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5.1. PROFILE OF INDIA:

India, officially the Republic of India, is a country in South Asia. It is the seventh-largest country by geographical area, the second-most populous country with over 1.2 billion people, and the most populous democracy in the world. Mainland India is bounded by the Indian Ocean on the south, the Arabian Sea on the west, and the Bay of Bengal on the east; and it is bordered by Pakistan to the west; Bhutan, the People's Republic of China and Nepal to the north; and Bangladesh and Burma to the east. In the Indian Ocean, mainland India and the Lakshadweep Islands are in the vicinity of Sri Lanka and the Maldives, while India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands share maritime border with Thailand and the Indonesian island of Sumatra in the Andaman Sea. India has a coastline of 7,517 kilometers (4,700 mi).

Home to the ancient Indus Valley Civilization and a region of historic trade routes and vast empires, the Indian subcontinent was identified with its commercial and cultural wealth for much of its long history. Four of the world's major religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism—originated here, while Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam arrived in the first millennium CE and shaped the region's diverse culture. Gradually annexed by the British East India Company from the early 18th century and colonized by the United Kingdom from the mid-19th century, India became an independent nation in 1947 after a struggle for independence which was marked by a non-violent resistance led by Mahatma Gandhi.
India is a federal constitutional republic with a parliamentary democracy consisting of 28 states and seven union territories. A pluralistic, multilingual and multiethnic society where more than 300 languages are spoken, India is also home to a diversity of wildlife in a variety of protected habitats. The Indian economy is the world's eleventh largest economy by nominal GDP and the fourth largest by purchasing power parity. Since the introduction of market-based economic reforms in 1991, India has become one of the fastest growing major economies in the world; however, the country continues to face several poverty, illiteracy, corruption and public health related challenges. India is classified as a newly industrialized country and is one of the four BRIC nations. It is the world's sixth de facto nuclear weapons state and has the third-largest standing armed force in the world, while its military expenditure ranks tenth in the world. India is a regional power in South Asia.

It is a founding member of the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the World Trade Organization, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, the East Asia Summit, the G20 and the G8+5; a member of the Commonwealth of Nations; and an observer state in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

The name India is derived from Indus, which is derived from the Old Persian word Hindu, from Sanskrit, the historic local appellation for the Indus River. The ancient Greeks referred to the Indians as Indo, the people of the Indus. The Constitution of India and common usage in various Indian languages also recognize Bharat (pronounced as an official name of equal status. The name Bharat is derived from the name of the legendary king Bharat in Hindu scriptures. Hindustan, originally a Persian word for “Land
of the Hindus” referring to northern India, is also occasionally used as a synonym for all of India.

India, the major portion of the Indian subcontinent, sits atop the Indian tectonic plate, a minor plate within the Indo-Australian Plate. India's defining geological processes commenced seventy-five million years ago, when the Indian subcontinent, then part of the southern supercontinent Gondwana, began a northeastwards drift lasting fifty million years across the then unformed Indian Ocean. The subcontinent's subsequent collision with the Eurasian Plate and seduction under it, gave rise to the Himalayas, the planet's highest mountains, which now abut India in the north and the north-east. In the former seabed immediately south of the emerging Himalayas, plate movement created a vast trough, which, having gradually been filled with river-borne sediment, now forms the Indo-Gangetic Plain. To the west of this plain, and cut off from it by the Ravalli Range, lays the Thar Desert.

The original Indian plate now survives as peninsular India, the oldest and most geologically stable part of India, and extends as far north as the Sapura and Vindhya ranges in central India. These parallel ranges run from the Arabian Sea coast in Gujarat in the west to the coal-rich Choate Nagpur Plateau in Jharkhand in the east. To their south, the remaining peninsular landmass, the Deccan Plateau, is flanked on the left and right by the coastal ranges, Western Ghats and Eastern Ghats respectively; the plateau contains the oldest rock formations in India, some over one billion years old. Constituted in such fashion, India lies to the north of the equator between 6°44' and 35°30' north latitude and 68°7' and 97°25' east longitude.

India's coast is 7,517 kilometers (4,700 mi) long; of this distance, 5,423 kilometers (3,400 mi) belong to peninsular India, and 2,094 kilometers
(1,300 mi) to the Andaman, Nicobar, and Lakshadweep Islands. According to the Indian naval hydrographic charts, the mainland coast consists of the following: 43% sandy beaches, 11% rocky coast including cliffs, and 46% mudflats or marshy coast. Major Himalayan-origin rivers that substantially flow through India include the Ganges (Ganga) and the Brahmaputra, both of which drain into the Bay of Bengal. Important tributaries of the Ganges include the Yamuna and the Kosi, whose extremely low gradient causes disastrous floods every year.

Major peninsular rivers whose steeper gradients prevent their waters from flooding include the Godavari, the Mahanadi, the Kaveri, and the Krishna, which also drain into the Bay of Bengal; and the Narmada and the Tapti, which drain into the Arabian Sea. Among notable coastal features of India are the marshy Rann of Kutch in western India, and the alluvial Sundarbans delta, which India shares with Bangladesh. India has two archipelagos: the Lakshadweep, coral atolls off India's south-western coast; and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a volcanic chain in the Andaman Sea.

5.2) TOURISM IN INDIA:

Tourism is the largest service industry in India, with a contribution of 6.23% to the national GDP and 8.78% of the total employment in India. India witnesses more than 5 million annual foreign tourist arrivals and 562 million domestic tourism visits. The tourism industry in India generated about US$100 billion in 2008 and that is expected to increase to US$275.5 billion by 2018 at a 9.4% annual growth rate. The Ministry of Tourism is the
nodal agency for the development and promotion of tourism in India and maintains the "Incredible India" campaign.

According to World Travel and Tourism Council, India will be a tourism hotspot from 2009–2018, having the highest 10-year growth potential. The Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Report 2007 ranked tourism in India 6th in terms of price competitiveness and 39th in terms of safety and security. Despite short- and medium-term setbacks, such as shortage of hotel rooms, tourism revenues are expected to surge by 42% from 2007 to 2017. India has a growing medical tourism sector. The 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi are expected to significantly boost tourism in India.

Commencing with a slow growth at the start of the millennium, the Indian tourism industry has performed quite well in the last couple of years. The Indian tourism industry has outperformed the global tourism industry in terms of growth in the volume of international tourists as well as in terms of revenue. The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) have named India along with China as one of the fastest growing tourism industries for the next 10 to 15 years.

According to World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) the Travel & Tourism Industry contributes 2.1 percent to India’s GDP. The industry employed an estimated 24,349,000 people in 2006 (5.4 per cent of total employment, or 1 in every 18.4 jobs). The key driver for this growth in the Indian tourism industry has been a fast growing economy for the last 3-4 years. Despite lagging in the basic infrastructure that supports the tourism industry; Indian tourism industry has been showing an impressive double-digit growth. In order to sustain this growth and meet the expectations, it is
essential for the Government of India to invest in infrastructure such as transport and accommodations.

According to global hotel and hospitality consulting firm, HVS International, the strong performance in tourist arrivals in 2005 can be attributed to a strong sense of business and investment confidence in India inspired by:
• India's strong GDP performance
• Strengthening of ties with the developed world, and
• Opening of sectors of the economy to private sector/ foreign investment.

The efforts made by the Ministry of Tourism & Culture in the last few years have had a salutary effect on India's tourism industry.
• Foreign tourist arrivals witnessed a growth of 78 per cent in 2006 over 2001 (last 5 years)
• Growth in foreign exchange earnings was of the order of 122 per cent during this period.
• As per estimates (Ministry of Tourism), on an average, about 3.1 million additional jobs per year have been created directly and indirectly in the tourism sector in the last four years.

India is fast emerging as one of the most enticing destinations for the global leisure traveler. The Readers Travel Awards 2006, conducted by Condé Nast Traveler has recently placed India at number four among the world’s must-see countries, up from number nine in 2003. The Incredible India campaign has also been a huge success.
As an engine for economic growth, the tourism and hospitality sector cuts across the rural urban divide, and bridges economic boundaries. According to The World Travel & Tourism Council’s 2006 Travel and Tourism Economic Research, the travel and tourism sector in India generated a total demand of USD 53,544.50 million of economic activity in 2006, accounting for nearly 5.3 per cent of GDP and 5.4 per cent of total employment. The sector grew at a rate of 8.4 per cent in 2006 and is expected to grow by 8 per cent per annum, in real terms, between 2007 and 2016.

5.3) PROFILE OF PUNE:

Pune, formerly called Poona, also known as Punya-Nagari, is the eighth largest metropolis in India, the second largest in the state of Maharashtra, after Mumbai and the largest city in the Western Ghats. Once the center of power of the Maratha Empire, situated 560 meters above sea level on the Deccan plateau at the confluence of the Mula and Mutha rivers, Pune is the administrative capital of Pune district.

Pune is known to have existed as a town since 937 AD. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the founder of the Maratha Empire, lived in Pune as a young boy, and later oversaw significant growth and development of the town during his reign. In 1730, Pune became an important political centre as the seat of the Peshwa, the prime minister of the Chhatrapati of Satara. 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.
Today, Pune is known for its educational facilities and relative prosperity. Pune is a majority Hindu city and one can see temples all over the city. Pune is the cultural capital of Maharashtra, and the notional seat of the Marathi language. Pune has well-established manufacturing, glass, sugar, and forging industries since the 1950-60s. It has a growing industrial hinterland, with many information technology and automotive companies setting up factories in Pune district. The city is known for various cultural activities like classical music, spirituality, theater, 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 name *Pune* derives from Punya Nagari (Sanskrit, "City of Virtue"). The oldest reference to this name was found on a Rashtrakuta copper plate dated 937 that refer to the town as *Punya-Vishaya* or *Poonak Vishaya*. By the 13th century, it had come to be known as *Kasbe Pune* or *Punavadi*. Although the city's name is sometimes transcribed as *Poona* in English, a practice particularly common during the British Raj, the spelling "Pune" has now become standard. The pioneer of the "Dakshina" system in 1720 was Sarsenapati Khanderao Dabhade of Talegaon Dabhade. It was after him and his son Sarsenapati Trimbakrao Dabhade, that the system of Dakshina was transferred to Pune by the Peshwa. After the fall of the Marathas in 1818 and establishment of educational institutions by the British, Pune came to be referred to as *the Oxford of the East* due to its large student population, and a large number of qualities, academic and research institutes.
HISTORY:

Early and Medieval:

Copper plates dated 758 and 768 show that, by the 8th century, an agricultural settlement known as Punnaka existed where Pune is today. The plates indicate that this region was ruled by the Rashtrakuta Dynasty. The Pataleshwar rock-cut temple complex was built during this era. Pune was part of Yadava Empire of Deogiri from the 9th century to 1327. In 1595, Maloji Raje Bhosale was appointed the jagirdar of Pune and Supe by the Mughals. It was ruled by the Ahmadnagar Sultanate until being annexed by the Mughal Empire in the 17th century.

Maratha Rule:

In 1625, Shahaji Bhosale appointed Rango Bapuji Dhadphale as the administrator of Pune. He was one of the first major developers of the town, overseeing construction of the Kasba Peth, Somwar Peth, Raviwar Peth and Shaniwar Peth. After the destruction of the town in raids by the Adil Shahi dynasty in 1630, and again from 1636 to 1647, Dadoji Kondadev, a military and administrative officer of Shahaji Bhosale, oversaw redevelopment and construction of the area. He stabilized the revenue system of Pune and the neighborhoods of Maval to the west of town. He developed effective methods to control disputes and enforce law and order. Construction began on the Lal Mahal palace, as Shahaji's son Shivaji Bhosale (later Chattrapati Shivaji) was to move there with his mother Jijabai. The Lal Mahal was completed in 1640. Jijabai is said to have commissioned the building of the
Kasba Ganapati temple herself. The Ganapati idol consecrated at this temple is regarded as the presiding deity (gramadevata) of the city.

Shivaji was crowned Chhatrapati in 1674. He oversaw further development in Pune, including the construction of the Guruwar, Somwar, Ganesh and Ghorpade Peths. Shivaji Maharaj encouraged development of Dams in Parvati and Kondhwa regions of Pune for agriculture purpose. Pune and surrounding villages provided huge manpower to Shivaji Maharaj's efforts to build army and Calvary during the period from 1645 to 1680. Unfortunately during some part of his tenure- that is from 1660 to 1670 the town was captured by Mogul General Shahistekhan, and then it was again recaptured by Marathas in 1670 after battle of Sinhagad. During 27 year war of Maratha vs. Moguls the town was occupied by Aurangjeb from 1703 to 1705; during this time the name of town was changed to "Muhiyabaad" but mere in 2 years, Marathas recaptured Sinhagad fort and then Pune city from Moguls in the same pattern as it happened during 1670.

In 1720, Baji Rao I was appointed Peshwa (Prime Minister) of the Maratha Empire, ruled by Chattrapati Shahuji. He selected Pune as his base and started construction of Shaniwarwada on the banks of the Mutha River. The construction was completed in 1730, ushering the era of Peshwa control of the city. The patronage of the Peshwas resulted in the construction of many temples and bridges in the city, including the Lakdi Pul and the temples on Parvati Hill. Bajirao Peshwa also constructed an underground aqueduct to bring water from Katraj lake to Shaniwarwada. The aqueduct is still operational. As a city Pune developed in the period of Nanasaheb Peshwe. He developed Saras Baug, Heera Baug, Parvati Temple and new commercial, trading and residential localities. The Sadashiv Peth, Narayan
Peth, Rasta Peth and Nana Peth were developed in this era. The Peshwas fell into decline after their defeat in the Third Battle of Panipat in 1761. In 1802, Pune was captured by Yashwantrao Holkar in the Battle of Poona, directly precipitating the Second Anglo-Maratha War of 1803-1805.

