.in/>