**British Rule:**

The Third Anglo-Maratha War broke out between the Marathas and the British in 1817. The Peshwas were defeated at the Battle of Khadki (then transcribed *Kirkee*) on November 5 near Pune, and the city was seized by the British. It was placed under the administration of the Bombay Presidency, and the British built a large military cantonment to the east of the city (now used by the Indian Army). The Pune Municipality was established in 1858. Navi Peth, Ganj Peth and Mahatma Phule Peth are believed to have developed during the British Raj.

Nana Sahib Peshwa, the adopted son of the last Peshwa Bajirao II, rose against the rule of British East India Company as a part of the Indian Rebellion of 1857, known in India as the First War of Independence. He was helped by Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi and Tatya Tope. At the end of the war, the final remnants of the Maratha Empire were annexed to British India.

Pune was an important centre in the social and religious reform movements of the late 19th century. Many prominent social reformers and freedom fighters lived here, including Bal Gangadhar Tilak (also known as Lokmanya Tilak), Vitthal Ramji Shinde, Dhondo Keshav Karve and Jyotirao Phule.
In late 1896, Pune was hit by bubonic plague; and by the end of February 1897, the epidemic was raging, with a mortality rate twice the norm, and half the city's population fled. A Special Plague Committee was formed under the chairmanship of W. C. Rand, an Indian Civil Services officer. He brought troops to deal with the emergency. Although these measures were unpopular, the epidemic was under control by May. On 22 June 1897, during the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the coronation of Queen Victoria, Rand and his military escort Lt. Ayerst were shot while returning from the celebrations at Government House.

Both died Ayerst on the spot and Rand of his wounds on 3 July. The Chapekar brothers and two accomplices were charged with this murder, and with the shooting of two informants and an attempt to shoot a police officer. All three brothers were found guilty and hanged. An accomplice was dealt with similarly. Another, a school boy, was sentenced to ten years hard labour.

Independence:

After Indian independence in 1947, Pune saw a lot of development, such as the establishment of the National Defense Academy at Khadakwasla and the National Chemical Laboratory at Pashan. Pune serves as the headquarters of the Southern Command of the Indian Army. Industrial developments started in the 1950s and '60s in Hadapsar, Bhosari, Pimpri, and Parvati. Telco (now Tata Motors) started operations in 1961, which gave a huge boost to the automobile sector.
In July 1961, the Panshet dam broke and its waters flooded the city, destroying most of the older sections of town. This unfortunate incident led to constructive developments in the city, including giving an opportunity for modern town planning concepts to be put into use. The economy of the city witnessed a boom in the construction and manufacturing sectors. By 1966, the city had expanded in all directions.

In 1990 Pune began to attract foreign capital, particularly in the information technology and engineering industries; new businesses like floriculture and food processing started to take root in and around the city. In 1998, work on the six-lane Mumbai-Pune expressway began; a huge accomplishment for the country, the expressway was completed in 2001. IT Parks were established in Aundh, Hinjawadi and on Nagar Road. In 2008 the Commonwealth Youth Games took place in Pune, which encouraged additional development in the northwest region of the city.

In July 2009, India's first death due to H1 N1 occurred in Pune. Later the city became an epicenter of swine flu due to the large number of H1 N1 cases. On 13 February 2010, a bomb exploded at the German Bakery in the upmarket Koregaon Park neighbourhood on the east side of Pune killing 11 and injuring 33. The explosion is now suspected to be an improvised explosive device using an ammonium nitrate fuel oil mix. The blast was a first in what was until then the relatively safe environment of Pune.

**Geography:**

Pune is located 560 m (1,840 ft) above sea level on the western margin of the Deccan plateau. It is situated on the leeward side of the Sahyadri mountain range, which form a barrier from the Arabian Sea. It is a relatively
hilly city, with its tallest hill, Vetal Hill, rising to 800 m (2,600 ft) above sea level. Just outside the city, the Sinhagad fort is located at an altitude of 1300 m.

Central Pune is located at the confluence of the Mula and Mutha rivers. The Pavana and Indrayani rivers, tributaries of the Bhima River, traverse the northwestern outskirts of metropolitan Pune. Pune lies very close to the seismically active zone around Koyna Dam, about 100 km (62 mi) south of the city, and has been rated in Zone 4 (on a scale of 2 to 5, with 5 being the most prone to earthquakes) by the India Meteorological Department. Pune has experienced some moderate-intensity and many low-intensity earthquakes in its history. Although no major earthquakes have originated in Pune itself, an earthquake of magnitude 3.2 took place in the Katraj region near Pune on May 17, 2004. A low intensity earthquake observed on the night of 30 July 2008 was measured at 4.2 at around 12:41 am. The epicenter for the earthquake was in the Koyna Dam seismic field.

Religion:

Hindustan is the most commonly practiced religion in Pune, and many Churches, Masjids, Gurudwaras, Jain temples and other religious buildings are found throughout the city. The most prominent communities include Marathas, Bramhins, Gujaratis, Jains, Marwadis and Sindhis along with the local communities. The most prominent Hindu temple in Pune is the Parvati Temple, located on Parvati hill and visible from most of the inner suburbs. The most visited temple is likely the Chaturshringi Temple, located on the slopes of a hill in the northwest of the city. During Navratri, there is a large
procession to this temple and worshippers gather from around the country to pray here. The presiding god of Pune city is the Kasba Ganapati, whose temple is found in Kasba Peth in central Pune. Sarasbaug Ganpati is also a prominent landmark in Pune.

The Pataleshwar Temple is believed to be one of the oldest temples in the city. Since 1894, Pune has celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi as a ten-day long festival, in which most neighborhoods put up a *pandal* (tent) with an idol of Ganesha, often amidst a religious setting, complete with decorative lights and festive music. This festival culminates with a parade of Ganesh idols from across the city carried to the local rivers to be immersed (*Ganesh visarjan*). The Kasba Ganapati, as the presiding deity of the city, is the first in this parade. The idea of a public celebration was initiated by Lokmanya Tilak in Pune, and has since spread to many other cities, particularly Mumbai, which now has a parade every year.

Significant religious leaders Sant Dnyaneshwar and poet Sant Tukaram were born near Pune. Their link to the city is commemorated with an annual pilgrimage to Pandharpur, 300 kilometers away, consisting of a *palkhi* of both figures being carried to the main temple of the Hindu god Vithoba. The pilgrimage is timed to end on the auspicious day of *Aashadhi Ekadashi*.

Islam is the second largest religion in Pune. Pune has a large number of mosques, the most prominent ones of which are Chand Tara Masjid (Tabliji Markaz), Madarchilla Masjid and Azam Campus Masjid. Chand Tara Masjid located in Nana Peth is one of the biggest and most important mosques in Pune as it is the city headquarter (Markaz) for Tabligi Jamaat. The Eid-gah Maidan located near Golibar Maidan on Shankar Sheth Road witnesses a large gathering of people for Eid Namaz on Eid-Ul-Fitr and Eid-Ul-Adha.
There is a significant number of Christians residing in Pune. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pune (Latin: Poonen(sis)) is located here. It is a part of the Ecclesiastical province of Mumbai. It was established in 1854 as the Apostolic Vicariate of Poona from the Apostolic Vicariate of Bombay. On 1 September 1886 it was promoted to the Diocese of Poona. Protestantism arrived in the 18th century when the British took over the area from the Maratha Empire. American missionaries were first to start evangelizing the local people.

They built many churches and schools in Pune. Pune's local Christian population mostly belongs to [Protestant]] Catholics are mixture of some local and migrants from Goa and other parts of India. Pune's Christians are also called Marathi Christians because of their use of the Marathi language. The Vineyard is a popular place of Christian worship in Dapoli, a village near Pune. Many people from different religion come to attend prayer meetings in the Vineyard.

Pune is also famous for its Marathi speaking Jews. The Ohel David Synagogue built by David Sassoon is renowned. David Sassoon died in the city in 1864. The Shrutsisagar Ashram, located at Phulgaon off the Nagar road, houses the Vedanta Research Centre and a unique temple of Dakshinamurthy, located near the confluence of the Bhima, Bhama and Indrayani rivers. It was established in 1989 by Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati. Here one can find detailed explanations of *śruti* and *smṛti* (including the Vedas, Bhagwat Gita, Upanishads and Puranas) in Marathi and English.

Pune has been associated with several significant spiritual teachers. Osho lived and taught in Pune for much of the 1970s and 1980s. The Osho
International Meditation Resort, one of the world's largest spiritual centers, is located in the Koregaon Park area. It has visitors from over a hundred countries. Pune is also the birthplace of spiritual guru Meher Baba, although pilgrims usually travel to Meherabad to visit Meher Baba's tomb. Hazrat Babajan, one of the five Perfect Masters, lived the final 25 years of her life in Pune. She established her final residence first under a neem tree near Bukhari Shah's mosque in Rasta Peth and later another neem tree in the then-dilapidated section of Pune called Char Bawdi where she remained the rest of her life.

There is a shrine erected in her honour in Pune, around the tree under which she made her final home. The ISKCON movement also has a presence in the city, with the Sri Radha Kunjibharia Mandir. B. K. S. Iyengar, an internationally known yoga master, established the Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute in Pune in 1975, in order to train students in the Iyengar Yoga System.

Architecture:

In addition to its various temples, historical attractions in and around Pune include the rock-cut Pataleshwar cave temple, Aga Khan Palace, Shaniwarwada, Lal Mahal, Shinde Chhatri and Sinhagad fort.

The city is known for its British Raj and the Garden Cities Movement layout of the Cantonment in the early twentieth century. Notable architects who have worked in Pune include B.V.Doshi, Charles Correa, Achyut Kanvinde and Christopher Charles Benninger. Modern master pieces in Pune include the IUCAA by Correa and a number of campuses by Benninger, including his studio complex called INDIA HOUSE. His award winning
campuses include the Mahindra United World College of India, the YMCA Campsite at Nilshi, the Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies, and Suzlon One Earth.

**Museums, Parks and Zoos:**

Prominent museums in Pune include the Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, Mahatma Phule Museum, Babasaheb Ambedkar Museum, Pune Tribal Museum and new Deccan Museum the National War Museum.

Pune has a number of public gardens, such as the Kamala Nehru Park, Sambhaji Park, Shahu Udyán, Peshwe Park, Saras Baug, Empress Garden, Taljai Hills and Bund Garden. The Pune-Okayama Friendship Garden, now renamed *Pu La Deshpande Udyan*, is a replica of the Korakuen Garden in Okayama, Japan. The Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park is located at Katraj, close to the city. The zoo, earlier located at Peshwe Park, was merged with the reptile park at Katraj in 1999.

The College of Military Engineering has a small rail museum as part of their larger Corps Equipment Museum. A large railway museum is also coming up in Lonavala about 60 km (37 mi) away from the city on the Mumbai railway line.

The city's metropolitan area has grown rapidly but retains its old Marathi neighborhoods and the aura of an intellectual center. As the agro-pharmaceutical business has dwindled in recent decades, immigration from erstwhile tribal peoples now accounts for seventy percent of population growth and education syllabi have not adjusted in accordance with other industrialized regions.
This has created what has become an exclusive environment in the government's expansion of education infrastructure, and Marathi literati have received a number of grants in areas that were previously ignored. Both experimental and professional theatre receives extensive patronage from the Marathi community. The Tilak Smarak Mandir, Bala Gandharva Rangmandir, Bharat Natya Mandir, Yashwantrao Chavan Natyagriha and Sudarshan Rangmanch are prominent theatres in the city. Ganesh Kala Krida Rangamanch is the largest closed theatre in the city, with a seating capacity of 45,000.

The *Sawai Gandharva Sangeet Mahotsav*, one of the most prominent and sought-after Indian classical music festivals in India is held in Pune every year in December. The festival is led and organized each year by Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and it commemorates the life and achievements of Pt. Sawai Gandharva. The concept of *Diwāḷī Pahāṭ* originated in Pune as a music festival on the morning of the festival of Diwali.

**Transport:**

**Air:**

Pune International Airport is an international airport at Lohegaon, operated by the Airports Authority of India. It shares its runways with the neighboring Indian Air Force base. In addition to domestic flights to all major Indian cities, this airport serves international direct flights to Dubai (operated by Air India Express) and to Frankfurt (operated by Lufthansa).

The Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation is responsible for the design and construction of a new Pune International Airport. The area
between Chakan and Rajgurunagar, around the villages of Chandus and Shirol, is currently being considered as a construction site. If constructed here, it will be 40 km (25 mi) from central Pune and will be the largest one in Asia.

**Rail:**

Local trains (EMUs) connect Pune to the industrial town of Pimpri-Chinchwad and the hill station of Lonavala, while daily express trains connect Pune to Mumbai, Howrah, Delhi, Jammutawi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Goa, Varanasi, and Jamshedpur. At Pune, there is diesel locomotive shed and electric trip shed. A rapid transit system has been proposed in Pune and is scheduled to begin operations in 2010. Pune Metro Rail is being planned in consultation with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited, the corporation which built and operates the Delhi Metro. Initial routes being Katraj-Nigadi and Warje-Ramwadi.

The city has two railway stations, Pune Railway Station in the city and the other at Shivajinagar. Both stations are administrated by the Pune Railway Division of the Central Railways. All the railway lines to Pune are broad gauge.

**Road:**

Both public and private transports are popular in Pune. Public buses within the city and its suburbs are operated by the Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Limited (PMPML). The PMPML operates the Pune Bus Rapid Transit system, the first of its kind in India, in which dedicated bus lanes allow buses to travel quickly through the city. Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation runs buses from its main stations in
Shivajinagar, Pune station and Swargate to all major cities and towns in Maharashtra and neighbouring states. Private companies too run buses to major cities throughout India.

Pune is well-connected to other cities by Indian highways and state highways. National Highway 4 (NH 4) connects it to Mumbai, Bangalore, Sangli and Kolhapur. NH 9 to Solapur and Hyderabad, and NH 50 to Nashik. State highways connect it to Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, and Alandi.

The Mumbai-Pune Expressway, India's first six-lane high-speed expressway, was built in 2002, and has reduced travel time between Pune and Mumbai to almost two hours. A ring road is being planned for the convenience of heavy traffic.

Pune is served by two intra-city highways: Old Pune-Mumbai Highway and Katraj-Dehu Road Bypass, a part of National Highway 4. The Nashik City-Pune Highway NH 50 will be part of the golden triangle (Nashik-Pune-Mumbai).

5.4) NEW TOURIST BUSES BY MTDC

The MTDC plans to introduce bus to of all the museums in the South Mumbai with two trips a day in collaboration with Brihan Mumbai Electricity and State Transport (BEST). The bus will start from the gateway of India and take tourist’s south Mumbais important museums, namely Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahay, Ballard Bunder gate house, rbi monetary museum, Bhau Dhagi lad museum, Ghatrapeati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahay and Jahangir art gallery with each museum.
5.5) TOURISM IN PUNE:

5.5.1) Introduction

Since the present research work aims at commercial analysis of tourism activity in Pune district. The researcher has identified emerging areas such as medical tourism, agro tourism, etc which will foster the tourism in Pune district.

The indepth analysis of tourism in Maharashtra and the promotional role of MTDC have helped the researcher to probe into detailed coverage of potential command areas of tourism in Pune district. In this chapter a full profile of tourism in Pune district is provided. The profile of tourism development of Pune district has covered the historical perspective, educational prospects, temple tourism, cost benefit analysis of medical tourism, Pune festival, adventure tourism, agri tourism, commonwealth youth games. Heritage walk and hospitality. After the exploratory research of sensitive segments of tourism the problems of tourists and analysis of emerging tourism destinations in Pune district have been exhaustively analyzed. Thus, the subject matter of the research study is adequately focused in this chapter.

In eighteenth century the origin of word Pune was found. It was originally known as punyapur, finally, it has been transformed into a latest version known as Pune. In 1673 the founder of Maratha rule shri shivaji maharaj was born on shivneri fort in Pune district. Since 1656, the Pune was under rule of shivaji maharaj. This was the golden period of historical development of Pune owes a great deal of debt to shri Shivaji Maharaj, this journey of
historical and socio-economic glory continued till the year 1818, then Pune had the British rule during the British rule Pune was the center of military and education.

Pune was the nucleus center freedom fighters and social reformers of India. The present educational, cultural and social scenario of tourism of Pune owes a great deal of its debt to Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Gopal Ganesh Agarkar, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Mahadev Govind Ranade Gopal Krishan Gokhale Bhandarkar Chiplunkar Bharatratna Dhondo Keshav Karve, etc.

In 1950, the municipal corporation of Pune came into existence. Since, then Pune has made an all round industrial, infrastructural, educational, public health, social and cultural recorded development in Maharashtra in particular and India in general. As a result it has emerged as a potential high growth center of tourism in India.

Pune district is placed between 17.5 and 19.2 north latitude and 73.2 and 75.1 east latitude. The boundaries of Pune are integrate by ahmednagar district on the north east, solapur district on the southeast satara district on the south, raigad district on the west and thane district on the northwest.

Pune district has the coverage of area around 15642 sq. km. it is 5% of the total area of the Maharashtra state.

According to the census 2001, the total population of Pune district is recorded at 72, 24,000 comprising of 37,68000 males and 34,56,000 females. The total rural population stand at 30, 29,000 and urban population 41, 96,000. The recorded level of literacy stands at 80.78% inclusive of 88.55% males and 72.32% females.
5.5.2) Tourism Exposure of Pune District

I. Ambegaon: agriculture is the main source of income. The farmers supplement their income by dairy farming. The major crops of this area are Bajara, Rice, and Jawar. The farmers are also producing the fruits viz. Grapes, Banana, Tomato and Potato. There are oil refineries functioning in the area.

II. Junnar: the coverage of industrial unit is expanding in this region. This area is famous for the production of woolen blankets. It is also known for the production of flowers. The farmers produce Jawar, Bajara and Rice. The vegetables like Tomato, Potato and onion are produced. The oil refinery and sugar factories are major industrial activities in this area.

III. Khed (Rajgurunagar): Rajguru sacrificed his life for the political freedom of India. Khed is the holy birth place of Rajguru. Therefore, it is renamed as Rajgurunagar. The nation has a proud for this son of India. The majority of people are engaged in itself employment of collecting hone, wax, and gum and medical herbs. The farmer produce Bajara, Jawar and begetables viz Onion, Tomato and potato.

IV. Shirur: it is an agricultural area. Agricultural is the main source of employment. Farmers are producing Bajara, Jawar, Wheat, sugarcane and fruits, namely sweat lime and oranges. The dairy business provides part time empooyment for the members of family. The non-farm people earn their living through dairy business.

V. Mulshi: on account of heavy rainfalls the farmers mainly produce rice. The remaining large part of land area has thick forest cover. The local people earn their living through marketing the forest products.
VI. Daund: agriculture is the main source of employment to the people in this area. The farmers are producing the crops viz Jawar, Bajara, Wheat, Sugarcane, Potato, Tomato, Sweet lime, Oranges, and flowers. The sugar factory is functioning in this area.

VII. Purandar: agriculture is the principle source of earning to the people in this area. They are producing the crops viz Bajara, Rice, Sugarcane, Potato, Tomato and onion etc.

VIII. Velhe: the large part of the area has coverage of thick forest. It is a hilly area having heavy rainfall. The rice is principle production and food of the people. The local people dependent upon forest product for their living.

IX. Bhor: this is partly agriculture partly industrial area. The area has Paper Mill, Paint Factories and Sugar Factories. The main crops of the area are Jawar, Rice and Bajara.

X. Maval: the well known hill stations viz khandala and lonavala are located in this hill area. These hill stations with natural beauty stand as natural magnet of attracting the tourists. Tourism businesses provide the main source of earning to the people. The rice is the main crop of this area due to the heavy rainfall. The glass factory is located near Talegaon.

Undoubtedly the cultural capital of the state of Maharashtra is said to be the educational center of India. Forts from the 17th century, built by the revered (King) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj can still be toured from the inside giving tourists a look and feel of life at that time. Shaniwarwada, a weekend residence of the Peshwas, Lal Mahal (the red palace), residence of Chhatrapati Shivaji, Fergusson College, a 200-year old college built by the British. Lakshmi Road, the avenue for buying all things Maharashtra. These are just some of the places that register high on the tourist's agenda.
5.6) MAHARASHTRA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MTDC):

Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (Marathi: महाराष्ट्र पर्यटन विकास महामंडळ), commonly abbreviated as MTDC, is a body of the Government of Maharashtra responsible for development of tourism in the Indian state of Maharashtra. It has been established under the Companies Act, 1956, (fully owned by Govt. of Maharashtra) for systematic development of tourism on commercial lines, with an authorized share capital of Rs. 25 crore.

Since Inception it has been involved in the development and maintenance of the various tourist locations of Maharashtra. MTDC owns and maintains resorts at all key tourist centers and having more resorts is on the plan.

5.7) HOTEL AS AN INSTITUTION

The institution of hotel had its beginning in the early fourteenth century. The first hotel in the classical sense, the forerunner of the present day existing complex unit, is said to have been created in Paris, in the year 1312. Other similar hotels were soon established in France, Holland, Italy, Germany and many other countries.

With the growth of travel in the eighteenth century, there appeared in London the prototype of the modern hotel with the opening by one David Low in 1774. The next fifty years saw a gradual increase in the hotels and
resorts in many countries of Europe. In the United States of America, hotels emerged from institutions known as ‘tavern’ by the simple expedient of a change of name. by about the beginning of the nineteenth century the terms tavern and hotel were used to describe the same thing. By the year 1820, ‘hotel’ became the accepted term to describe a place where people stayed for the night and took their meals on payment. In the 1820s the first tourist hotel appeared in Switzerland. The period preceding World War I also saw many hotels coming up in Europe especially in resorts of France, Italy, Switzerland and Germany. The hotels in fashionable resorts such as Vichy and Evian in France, Montecatine in Italy, and Baden-Baden in Germany became very popular with tourists. In the same way hotels also came up in summer resorts along the French and Italian Riviera.

Definitions:

Categories of Accommodation:

Accommodation can be categorized in different ways. These could be categorized by location, price, by type of visitors and by type of facilities they offer. Luxury hotels are at one end of the scale while budget or economy hotels are at the other end. Some are within the city limits or in city center while others may be suburban areas. Some properties may cater to b business travelers while others may cater to families on holiday. Yet another way to categories they is on the basis of whether they are fully serviced, partially serviced or non-serviced. It is however, difficult to place international lodging accommodation into strict, exclusive categories.
According to the organization for economic cooperation and Development (OECD) there are eleven different types of accommodation plus two ‘other’ categories the ‘other’ categories refer to other “hotels and similar establishments” and “supplementary means of accommodation”. Following are the main categories of accommodation:

5.8) HOTELS

I. International hotels
II. Commercial hotels
III. Residential hotels
IV. Resort hotels
V. Floating hotels
VI. Capsule hotels
VII. Airport hotels

Hotel Classification Systems

The grouping together of hotels providing a given range of services and facilities is an inexact science. The distinction between availability and quality is often blurred.

Early hotels and inns were little more than an available bed and something barely palatable to eat. The emergence of tourism in the latter half of the 19th century bought with it an improvement of the standards of the early inns. Some pressure was placed on these facilities to offer some minimum standards where the consumer was able to identify a property with specific
amenities. The rating system emerged out of efforts by the Automobile and cycling clubs in Europe, who in their tour books displayed hotels, which they recommended to their membership. Based on the guaranteed facilities which these hotels/inns offered.

This led to the establishment of rating systems such as Automobile Association (AA) and its American counterpart the (AAA) and the Michelin tire company’s-Michelin red guide and other mobile guides.

After World War II National Tourist Boards began to consider some form of hotel registration/classification system. There was some difficulty in doing so. By 1970 only five European countries had national classification systems, by 1980 this number increased to 22 European countries and 60 countries worldwide.

5.9) POPULAR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

Official Classification Systems (OHRG)

Travel industry classification system ratings are deemed as being comparable around the world, making it easier for professionals in the travel trade. Ten quality levels which can be divided follows

Deluxe: Super Deluxe, Deluxe, Moderate Deluxe First Class, Superior First Class, First Class, Limited Service First Class, Moderate First Class Tourist Superior Tourist Class, Tourist Class, Moderate Tourist Class

These rating combine two elements

3. Quality of quest accommodations
b. Room size, quality of furnishings
4. Extent of hotel facilities
b. Number and size of public rooms and meeting facilities.

**AA Rating System (British System)**

This system focuses on a consumer’s perspective on accommodation properties. The objective was to introduce a classification system easily understood by the consumer. This system is part of the description of properties seen in travel books. The American version is the AAA system.

Minimum requirements for AA recognition.

**One Star Hotels**

Hotels in this classification are likely to be small and independently owned, with a family atmosphere. Services may be provided by the owner and family on an informal basis. There may be a limited range of facilities and meals may be fairly simple. Lunch, for example, may not be served. Some bedrooms may not have en suite bath/shower rooms. Maintenance, cleanliness and comfort should, however, always be of an acceptable standard.

**Two Star Hotels**

In this classification hotels will typically be small to medium sized and offer more extensive facilities than at the one star level. Some business hotels come into the two star classification and guests can expect
comfortable, well equipped, overnight accommodation, usually with an en-suite bath/shower room, reception and other staff will aim for a more professional presentation than at the one star level, and offer wider range of straightforward services, including food and drink.

Three Star Hotels

At this level, hotels are usually of a size to support higher staffing levels, and a significantly greater quality and range of facilities than at the lower star classifications. Reception and the other public rooms will be more spacious and the restaurant will normally also cater for non-residents. All bedrooms will have fully en suite bath and shower rooms and offer a good standard of comfort and equipment, such as hair dryer, direct dial telephone, toiletries in bathroom. Some room service can be expected, and some provision for business travelers.

Four Star Hotels

Expectations at this level include a degree of luxury as well as quality in the furnishings, décor and equipment, in every area of the hotel. Bedrooms will also usually offer more space that at the lower star levels, and well designed, coordinated furnishings and décor. The en suite bathrooms will have both bath and fixed shower. There will be a high enough ratio of staff to guests to provide services like porter age, 24 hour room service, laundry and dry-cleaning. The restaurant will demonstrate a serious approach to its cuisine.
Five Star Hotels

Here you should find spacious and luxurious accommodation throughout the hotel, matching the best international standards, interior design should impress with its quality and attention to detail, comfort and elegance. Furnishings should be immaculate. Services should be formal, well Supervised and flawless in attention to guests needs, without being intrusive. The restaurant will demonstrate a high level of technical skill, producing dishes to the highest international standards. Staff will be knowledgeable, helpful, well versed in all aspects of customer care, combining efficiency with courtesy.

5.10) PROFILE OF SELECTED HOTELS:

1. Best Western The Pride Hotel:
Rating: 5 Star

Location: Near Pune Railway Station

Address:
5, University Road, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 11 KM
Pune Railway Station: 3 KM
Shivajinagar Bus Stand: 0.5 KM

Locational Advantage:
Best Western The Pride Hotel is located in close proximity to places of tourist interest like Rajneesh Ashram and high profile areas like Hingawadi and Shivajinagar.

Description:
Best Western the Pride Hotel is situated near Rajneesh Ashram and IT hub Hinjewadi. The hotel's architecture is blend of the traditional with modern. Warm hospitality with 24 hours concierge makes The Pride Hotel Pune an ideal choice for leisure business and budget travelers.

Accommodation:
Best Western the Pride Hotel offers 111 elegantly appointed rooms and suites. All the rooms are provided with modern facilities like tea/coffee maker, cable TV with in-room movies, telecom lines, high speed broadband connectivity, in room electronic safes, well stocked mini bar and electronic locks for enhanced safety.
Restaurants:
The hotel has two restaurants: Casablanca, serving Chinese and Continental cuisine and Puran Da Dhaba that serves Indian cuisine. The hotel also has a bar.

Services:
- 24 Hours Room Service
- Airport Transfer
- All Major Credit Cards Accepted
- Badminton
- Banquet
- Bar Service
- Barber Shop
- Beauty Salon
- Business Centre
- Car Rental Facility
- Carom Board
- Channel Music
- Chess
- Child Care Facility
- Computer on Rent
- Conference Facilities
- Courier Service
- Currency Exchange
- Cycling
- Direct Dialing STD/ISD Facility
- Doctor on Call
- Fax on Application
- Free Newspaper
- Games Room
- H/C Running Water
- Hair Dryer
- Health Club
- Internet Facility
- Jacuzzi
- Laundry Service
- Medical Facilities
- Mini Fridge
- Multi-cuisine Restaurant
- Nature walk
- Postal Services
- Reception
- Safe Deposit Box
- Sauna
- Secretarial Assistance
- Secure Parking
- Standby Generator
- Steam Room
- Swimming Pool
- T. V.
- Tea/Coffee Maker in all rooms
- Travel Desk Facility
- Wake up alarm service
2. Courtyard by Marriott Pune Hinjewadi:

Rating : 5 Star

Location : IT Park Pune

Address :
S. No 19 & 20, P4 Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park
Pune-411057 India

Accessibility :
Pune Airport : 35 KM
Pune Railway Station : 25 KM
MSRTC Bus Depot Pune Station : 28 KM
Locational Advantage:
Courtyard by Marriott Pune Hinjewadi is located just off the Mumbai-Pune Expressway.

Description:
Placed amidst the IT Hub of Pune, Courtyard by Marriott Pune Hinjewadi welcomes travelers with fond hospitality and winning services. The hotel, with a contemporary structure, affords elegant rooms & suites and well-equipped conference halls to cater the needs of both corporate and leisure clientele. Moreover, the hotel provides an extensive range of dining outlets, a modern fitness centre and a swimming pool to replenish the guests with cheerfulness. In a nutshell, Courtyard by Marriott Pune Hinjewadi serves as a premium destination for all kinds of travelers in Pune.

Accommodation:
The hotel has 153 aesthetically furnished guest rooms, including 6 luxury suites. Each room is exquisitely designed and outfitted with state-of-the-art amenities to make the guests feel right at home.

Restaurants:
MoMo Alfresco: An open-air barbeque offering sizzling grilled delicacies.
MoMo Cafe: A multi-cuisine restaurant which serves mouthwatering dishes.
MoMo Bar: A cozy bar serving a gamut of fine wines, cocktails & crunchy snacks.
MoMo2Go: A place to relish hot brews, fresh sandwiches, pastries, etc.
Services:

- Airport Pick/Drop
- All Major Credit Cards Accepted
- Banquet Facility
- Bar Service
- Business Centre
- Car Parking
- Car Rental Facility
- Child Care Facility
- Coffee Parlour
- Convention Centre
- Courier Mail Service

- Doctor on Demand
- Fax on Application
- Free Newspaper
- Free Room Service
- Games Room
- H/C Running Water
- Hair Dryer
- Health Club
- Internet Connection
- Ironing Board
- Laundry Service
- Mini Bar
- Money Changer

- Music Channel
- News Stand
- Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Railway Station Transfer
- Reception
- Restaurant
- Safe Vault
- Secretarial Service
- Standby Generator
- Tea/Coffee Maker
- Telephone
- Travel Desk Facility
- TV
3. Hotel Ibis:

Ibis Pune is located just five minutes from Pune International Airport in a central area home to major industrial companies. Offering 175 comfortable rooms, each with a modern fit out including a flat screen TV and Internet access, the hotel is ideal for business travelers as well as those exploring Pune and its many educational institutions. Along with two flexible meeting rooms, Ibis Pune features the delicious Spice It Restaurant and exotic Hub Bar.
4. Hotel Parc Estique:

Hotel Parc Estique is a unique concept hotel. Hotel Parc Estique is the closest hotel to and from the Pune International Airport, PNQ, at Viman Nagar on the Pune to Ahmednagar Road and close to Ranjangaon and Sanaswadi. Hotel Parc Estique is a full service innovative 5 Star ambient hotel at Viman Nagar, within 5 minutes drive from Pune airport, and Kharadi Magarpatta Tech Parks. Close proximity to Pune city center and industrial belts of Ranjangaon and Sanaswadi. Hotel Parc Estique is a Smart Luxury hotel and it represents a distinct shift away from the norms, sameness and uniformity of mainstream brand hotels. The hotel aim to provide our guests a warm, personal and intimate atmosphere in our hotel rather than intimidate you with opulent luxury. Hotel Parc Estique is an independent innovative lifestyle experiential property. It is designed uniquely different from the others and the management aims to make luxury at this upscale hotel truly affordable.
5. Hyatt hotel:

We are a global hospitality company with widely recognized, industry leading brands and a tradition of innovation developed over our more than fifty-year history. Our mission is to provide authentic hospitality by making a difference in the lives of the people we touch every day. We focus on this mission in pursuit of our goal of becoming the most preferred brand in each segment that we serve for our associates, guests, and owners. We support our mission and goal by adhering to a set of core values that characterizes our culture.

We manage, franchise, own and develop Hyatt branded hotels, resorts and residential and vacation ownership properties around the world. As of March 31, 2010, the company's worldwide portfolio consisted of 434 properties.
6. Le Meridien Pune:

**Rating**: 5 Star

**Location**: Near Shaniwar Wada

**Address**:  
Raja Bahadur Mill Road  
Pune-411001 India

**Accessibility**:  
Pune Airport: 8 KM  
Pune Railway Station: 1.2 KM  
Bus Stand: 1.2 KM

**Locational Advantage**: 
Le Meridien Pune is situated in the heart of the city and is located close to the City Railway Station & Bus Stand.

**Description:**
Le Meridien Pune is one of the popular 5 Star hotels of Pune. The hotel is situated in the heart of Pune and is at a short distance from popular tourist places like Aga Khan's Palace, Raja Kelkar Museum and the Shinde Chatri. The hotel has a matchless architecture of Indian palace thus it gives an essence of Indian culture. The hotel provides excellent hospitality and luxurious facilities. Le Meridien Pune is a perfect choice for both leisure and business travelers.

**Accommodation:**
Le Meridien Pune has 117 magnificent rooms including 15 Royal Club Suites with Club Lounge and Library Lounge. All the rooms have air conditioning, mini bar, wireless internet access, hairdryer, IDD telephones, LCD TV with DVD and safe deposit boxes, along with a complimentary newspaper daily.

**Restaurants:**
Le Meridien Pune has 3 restaurants: La Brasserie, Spice Island and Chingari.

**Services:**
- Baby Sitting
- Badminton
- Banquet
- bar Service
- Beauty Parlor
- Business Centre
- Cable TV
- Cafe
- Car Rental
- Carom
- Cell Rental
- Chess
- Computer on Rent
- Conference Facilities
- Courier Mail Service
- Credit Card Facility
- Doctor on Request
- EPABX enabled telephone facility
- Fax on Demand
- Front Desk
- Gym
- H/C Running Water
- Hair Dryer
- Internet Facility
- Jacuzzi Tub
- Laundry
- Medical Facilities
- Men's Salon
- Money Exchange Facility
- Multi-cuisine Restaurant
- Nature walk
- Newspaper
- Postal Services
- Power Backup
- Refrigerator in all rooms
- Room Service
- Safe Deposit Box
- Sauna
- Secretarial Service
- Secure Parking
- State-of-Art Health Spa
- Swimming Pool
- Tea/Coffee Maker
- Travel Desk Facility
- Valet
- Wake up service

7. Radisson Hotel Pune Kharadi:

The Radisson is the only international hotel within five kilometers of Pune International Airport and is just 12 kilometers from Pune Railway Station. Our hotel is convenient to the business centres of Magarpatta and Kharadi, as well as the shopping centres of Kalyani Nagar and Koregaon.
Park. Several attractions are near our Kharadi hotel, including Parvati and the University of Pune. At the Radisson, our convenient location makes us the ideal choice for your business or leisure trip to India.

8. Royal Orchid Golden:

Rating: 5 Star

Location: Near Osho Commune International

Address:
15, Rose Premises, Near Marigold Complex
Kalyani Nagar
Royal Orchid Golden Suites is located near the M.G. Road.

Description:
Royal Orchid Golden Suites is one of the leading business luxury hotels in Pune. It is fully equipped with business-enhancing amenities and excellent services providing the best luxury and comfort to the corporate travelers. Royal Orchid Golden Suites has become a reputed hotels popularly favored by corporate and leisure travelers for its unmatched extravagance, amenities and hospitality. Royal Orchid Golden Suites is a lavish cocoon of elegance, style, and luxury with the warmth of a homely ambience.

Accommodation:
Royal Orchid Golden Suites has 71 lavishly appointed rooms categorized into Studio Rooms and Suites. All the rooms are provided with facilities like satellite television, hair dryer, safe deposit locker, mini bar, bathrobe & slippers, 24 hours in room dining, fully equipped kitchenette and broadband connection.

Restaurants:
Kasaba: A multi-cuisine restaurant and coffee shop offering buffet breakfast, buffet corporate lunch, variety of snacks and mouthwatering Indian, Chinese
Services:

- 24 Hours Room Service
- 24 hrs H/C running water
- Baby Sitting
- Badminton
- Banquet Facility
- Bar Service
- Barber Shop
- Beauty Parlor
- Broadband Facility
- Business Centre
- Cable TV
- Cake Shop
- Car Rental Service
- Carom Board

- Channel Music
- Chess
- Coffee Parlour
- Computer on Rent
- Conference Hall
- Courier
- Credit Card Facility
- Cycling
- Doctor on Request
- Fax on Application
- Front Desk
- Games Room
- Gymnasium
- Hair Dryer
- Laundry Service
- Medical Facilities
- Money Exchange Facility
- Multi-cuisine Restaurant
- Newspaper
- Parking
- Post & Telegraph
- Power Backup
- Refrigerator in all rooms
- Safe Deposit Box
- Secretarial Service
- Tea/Coffee Maker
- Telephone
- Travel Desk Service
- Wake up service
9. St Laurn:

This 5 Star, business hotel is strategically located at Koregaon Park area, which is close to the airport and railway station. There are 63 stylish, executive rooms to choose from. Guests can dine-in at Ebony restaurant-cum-bar that offer a scrumptious fare and is an ideal place to conduct a formal business dinner. There is Cafe 15 A - a 24 hours coffee shop-cum-lounge area, which is next to the lobby with a casual ambiance, and is an ideal place for a friendly get-together over cups of coffee.
10. Sun-n-Sand:

Rating: 5 Star

Location: Near Bund Garden

Address:
262, Bund Garden Road
Pune-411001 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 8 KM
Pune Railway Station: 2 KM
Bus Stand: 2 KM

Location Advantage:
Sun-n-Sand is located in close proximity to Pune Railway Station and major shopping areas.

**Description:**
Sun-n-Sand is situated at Bund Garden Road, Pune. The hotel provides same warmth, hospitality and tradition what guests used to get in Peshwa's time. The hotel is a wonderful amalgamation of tradition and modernity. The hotel provides all the modern and latest amenities for a comfortable and hassle free stay.

**Accommodation:**
The Sun-n-Sand offers 137 elegantly appointed rooms and suites. The suites are designed especially for business traveler. The rooms are categorized into Superior Rooms, Deluxe Rooms, Presidential Suites and Club Sunbeam. All the rooms and suites are equipped with amenities like mini bar, international direct dialing and voicemail facility, hairdryer, electronic safe, tea/coffee maker, and ironing board on request, daily newspaper, broadband internet connectivity and color television with International satellite channels. The hotel also offers non-smoking rooms on request.

**Restaurants:**
The hotel has six restaurants, namely, The Orient, Kabab Hut, 262 The Lounge, Carrots 'N' Celery, Tea Lounge and Sweet Sin.

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11. Taj Blue Diamond:

Rating : 5 Star

Location : Near Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum

Address :
11, Koregaon Road
Pune-411001 India

Accessibility :
Pune Airport : 7 KM
Pune Railway Station : 2 KM
Bus Stand : 2 KM
**Location Advantage:**
Taj Blue Diamond is located in proximity to the business district & shopping area.

**Description:**
The hotel Taj Blue Diamond is nestled in lush green surroundings of Koregaon Park, Pune. Taj Blue Diamond is close to the city's business district and shopping areas. The hotel offers elegant guestrooms and warm hospitable service to make the stay comfortable.

**Accommodation:**
Taj Blue Diamond has 108 centrally air conditioned rooms with all the modern amenities. The rooms are elegantly appointed and tastefully decorated. The hotel offers following category of rooms: Executive Rooms, Residency Deluxe Rooms, Deluxe Suites and Presidential Suites.

**Restaurants:**
The hotel has two restaurants: Mystic Masala, Whispering Bamboo, and a coffee shop. It also has a bar named 'Casabella'.

**Services:**
- 24 Hours Room Service
- Baby Care Facility
- Badminton
- Bakery
- Banquet Facility
- Bar Facility
- Beauty Salon
- Billiards
- Business Centre
- Car Parking
12. The Central Park:

The Central Park Hotel, the distinction blurs. The Central Park Hotel is a showcase of contemporary international design, yet stunningly simple. Welcome to the Central Park Hotel, Pune, India. What we set out to create is a beautiful small hotel. Naturally, everything here is stacked heavily in favor of style and service rather than size. Feel it in the discrete-yet-always-there service, love it in the fascinating gourmet cuisine that keeps you delighted every single day. And then get surprised by the guy who goes all out to make you feel at home. Because this guy is none other than the man behind the hotel himself.
13. The Corinthians Boutique Hotel:

The Corinthians is a Five Star Boutique Hotel that is located amidst the rolling hills of South Pune. It combines natural settings with a dreamlike, fairy tale ambiance, service and care. Built to the lavish standards of a Morrocan fairy tale palace with elements of Egyptian influences, it offers you a grandiose setting for a variety of occasions. It could be a business convention, a wedding, a tourist or business visit or an intimate celebration with your family and friends. The Corinthians is your Palace away from home, or indeed your palace away from your palace!
14. The Golden Emerald:

Mr. Subhash Lodha, A businessman and philanthropist, had an expansionary vision, which enabled him to build from scratch, Pune's most modern luxury Auberge – **The Golden Emerald**. It is an initiative backed by diligence, self-belief and above all else the intense aspiration to provide Pune and its guests an exceptionally grand accommodation in this zone, that would highlight Pune in the hospitality sector on the global map.
15. The Gordon House Hotel:

Rating: 5 Star

Location: Near Pune University

Address:
E-Square, 132A, University Road, Ganeshkhind
Pune-411016 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 12 KM
Pune Railway Station: 5 KM
Pune Bus Stand: 1 KM

Location Advantage:
The Gordon House Hotel is located near Pune University.

Description:
The Gordon House Hotel is very popular luxury hotel in Pune. Unlike other hotels The Gordon House Hotel is simple in outlook yet undeniably stylish. The hotel is equipped with multifarious amenities for all types of tourist promising the best possible comfort. Gordon House Hotel caters to business and holiday tourists alike while keeping in mind their requirements. It has a conference hall for the corporate sector and mouthwatering dining option for holidaymakers. The Gordon House Hotel is a home far away from home.

**Accommodation:**
The Gordon House Hotel offers 39 well appointed rooms categorized into Scandinavian Rooms, Country Rooms, Junior Suites, Don's Den Suites, Zen & Now Suites.

**Restaurants:**
All Stir Fry: A Chinese specialty restaurant famous for its concept of 'The Quick Wok' noodles.
Food Court: A vegetarian restaurant famous for its concept of open kitchens, serving from bhel puri to pizza.

**Services:**
- 24 hrs H/C running water
- Baby Care Facility
- Badminton
- Banquet Facility
- Bar
- Business Centre
- Cake Shop
- Car Parking
- Car Rental
- Carom Board
- Channel Musi
16. The Westin Koregaon Park:

Refreshing touches will awaken your senses at The Westin Pune Koregaon Park, a modern oasis for mind, body, and soul. The prime landmark location at Koregaon Park, close to the Airport set amidst green surroundings, gives you an unhindered view of the Mulla Mutha River. Elevate your spirit and experience total renewal at The Westin Pune Koregaon Park.
17. Fortune Inn Jukaso:

Rating: 4 Star

Location: Near Pune Airport

Address:
Plot No. 6, Viman Nagar, Pune Nagar Road
Pune-411014 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 5 KM
Pune Railway Station: 8 KM
**Location Advantage:**
Fortune Inn Jukaso Pune ideally located amidst the IT hub of the city.

**Description:**
Fortune Inn Jukaso is one of the leading business hotels in Pune. The hotel is ideally located in the IT hub and commercial centers of the city. The hotel is fully equipped with modern amenities and is a perfect abode of homely comfort for discerning business travelers.

**Accommodation:**
Fortune Inn Jukaso offers 32 Standard Rooms, 8 Fortune Club Rooms and 5 Suite Rooms that are carefully designed with latest modern style to suit the taste of business travelers. Some of the room amenities are mini bar, electronic safe, wi-fi connectivity, and tea/coffee maker.

**Restaurants:**
Earthen Oven: A specialty restaurant serving delicious tandoori dishes.
Zodiac: A multi-cuisine restaurant serving sumptuous international cuisines.
18. Gandharv Residency:

**Rating** : 4 Star

**Location** : Near Shaniwar Wada

**Address** :
1291,1292, Shivajinagar
Behind Gandharv Restaurant, Off J.M. Road
Pune-411005 India

**Accessibility** :
Pune Airport : 10 KM
Pune Railway Station : 0.5 KM
Bus Stand: **0.5 KM**

**Locational Advantage:** Gandharv Residency is located in the heart of the city, close to the Shivajinagar Railway station.

**Description:**
Gandharv Residency is a 4 Star hotel in Pune. The hotel offers its guests blend of luxury, elegance and modern technology to make their stay pleasant. The rich and vibrant ambience of the hotel with latest facilities and 24 hours concierge refreshes leisure and business traveler.

**Accommodation:**
Gandharv Residency offers 30 well appointed Executive Rooms and 3 Executive Suites. All the rooms and suites have latest conveniences and facilities such as 24-hour room service, internet connectivity / Wi Fi enabled, complimentary buffet breakfast, video conferencing, direct dial facility for STD/ISD, mini bar, electronic safe, LCD Colour TV with multi channel cable connection and tea/coffee maker.

**Restaurants:**
Rasgandha: Multi-cuisine restaurant serving Indian and Chinese cuisines.
Kunjavan: Garden restaurant serving kebabs and liquor.
19. Hotel Brookside:

Rating: 4 Star

Location: Near IT Park Pune

Address: Plot No 7A, Viman Nagar, Pune Nagar Road
Pune-411014 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 8 KM
Pune Railway Station: 8 KM
Bus Stand: 3 KM

**Location Advantage:** Hotel Brookside is easily accessible from the bus stand.

**Description:**
Hotel Brookside is an elegant hotel located in the neighborhood of the main commercial hubs of Pune. The hotel is an exemplary blend of excellent service and state of the art facilities. Hotel Brookside is one of the most happening places for conference, seminars, banquet or party etc. Fully equipped with business enhancing facilities, Hotel Brookside devotedly caters to the needs of business travelers and provides the best comfort and luxury for a leisure holiday.

**Accommodation:**
Hotel Brookside provides 61 well appointed and fully furnished spacious bedrooms with unmatched comfort and luxury.

**Restaurants:**
Hotel Brookside has a restaurant serving Indian, Chinese and Continental cuisines.
20. Hotel Cypress:

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Location:** Near Pune Airport

**Address:**
Lane Number 10, Near Kalpataru Residency
Opp. Solaris Gymnasium, Kalyaninagar
Pune-411 014 India

**Accessibility:**
Pune International Airport: **2.5 KM**
Pune Railway Station: **3 KM**

**Location Advantage:** Hotel Cypress is located in a close proximity to the Pune International Airport.

**Description:**
Hotel Cypress is one of the finest business class hotels in Pune. Centrally located in Kalyaninagar, the hotel offers easy access to the major shopping arcades and local attractions. The hotel is a perfect blend of striking architecture, plush interior, traditional hospitality and peaceful surroundings. It bestows a comfortable stay in its luxurious accommodation unites. The hotel provides stylish restaurant, state-of-the-art conference hall and banquet facilities to organize corporate meeting and theme parties. In succinct terms, Hotel Cypress is a perfect destination to stay in Pune with highest quality of opulence.

**Accommodation:**
The hotel boasts of 47 tastefully designed guest room, categorized into Royale Suite Room, Junior Suite and Superior Room. All rooms are fully equipped with state-of-the-art amenities and provide ultimate comforts and soothe.

**Restaurants:**
Cream Centre: A multi-cuisine restaurant offering appetizing delicacies.
Temptations: A chic coffee bar to savor delicious coffee & desserts.
21. Hotel Kohinoor Executive:
Ratings: 4 Star

Address:
Apte Road, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune, India.

Accessibility:
15 km. from Airport, 2 km. from Railway Station, 1 km. from Bus Station.

Hotel Description:
Hotel is centrally located in Pune with Warmth, luxury, modern state-of-the-art amenities, personalized 24 hour service, warm hospitality and a friendly staff. It is situated in the close proximity to the shopping and business areas of the city.

Accommodation at Hotel Kohinoor Executive, Pune:
The hotel offers 62 rooms categorised into deluxe rooms and standard rooms. All the rooms are well equipped with all modern amenities like television, refrigerator, newspaper, magazine, laundry service and STD/ISD facility for best comfort.

Amenities & Services at Hotel Kohinoor Executive, Pune:
Opera and Dawat Restaurants, Dress circles Bar, Banquet halls, Party rooms, Fax, Internet, Health club, 24 hrs. room service, H/C running water, ISD/STD direct dial, Channel T.V., Doctor on call, 1 Terrace Garden for parties upto 250 pax at a time.
22. Hotel Oakwood:
Ratings: 4 Star

Address:
Good Luck Sqare, Bhandarkar Road,
Deccan Gymkhana, Pune, India.

Accessibility:
12km. from Airport, 4 km. from Railway Station, 0.2 km. from Bus Station.

Hotel Description:
Hotel is famous for its warm hospitality, modern amenities, efficient service and ideal location. It creates a home away from home. It is a preferred accommodation option for the business traveler as well as for holiday maker.

Accommodation at Hotel Oakwood, Pune:
The hotel offers 45 well furnished rooms with all modern amenities like Centrally Air-conditioning, round the clock room service, H/C water, Color T.V. with satellite programs, Buffet Breakfast, Mini-Bar in deluxe room.

Amenities & Services at Hotel Oakwood, Pune:
Business centre, Bakery & confectionary, Hair dresser, Beauty saloon, Boutique, Flouriest, Shopping area, Prominent club, Airport transfer, Doctor on call, Laundry, Money changer, Safe deposit, Travel desk service, Dry cleaning, Hair dresser, Beauty Saloon, Boutique, and Florist.
23. Hotel Sagar Plaza:

Rating: 4 Star

Location: Near Bund Garden

Address:
1, Bund Garden Road
Pune-411001 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 7 KM
Pune Railway Station: 1 KM
Bus Stand: 1 KM

Location Advantage: Hotel Sagar Plaza is located in the heart of Pune's
commercial centre.

**Description:**
Hotel Sagar Plaza is a state of the art wi-fi business hotel in Pune. The hotel caters to corporate travelers with the most efficient service and unmatched hospitality. It also caters to other tourists providing some of the finest luxurious amenities for an exciting holiday in Pune while pampered in the cocoon of lavish indulgence.

**Accommodation:**
Hotel Sagar Plaza offers 76 rooms that are lavishly appointed and categorized into Deluxe Rooms and Suite Rooms. All the rooms are provided with electronic door lock, mini bar, electronic safes, and tea/coffee maker.
24. Le Royce Hotel:

Le Royce Hotel Pune is a 4 star hotel, situated in the uptown Bund Garden Road. Just 5 km away from the airport and only 2 kms away from the railway station. Hotel Le Royce Pune is very close to several important business centers, swank malls, entertainment spots, etc.
25. Lemon Tree Hotel:

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Location:** Near IT Park Pune

**Address:** P4, Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Phase 1, Hinjawadi
Pune-411057 India

**Accessibility:**
Pune Airport: **22 KM**
Pune Railway Station: **17 KM**
Mumbai Airport: **198 KM**

**Location Advantage:** Lemon Tree Hotel Hinjawadi is located in Pune's software heartland at Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park (Hinjawadi Phase 1) and just off the Mumbai Expressway (NH 4).
**Description:**

Lemon Tree Hotel Hinjawadi is situated at Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, the software heartland of Pune. The hotel's interior is tastefully designed with a dramatic atrium and large windows to suit the interest of guests. The hotel is centrally air conditioned and offers all modern amenities to keep visitors fresh.

**Accommodation:**

Hotel Lemon Tree Hinjawadi has 124 elegantly appointed rooms and suites. The rooms are categorized into Superior Rooms, Deluxe Rooms, Executive Rooms and Studio Rooms. All the rooms and suites are equipped with modern amenities like air conditioning, Wi-Fi broadband net access, telephones, power outlets at desk level (adaptors available on request), flat screen color TV with multi channel cable, tea and coffee maker and mini-bar.

**Restaurants:**

The hotel has a multi cuisine coffee shop named 'Citrus Cafe' which serves Indian, European, and American and Pan-Asian cuisines. The hotel also has a bar named 'Slounge'.
26. Nest Hotels Ivy Studio:

Ivy studios represent an aesthetic feel and warmth with a perfect blend of contemporary and state of the art decors, the hotel that speaks of magnificence in the ripest form. Ivy studios offer you all hotel services to ensure the complete satisfaction for you. Ivy studios primary concern is to provide you with maximum comfort during your stay.
27. Park Ornate Hotel:

Rating: 4 Star

Location: Near Bund Garden

Address: Near TCS and Siddhartha Complex
1 Km ahead of Bund Garden Bridge, Nagar Road
Pune India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 7 KM
Pune Railway Station: 3 KM

Location Advantage: Park Ornate Hotel is located at a short distance from the prime commercial complexes and IT hub in the city.
**Description:**
Park Ornate Hotel, formerly Park Orchid, is one of the plush hotels in Pune, featuring ultra-modern architecture replete with graceful interior decor. With an array of aesthetic rooms & suites, marvelous restaurant and modern business facilities, the hotel caters to the needs of both holidaymakers and corporate visitors. It offers luxurious and up-to-date amenities and services, to ensure complete satisfaction of its esteemed guests. In succinct, Park Ornate Hotel, offering warm Indian hospitality in a cordial atmosphere, is a perfect place to stay for the travelers seeking opulent comfort, during their visit to Pune.

**Accommodation:**
The hotel has 49 spacious, well appointed rooms, including Deluxe Twin Bed Room, Deluxe Double Bed Room and Suite. All the rooms are lavishly decorated and supplied with state-of-the-art conveniences.

**Restaurants:**
Tamarind: An exquisite restaurant, serving mouthwatering multi-cuisine dishes.
28. Quality Inn Centurion:

Rating: 4 Star

Location: Near Raj Bhawan

Address: Opposite Akashwani, Next to SSC Board
Shivaji Nagar
Pune-411005 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 12 KM
Pune Railway Station: 3 KM

Location Advantage: Quality Inn Centurion is located in the heart of the
city and in proximity to Shivaji Nagar bus stand.

**Description:**
The hotel Quality Inn Centurion is situated in the heart of the Pune city. All the major commercial and educational centers are easily accessible from the hotel. A variety of entertainment venues, shops, restaurants and cocktail lounges around the hotel makes it an ideal place for business and leisure trip.

**Accommodation:**
Quality Inn Centurion offers 52 elegantly designed and centrally air conditioned rooms and 2 Suites. All the rooms and suites are equipped with modern amenities like mini bar, hair dryer, coffee maker, iron and ironing board and high speed internet connectivity.

**Restaurants:**
The hotel has a multi cuisine restaurant named 'Silver Leaf' serving variety of cuisines.
29. Seasons hotel:

Seasons Serviced Apartments at Aundh in Pune is operated and managed by Concept Hospitality Pvt. Limited (CHPL). Concept is a company formed in July 1996 in Mumbai to manage, operate Restaurants, Hotels, Clubs and Resorts under various banners.

Naiknavare Developers Pvt. Ltd., Promoters, Developers & Builders have achieved exceptional success in the field, solely because of their novel ideas and concepts. After having some outstanding achievements in the field of residential and commercial construction, they have recently entered the service sector, Seasons Serviced Apartments being their first venture.

At Seasons Serviced Apartments, they have incorporated all the amenities
and facilities of a high class hotel into the comfort of staying in your own home. Offering luxurious apartments with the best possible amenities and luxuries, these accommodations promise a lavish stay. The accompanying dedicated service ensures that the stay is a memorable one.

Concept Hospitality believes in the management philosophy of decentralized profit, which has worked out well for all. It lets the hotel owners enjoy the best returns and ensures that guests get the maximum satisfaction. Concept Hospitality has been successful in creating environmentally friendly hotels and even extends trainings and programs to educate others on the same.

30. The Coronet Hotel

Rating : 4 Star

Location : Near Deccan Gymkhana

Address :
1205/4, Apte Road, Deccan Gymkhana
Pune-411004 India

**Accessibility :**
Pune Airport : **10 KM**
Railway Station : **4 KM**

**Location Advantage :** The Coronet Hotel is located in a peaceful & pollution free area and is not too far away from the Railway Station.

**Description:**
The Coronet Hotel is one of the finest business hotels with the perfect blend of business amenities and warm hospitality. The hotel is located in the vicinity of the Multi National Corporations of Pune making it one of the best destinations for corporate travelers. The Coronet hotel offers wide range of luxurious amenities and business facilities helping guest conduct business in the cocoon of comfort.

**Accommodation:**
The Coronet Hotel has 39 rooms categorized into Executive Rooms and Deluxe Rooms. All the rooms are facilitated with Internet connectivity, international direct dial facility, mini bar, tea/coffee maker and color television with satellite programs.

**Restaurants:**
Magnolia: A fine dining world cuisine restaurant. The menu has something for all; a fabulous vegetarian selection also lies in store.
Whispering Winds: An open-air dining restaurant, which serves value for money snacks and beverages during the day and delicious mouth-watering barbecue in the evening that includes delectable kebabs and curries.

31. O hotel:

The O Hotel Pune...daring, different, and exciting in decor and design. Located in the heart of the lively city of Pune, The O at Koregaon Park belongs to the new hotels of the world- chic, stylish, and young! We offer an eclectic mix of features unseen in any other Hotel in the city. A truly five star hotel, that offers you the very best in hospitality. The characteristic, which distinguishes us from larger brand-name chains, is the connection which guests are able to develop with our employees - "Most of them ensure that they acknowledge guests by name".
32. The Plaza Palace

The Pride Biznotel Pune is ideally located in the heart of Chinchwadi city. The hotel is within easy reach of the City Centre and the hub of the business and Industrial Township. Equipped with modern amenities and warm comforts the hotel is a perfect place for leisure as well as business traveler.
33. VITS Hotel

Rating: 4 Star

Address:
Adjacent to Chhatrapati Shivaji Sports Complex
Pune Bangalore Highway, Balewadi
Pune-411045 India

Accessibility:
Pune International Airport: 276 KM
Pune Domestic Airport: 21 KM
Railway Station: 18 KM

Location Advantage: VITS Hotel Pune is sited close to important
commercial complexes.

**Description:**
VITS Hotel Pune is a luxurious business hotel. The hotel emits an aura of sophistication with subtle, elegant and splendid interiors. There is coziness and warmth in the ambiance as it is embellished with comfortable and ethereal furnishings. The spirit of the staff of the hotel is imbued from the ambiance. Each guest is welcomed with pleasing staff members who assist them throughout the stay. The graciousness and caring attitude of the staff is sure to sweep you off your feet. The facilities and services are stylish, impeccable and designed in accord with the urban lifestyle. All the features of the hotel are planned to de-stress and rejuvenate the guests. The hotel's location ensures that commutation of the guests does not become a hurdle for the guests. All the major areas of Pune are close by. Succinctly, VITS Hotel Pune is an ideal destination to deal business as you enjoy luxuries after a tiresome day.
34. Ginger Hotel

Ginger Pune provides all the special features of Smart basics such as Smart space, Safe zone, gymnasium, meeting room, self check-in kiosk and is geared to make your stay comfortable and pleasant. Ginger offers clean, well-furnished and aesthetically designed accommodation for its guests equipped with amenities like mini-fridge, LCD TV, self-controlled A/c, tea and coffee maker and a telephone.
35. Hotel Ashirwad

**Rating:** 3 Star

**Location:** Near Pune Railway Station

**Address:**
16, Sadhu Vaswani Road, Near Pune Station
Pune-411001 India

**Accessibility:**
Pune Airport: **7 KM**
Pune Railway Station: **0.5 KM**
Pune Bus Stand: **0.5 KM**

**Location Advantage:** Hotel Ashirwad is situated in the heart of Pune.
Description:
Hotel Ashirwad is one of the most sought after hotels of Pune. The hotel is a cocoon of comfort and luxury and is located in a quiet location away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Hotel Ashirwad caters to leisure and business travelers, providing some of the finest collection of luxurious amenities and excellent services.

Accommodation:
Hotel Ashirwad has 45 elegant rooms divided in various categories. Each room is comfortably elegant with attached bathrooms fitted with modern amenities, reed curtains, and tastefully decorated with furniture.

Restaurants:
Ankur Garden: An open air dining restaurant.
Akshaya: A vegetarian multi-cuisine restaurant offering choicest Indian, Chinese and Mughlai cuisines.
Hotel Brookside is located in close vicinity of Pune's airport as well as major commercials hubs. Hotel Brookside provides a Conference Hall large enough to accommodate a gathering of 60 for meetings, seminars or training. Hotel Brookside provides 61 superb, spacious bedrooms with unmatched comfort and luxury.
Welcome to Kapila, a hotel those heralds a new era in the history of business hotels. The Kapila does away with the Spartan practices of its predecessors and ushers in a new styles of opulence combined with utility. Its sleek and exquisite interiors are customized to the need of the jet-setting traveler. Besides offering all utilities for its guests, its also houses several tempting option to unwind after a lengthy business meet or an exhausting conference. Combined with its prompt and personalized service, Kapila is the perfect choice for the business traveler.
38. Hotel Madhav International

"Hotel Madhav is just a stone's throw from the Pune railway station and less than a kilometer from the Bus Terminus. The airport is just about 6 kms away. The happening M.G. Road, the main shopping zone, is just 2 kms away. It is close to Pune city's commercial and business areas and also has all it takes to be close to your heart. Though this Pune hotel is centrally located, it is far from the dust, smoke & noise. Hotel Madhav is the ideal and the most convenient location for your stay in Pune."
39. Hotel Panchshil
Ratings: 3 Star

Address:
32, M.I.D.C Chinch wad, Pune, India.

Accessibility:
35 km. from Airport, 1 km. from Railway Station, 1 km. from Bus Station.

Hotel Description:
Hotel Panchshil, Pune is a Business and Leisure type hotel. It is well known hotel because it is very near to Railway Station and Bus Stand. It provides good facilities to its guests.

Accommodation at Hotel Panchshil, Pune:
The hotel offers 48 well furnished rooms having all the modern and luxurious amenities for comfort.

Amenities & Services at Hotel Panchshil, Pune:
Color Television, Satellite cable reception, Direct dialing telephones, room service, Wake-up calls, Doctor on Call, In-house Laundry Services, Banqueting Lawn, Airport drop & Pick-up.
40. Hotel Pristine Inn

Hotel Pristine Inn Pune is a premium business hotel strategically located with easy access to city’s travel destination, recreational facilities, business center, and airport and railway station. The graceful décor and modern design of the hotel makes your stay memorable.
The USP of Hotel Sapna Pune. Situated in the heart of the Peshwai city, on the arterial Jangli Maharaj Rd. J. M. Rd, as it is known, is pune's commercial hub, akin to Delhi's Connaught place or Mumbai's Nariman point. Along with hqs and offices of many major MNCs and local cos located within a 3 km radius of the hotel, there are restaurants like Pizza Hut and Mc Donald's, dept stores, shopping complexes, multiplexes. At a walking distance from the hotel.

Complementing this commercial advantage is the beautiful Sambhaji Park located next to the hotel. A beautiful garden view, lush green, and tranquil surroundings make the hotel an ideal place for business and leisure travelers alike.
42. Hotel Shiv Sai Palace

Hotel Shiv Sai Palace is located on Apte Road. It is easily accessible from the airport (15kms) and the railway station (3kms). It is also in close proximity to the business and entertainment centers of the city.
43. Hotel the Senator

Rating : 3 Star

Location : Near Saras Baug

Address :
54, Lokmanya Colony, Opposite Vanaz Factory
Off Paud Road, Kothrud
Pune-411038 India

Accessibility :
Pune Airport : 35 KM
Pune Railway Station : 13 KM
**Locational Advantage:** Hotel The Senator is conveniently located near to the Mega Mart Shopping Centre at Lokmanya Colony.

**Description:**
Hotel The Senator is situated 7 km. from Jungli Maharaj Road, Pune. The hotel is very popular among corporate travelers and is known for its service and efficiency. The hotel provides all the necessary amenities to cater to the needs of business traveler.

**Accommodation:**
The hotel has 46 elegantly appointed and luxurious rooms and 2 tastefully designed suites with amenities like air conditioning, colour TV, laptop connection, direct dialing, 24 hours room service, electronic safe deposit lockers and mini bar.

**Restaurants:**
Hotel The Senator has a multi cuisine restaurant and bar named 'Signature', which serves Indian and Chinese cuisines and all types of liquor.
44. Hotel Woodland

The largest 3-star hotel in the city with 100 rooms catering to Executive travelers. It is situated at a 5 minutes walking distance from the Pune Railway Station and all Government offices.

45. Orbett Hotel:

Hotel Orbett is located in the lush green environs of Deccan Gymkhana, unarguably the most upscale address of Pune, in close proximity of the main educational institutions, IT and business hub in short central business district (CBD). Orbett Hotel is at a distance of 9 kms from the Pune Airport, 4kms from the Railway station.
46. Phoenix Hotel

**Rating:** 3 Star

**Location:** Near Koregaon Park

**Address:**
S. No. 81/1, Koregaon Park
Pune-411001 India

**Accessibility:**
Pune Airport: **6 KM**
Pune Railway Station: **3 KM**
Bus Stand: **0.5 KM**

**Location Advantage:** Phoenix Hotel is strategically located in the up-market Koregaon Park area.
**Description:**
Phoenix Hotel is one of the leading luxury business hotels of Pune. The hotel is located in the vicinity of the major commercial and IT hub of the city making it the most suitable destination especially for business travelers. The hotel offers a homely ambience and provides all the necessary amenities for a comfortable stay.

**Accommodation:**
Phoenix Hotel offers 40 lavishly appointed rooms that are fully furnished with modern in-room facilities offering the best possible comfort.

**Restaurants:**
Phoenix Hotel has a multi-cuisine restaurant serving mouthwatering Indian, Chinese and Continental menus.
Quality Hotel Regency Pune is a 3 star deluxe hotel suitably located in the business hub of Pune. The hotel is only 7 kilometers away from the airport and only 1 kilometer away from the railway station. The hotel offers recreational modern facilities for both the business and leisure traveler. It is in close proximity to some of the major tourist places.
48. Sayaji Hotel

**Rating:** 3 Star

**Location:** Waked

**address:**
135/136, Mumbai-Bangalore Bypass Highway
Waked
Pune-411057 India

**Accessibility:**
Pune International Airport: **25 KM**

**Location Advantage:** Sayaji Hotel is strategically located along Mumbai-Bangalore Bypass Highway.

**Description:**
Hotel Sayaji, will give you a feel, as if you are staying in a complex that houses 9 different hotels. There is a separate reception counter and a separate specialty for every floor, of the hotel. Boasting of dedicated staff, the stay at the hotel would surely be a luxurious and outstanding option for both the corporate and leisure travelers to explore, once in Pune. In short, Hotel Sayaji is one of the greatest business hotels in Pune, flaunting impressive interiors and impeccable services.

**Accommodation:**
The hotel, spreading over nine floors, comprises of 252 guest rooms. Each floor is tailor-made to suit the needs of the travelers. Presently, five floors that are operational are single female travelers (with the entire staff being female), European travelers, health travelers, short-stay travelers (10-15 days) and long-stay travelers (more than 15 days).

**Restaurants:**
Sayaji Hotels has a multi-cuisine restaurant, where personal butler is assigned to every guest, so that everyone can enjoy the food of his/her choice.
49. Hotel ketan

Location: Near Shaniwar Wada

Address:
Fergusson College Road Pune-411004 India

Accessibility: Pune Airport: 11 KM, Pune Railway Station: 4 KM, Deccan Gymkhana Bus Stand: 1 KM

Location Advantage:
Hotel Ketan is located in Pune's central business area.

Description:
Hotel Ketan is a leading budget hotel in Pune. It is renowned for providing the finest accommodation, facilities, and services to business and leisure travelers. Besides offering the first-rate amenities, it also offers value for
money without compromising on comfort. Business travelers continue to prefer the hotel as it is located in the neighborhood of the business area. Hotel Ketan is the ideal destination to for both business and leisure travelers seeking luxuriant accommodation at affordable prices.

**Accommodation at Ketan Hotel Pune:**
Hotel Ketan has 28 well-appointed rooms, tastefully decorated to provide the best possible comfort. All rooms are equipped with modern in-room amenities, like air-conditioning, mini-fridge, color television, telephone, and attached bath with hot/cold running water.

**Restaurants:**
Hotel Ketan has a multi-cuisine restaurant serving the best Indian, Chinese and Continent cuisines.

**Services at Ketan Hotel Pune:**
Airport Transfer, Credit Card Facility, Badminton, Banquet Hall, Bar Service, Massage Parlor, Business Centre, Cable TV, Car Rental, Carom Board, Chess, Baby Sitting, Computer Rental, Conference Hall, Courier Service, Doctor on Demand, EPABX enabled telephone facility, Fax on Demand, Room Service, Health Club, H/C Running Water, Internet Connection, Laundry Facility, Medical Facilities, Barber Shop, Money Exchange Facility, Newspaper, Car Parking, Post & Telegraph, Power Backup, Railway Station Transfer, Secretarial Service, Safe Box in Room, Shopping Hall, Travel Desk Service.
50. Hotel Shreyas

Location: Near Deccan Gymkhana

Address:
1242 B, Apte Road, Deccan Gymkhana
Pune-411004 India

Accessibility:
Pune Airport: 15 KM, Pune Railway Station: 3 KM, Bus Stand: 4 KM

Location Advantage:
Hotel Shreyas is located in close proximity to shopping centers and bus stand.
Description:
Hotel Shreyas is one of the most sought after budget hotels in Pune. It is located in a peaceful locale, away from the hustle bustle of the city. The hotel provides excellent services and various amenities to provide the best possible comfort to the guests. It is also one of the most happening places in the city for parties, dinner and other activities. For discerning business travelers and holidaymakers, Hotel Shreyas is an ideal destination.

Accommodation at Shreyas Hotel Pune:
Hotel Shreyas offers 48 well-appointed rooms, furnished with modern amenities. All the rooms are equipped with facilities, such as, direct dial telephone, balcony, color television, laundry service, attached bath with hot/cold water, 24 hours rooms service etc.

Restaurants:
Hotel Shreyas has a multi-cuisine restaurant serving the finest Indian, Chinese and Continental cuisines, along with delicious Maharashtra delicacies.

Services at Shreyas Hotel Pune:
H/C Running Water, Badminton, Banquet Hall, Bar, Car Rental Facility, Parking, Carom Board, Music Channel, Chess, Conference Facilities, Courier Service, Telephone, Doctor on Request, Fax on Demand, Free Room Service, Reception, Broadband Facility, Laundry Service, Medical Facilities, Money Changer, Newspaper, Post & Telegraph, Multi-cuisine Restaurant, Safe Box in Room, Cable TV, Standby Generator, Travel Desk Service
5.11) PROFILE OF SELECTED TOURISM COMPANIES: 

THE TRAVEL AGENT

The rapid improvement in industry and technology, practically all aspects of life have become more and more complex.

This is certainly the case in travel industry in which, only a century ago, the job consisted almost of entirely arranging a simple reservation for travelers in some means of transport. Today the functions and the duties of a person at the travel agency have become more and more different and have become more interesting. He is now called upon to do a variety of duties rather than just to issue a ticket reserve accommodation in rail, bus or any other means of transport. Travel is no longer the privilege of the few but is sought by millions. No longer does the travel agency exist for the sole purpose of selling tickets from one point to another.

With the worldwide demands on its services, the travel industry developed among certain well defined lines. The urge to travel became so intense over the years resulting in the widespread growth of the travel agencies all over the world. Most of the travelers wished to have their travel arrangements made in advance to be relieved of the difficulties of coping with various pre-travel arrangements of which they had a very limited knowledge.

The role of the travel agent is vital to the success of the tourism industry as it is the travel agent who is responsible for identifying the traveler`s expectations and ensuring that the destination visited will have the services required at a standard desired by the traveler. On entering a travel
agency, customers are promised knowledge of geography and climate, routing, accommodation, formalities, money saving opportunities etc.

Customers buying from a travel agency would normally pay the same price as they would form the supplier direct, i.e. the same airfare, the same for a bed in a hotel or the same for a sightseeing tour. However, for the customer, the advantages of buying at the travel agency are:

- Can save time and effort
- Can get personalized service
- Can be offered a variety of payment schemes
- Can choose from a vast range of suppliers of services
- Can compare prices of all products on the markets to ensure best value for money
- All travel arrangements can be finalized under one roof.

PROFILE OF A MODERN TRAVEL AGENCY

The scope of functions of a modern travel agency has widened greatly over the years and especially after the introduction of jet air travel. The scope of the activities of a travel agent in context of the modern tourism is as follows “to give advice to the potential tourists on the merits of alternative destination and to make necessary arrangements for a chosen holiday which may involve the booking of accommodation, transport or any other relevant services”.

As the travel agent has accumulated knowledge, expertise and contact with providers of service, he is sometimes useful and sometimes invaluable
intermediary. The retail travel agent provides a direct link between the consumer (traveler) and the suppliers of the tourist services, i.e. airlines, transport companies, hotels, auto-rental companies etc. the retail travel agent is the one who acts on the behalf of a principal i.e. the original provider of tourist services, such as hotel company, an airline, an shipping company, railways or a tour operator. The retail travel sells the principals services and is rewarded by a commission.

The job description of a modern travel agent was summed up in an American magazine in the following words:

1. Preparation of individual and pre-planned itineraries, personally escorted tours and group tours and the sale of prepared package tours.

2. Making arrangement for hotels, motels, resort accommodations, meals, car rentals, sight-seeing and the transfer of passengers and baggage between terminals and hotels, and the special features such as music festivals and theatre tickets.

3. Heading of and advising on the many details involved in the modern day travel e.g. travel and baggage insurance, language study material, travelers cheques, foreign currency exchange, documentary requirements (visas and passports) and health requirements (immunizations and inoculations).

4. Possession of professional knowledge and experience as for instance, schedules of train connections, rates of hotels, their quality, whether rooms have baths, etc. all of this information on which the traveler but for the travel agent will spend days or weeks of endless phone calls. Letters and personal visits.
5. Arrangement of reservations for special interests activities such as religious pilgrimages, conventions and business meeting and sports events.

**Source of Income**

The travel agent’s source of income is the commission which it receives from the various industry principals (suppliers or tour operators). Such commission is generally a fixed percentage of the sales price of the service and is paid to the agent after the service has been sold, usually by deducting the commission from the final payment and forwarding the balance to the principal. In addition to this normal commission, some principals may pay incentive commission to those agents who have exceeded a predetermined sales volume in a given period of time—such commission is also referred to as: over-rides, bonuses or super-commission in some countries. Although commission is the main source of income for most travel agencies, additional income can be derived from other sources as follows:

Commission earned from ancillary services such as travel insurance and charges made for such services as travelers cheques. A commission is paid to the agent on the value of the premium collected. Income earned from the short-term investment of the money received from his customers and deposits and advance payments.

**Mark Up on Tour:**

Profit from the sale of his own tour if he operates as a tour operator. Some travel agencies derive income from providing services to incoming
tourist. This service includes meeting visitors at airports, organizing transfers, car rentals, hotel reservations, sightseeing excursions and/or tours, interpreter and secretarial services and transportation. Reconfirmation of travel information.

**Service Charges:**

For some services the travel agent may charge a supplementary fee to increase his income and to control his costs, example obtaining passports and visas where no commission is payable. A last minute booking which requires special handling and over time hours to complete.

**Representation Fee:**

Tour operators and suppliers are not always able to have branch offices in all cities in different parts of the world but may find that there is sufficient business form a particular region to warrant some representation to generate higher sales. In such a case the tour operator or supplier may appoint a General Sales Agent (GSA), which could be a travel agent, to perform this role.

**5.12) SELECTIVE TRAVEL AGENCIES IN PUNE CITY**

Opening a travel agency is not an easy job as it involves lot of planning and organization. Running a travel agency requires a high degree of specialization and organizational ability. A travel agency may have a very large setup or a limited scope of activities. This will depend on the extent of the people`s participation in the travel activities.
At one end of the scale one can find a small agency with a staff of two or three including the owner manager. This type of agency usually services the need of travelers in a specific area of a community and handles mainly independent vacation travel.

At the end of the agency spectrum is the large enterprise, employing a staff a dozens, often with many branch offices. It deals with more diversified businesses such as sales incentives, ethnic travel, group travel, business travel, but also with independent vacation travel.

However, in every case, a travel agency has to conform to certain requirements in order to be able to conduct its business. These include:

- Having a sound financial record and standing
- Possessing the necessary government license to do business where applicable
- Having adequate premises, accessible to the general public
- Having competent and qualified personnel capable of informing customers on all aspects of the services offered by the agency and able to make reservations and issue the relevant documents
- Being appointed by the principals in order to promote and sell their product and earn commissions of sales
- Ensuring the security of equipment and procedures according to official requirements.

The main divisions or sections which a travel agency or a tour operator would have to include are sales, research and planning, finance and accounts, destination and service and publicity and public relations.
1. **WINGS TRAVELS:**

Wings Travels - Our love of travel and exploring and our dedication to help those who aspire to do the same has carved out for us a prestigious place in the travel industry. The known and unknown wonders of the world wait to be experienced and we are happy to use our expertise to tailor for you the most creative and inventive travel packages for holidays you will never forget. At Wings Travel we streamline your journey and ensure it is a relaxing and fun filled experience, so we take away the hassles and headaches.....

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1. International Tours
2. Domestic Tours
3. Leisure Tours
4. Adventure Tours
5. Business Travel
6. Incentive Tours
7. Pilgrimage Tours

2. **AJIT TOURS & TRAVELS:**

Pune- a historical city from India is now icon on the world map for education, sports, and a hub for information and technology. From this city blessed with culture a common man with full of vision, Shri. Prakash Maruti khule brought a group before society by name “ajit group”. Due to his
blessings and inspiration ajit group immerged in the year 2003. With great courage to serve and explore the nation we step down in the service sector of travel and tourism – having slogan “comfort we serve”. Since then his son shri. Pravin prakash khule is rolling comfort on wheels for the customers by the name ajit travels. Bus ticketing of more then 300 vehicles and buses traveling for and in between 9 states from and around pune is done immediately by way of manual and e-ticketing also. We at ajit travels try to bring together different cultured people from different regions of India, by minimizing the distance between two destinations.

Along with this his mission to make dreams come true of each and every tourist-a new feather was so wren in the hat of ajit group by the name ajit tours. We are trying to bring forward before the world “our unity in diversity”. India is a world itself where you find different cultured people with many different spoken languages but are unit and want the world to be served. In Indian culture visitor is treated as god and as such he is been treated and looked after very carefully with due respect and honour by the host. Exploring the same culture we want to serve the tourist / visitors / foreigners and other visitors as our “attithi devobhawa”.

One of the divisions in Ajit Group where people's dream come true. Ajit Tours organizes national & international tours, tailor made package tours as per customer requirement. Other factors & services required for tour are also provided. Such as Air ticketing, Car rental, Cruise booking, Hotel reservation, Passport / Visa assistance, Railway assistance etc. All the need of travel & tourism is taken care off at Ajit Tours.
Ajit Tours provide following tours:

**Konkan darshan**
all forts and historical places in Konkan belt of Sahyadri, Maharashtra. Such as Mahableshwar / Tapola / Matheran, Aurangabad-Ajantha caves and many more.

Forts: - Raigad, Pratapgad, Murud- Janjira, Sindhudurga

**Konkan places**
Deveagar, Harihareshwar, Murud, Shriwardhan , Ganpatipule, Pawas, Guhagar, Derwan, Parshuram mandir-Chplun, Goa, Malwan, Kolhapur, Amboli, Sawantwadi and all beaches along with them.

**Pilgrimage & historic tours**
Ashtavinayak darshan
Shirdi darshan
Pune darshan
Pandharpure / tuljapur / ganagapur, akalkot, gondawale
Shegaon, paraliyajanath
Barajotirlinga darshan
Balaji darshan
Holistic kashmir
Amarnathji ki yatra
Chardham yatra
Temples in south
As such many more …

**Honeymoon & group tours [national]**
God’s own country – Kerala / Kanyakumari
City of lakes- Haridwar / Nainital / Mussoorie / Kedarnath
Majestic Rajashthan
Eastern India fantacy
Filmi mania - Hyderabad
Blue hills of Nilgiri - Bangalore / Mysore / Ooty / Kodyacanal
Darjelling
Himalayan pleasure – Simla / Kulumanali / Kufri
Paradise kashmir - Jammu / Kashmir / Shrinagar / Sonmarg / Gulmarg /
Delhi / Amritsar

**Group tours [international]**
Royal Nepal
Thailand
Singapore
Malaysia
Enchanting Mauritius
Egypt
Europe
Middle East - Dubai / Sharjha
London
USA
Far East
China
Japan
and many more

Ajit Travels is a pioneer division of Ajit Group. We look after all the traveling need of the customer in India. Ajit Travels provide private bus ticketing to & fro of more than 300 buses, operated by more then 49 bus operators, which travel between more then 9 states of India.

Ajit Travels is a place where you can get all private bus tickets under one roof. It is an authorized private bus booking center duly recognized and licensed by the government. Ajit Travels also takes care of your parcels and cargo. Ajit Travels are authorized cargo & parcels booking agent for Prassanna Cargo, Manmandir Transport Service and Blazflash Courier. Ajit Travels deliver your goods in very less time at your specified destination in the world.
3. SIMAS TRAVELS:

SIMAS, established in 1986, are an Authorized Booking Agency for various tourism departments in India. SIMA is the only authorized booking agency in Pune which offers bookings for Eleven Government Tourism Departments. At SIMAS, we are specialized in catering needs of individuals and help in arranging some exclusive tours. Since inception, SIMAS has built a solid reputation for its service excellence, tourist satisfaction and trustworthiness.

India certainly is a land of dreams and romance… a timeless world of gentle hospitable people. India has timeless charm… its uniqueness lies in the fact that whilst creating a delicate synthesis of various cultures, it has retained its inherent soul. India, land with historical sites, dazzling variety of exotic flora & fauna, legendary forts, dense forests, rivers that offer water adventure sports that will thrill you beyond expectation. Explore India with Simas Travels.

When was the last time you had totally carefree holiday with no bookings to make, no hotels to find, no tickets to buy Simas Travels all-taken-care-of "Entertainment Package Tours" organize everything, so you don't have to do anything. Except enjoy yourself.

Under the table leadership of Mr. Vishwas Kelkar, Simas Travels has grown by leaps and bounds. He was leader of first Indian team for Alpine Climbing at Switzerland. Mr. Kelkar, a veteran mountaineer organized number of mountaineering expeditions in Sahyadri & Himalaya since 1970.
He organized number of adventure camps; snow skiing, white water rafting, scuba diving, trekking, jungle safaris, mountaineering and camping. This camp gives birth to SIMAS (Sahyadri Institute of Mountaineering & Adventure Sports).

Perhaps, Simas Travels is the only travel agency in India representation all major tourism departments under one roof. Simas Travels is Authorized Booking Agent for following tourism departments: Lakshadweep Tourism, Kerala Tourism, Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Ltd, Uttaranchal Tourism, Rajasthan Tourism, Kumoun Manadal Vikas Nigam, Delhi Tourism, Andaman Tourism, Himachal Tourism, Goa Tourism, Gujarat Tourism, U.P. Tourism.

For last 12 years, Simas Travels is generating maximum business for Lakshadweep tourism among all agents. Simas Travels "Entertainment Package Tours" that ensure you get a focused look at the various attractions of India, with all the comfort that you deserve, at most economical price. For you, we have divided the packages into various categories, so it becomes easy for you to decide tours of your interest, be it architecture, arts or crafts, wildlife, adventure or fairs & festivals.

The magic of "Entertainment Package Tours" is further enhanced by the wide choice of accommodation offered by Simas Travels. It ranges from exotic log huts and comfortable lodges to luxury hotels and colonial bungalows. Strategically located, every unit has been built with the visitor in mind. Aesthetically designed & complete with all modern amenities, the main focus is on care & comfort.
4. KESARI:

The trailblazing journey of Kesari began in 1984 with a pledge - “When you make a promise to your guests, honour it.” A firm belief in honest and transparent deals, no hidden costs and no compromise on sight seeing - that's what makes Kesari the first choice of generations of guests. We strive for 100% customer satisfaction and that has earned us immense goodwill.

Divisions:

Kesari has specialized divisions to cater to the needs of all types of travelers; whether it is a guest looking for the safety and security of escorted group tours (Kesari Tours), or someone seeking exclusive customised holidays (Strawberi Holidays) or the business traveler (KMICE). We offer our guests a range of allied travel services such as air ticketing, visa, foreign exchange. Destinations: Kesari today has to its credit a substantial portfolio of holiday destinations, domestic and international. Operating in more than 100 destinations in India and over 1000 destinations Worldwide, spreading across the seven continents. Over 300,000 happy guests have enjoyed the world class standards of service, quality and innovation that Kesari has brought in tourism.

Teamwork:

The backbone of our success - our totally dedicated, hard working team strives for complete guest satisfaction. Our team of 600 travel professionals including 200 Tour Escorts has a way of winning over hearts effortlessly, with their professionalism and warmth. Tour Escorts: Our friendly, professional and destination savvy tour escorts add to your tour
experiences with their impeccable manners, personal touch and caring attitude. **Network:** Kesari has created a seamless network of offices that are equipped with the company's sophisticated in-house reservation package, ensuring that information is readily available online. Our services are also offered through our network of over 75 preferred sales agents all over Maharashtra. **Products and Services:** Totally honest policy, excellent service and perfect tour planning are the hallmarks of our success. We have perfected our tour itineraries to meet the special needs of the discerning tourist.

5. **THOMAS COOK:**

Thomas Cook (India) Ltd. is the largest integrated Travel and Travel related Financial Services Company in the country offering a broad spectrum of services that include Foreign Exchange, Corporate Travel, Leisure Travel, and Insurance. The Company launched its Indian operations in 1881 and is celebrating its 127 years of world-class service in India. Thomas Cook (India) operates in the following areas of business, namely:

- Leisure Travel
- Corporate Travel Management
- MICE, Foreign Exchange
- SWIFT Network
- Travel Insurance
- Credit Cards
- Pre-Paid Cards
- Life Insurance and E-Business
Post March 31st 2008, Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL) is a part of Thomas Cook Group plc UK (TCG). On March 7th 2008, TCG announced its decision to acquire TCIL from Dubai Investment Group. Thomas Cook Group plc is one of the largest travel groups in the world with a market capitalization of approximately US$6 Billion. In June 2006, Thomas Cook (India) acquired LKP Forex Limited and Travel Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd. (TCI).

TCIL presently operates in over 72 cities across over 180 locations. The company has overseas operations in Sri Lanka which is a branch of TCIL and Mauritius which is a subsidiary of Thomas Cook (India). The Company employs over 2,200 resources and is listed on both the Bombay Stock Exchange as well as the National Stock Exchange.

Thomas Cook (India), over the years has received several prestigious awards such as the Golden Peacock Award for excellence in Corporate Governance and the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Golden Award for Best Travel. Recently, the Company won the Best Tour Operator at the CNBC Awaaz Travel Awards 2008 and was also accredited the P1 rating which is the highest financial rating given by Crisil.

In 1841, young Thomas Cook arranged an 11-mile train journey for a motley group of passengers from Leicester to Southborough. And it marked the beginning of a chapter in history. He went on to introduce a railway tour of Europe. But it wasn't until the early 1860s that he began the travel firm, Thomas Cook & Son, which included tours of the USA. The Company also started operations for military transport and postal services for England and Egypt during the 1880s. The world got around and by the early 1900s, the
who's who of the era - kings, politicians, bishops and professors - patronised Thomas Cook's travel itinerary.

As the years passed by, the Company introduced the world to a whole new concept of leisure and business travel. Driving innovation in the business, it connected continents and presented the people an economic and state mode of travel across them.

In 1881, Thomas Cook started its India operations, with its first office being set up in Mumbai. As it expanded its horizons across the subcontinent, the Company came to be known as Thomas Cook Overseas Ltd. And on 21st October 1978, it was christened Thomas Cook (India) Ltd, only to make its first public issue in February 1983. In the year 2000, the Group commenced its operations in Mauritius and also acquired the Sri Lanka business from Thomas Cook Overseas Ltd, UK.

Thomas Cook (India), over the years has received several prestigious awards such as the Golden Peacock Award for excellence in Corporate Governance and the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Golden Award for Best Travel. Recently, the Company also won the Best MICE Operator Award and was also accredited the P1 rating which is the highest financial rating given by Crisil.

6. **RS TOURISM:**

RS Tourism was founded by Mr. Mohan Phadnis and Mr. Rohit Phadnis. The promoters of RS Tourism are in service industry for the last 15 years and well aware of Hospitality. Our Vision is to be the most admired
and successful Travel Solution provider in India by meeting and exceeding our customers’ expectations of services and to set higher standards for others to follow.

RS Tourism is committed towards satisfied customers and business associates with continual improvement of Products, Processes and Services.

7. **SAHYADRI AGRI TOURISM:**

As one of the leading agricultural alliance we at Sahyadri Agri Truism have started this unique concept of agri tourism under the guidance of Maharashtra State Agri and Rural Tourism Corporation (MART). Agri tourism is a smooth stimulation of agriculture and tourism, where tourists can come and enjoy the farmer’s existence. People are able to visit the farms to watch various crops cultivated in farms. This pollution free natural habitat certainly brings you and you’re families close to the refreshing nature where you can take pleasure of celebrating and cherish rural traditions. You can buy fresh delicious vegetables, fruits and various agricultural products. Come and experience the most anticipated lifestyle of a farmer in the presence of Mother Nature.

Sahyadri Agri Tourism is a life time tourism experience where we presence the real Mharashtrien hospitality along with fresh food directly from our farms. You can also experience and enjoy few infancy activities like climbing on a tree, riding on the bullock cart, a morning walk all the way through lush green hill tops. Participate in various agricultural activates like sowing food grain, cutting and harvesting crops, watering farms,
plowing etc... We are very sure this will be a unique life time experience for the metropolitan people. This tourism experience is a priceless event in your life that, even a million dolor package cannot provide.

The group, who reached at the age of 50s and above, have experienced the traditional ways of managing agricultural business, but today’s new generation is totally unaware of these ancient traditions. These age old traditions are changed quite a lot but their ancestry is still exists in the rural areas. We are taking this opportunity to help you educate the next generation about the agricultural activities along with fun and rejuvenating tourist packages.

**Enjoy and Entertain with Family:**

Agri Tourism is an opportunity for all age group to come together and enjoy the super natural environment and freshness in the farms. We provide economical tours to kids, younger people, and all age groups. Come with families to experience the our foodstuff, fashion and natural treasure.

**Healthy and Invigorate Place:**

Techno-savvy and competitive life style have influence lot of stress on day today metropolitan life style. Relive your stress full life at Shaihaydri Agri which let you come closer to the nature and experience your oneness to peace and prosperity. Here you will see and get knowledge about the Aurvedic medicine and plats. The area is surrounds with lush green landscapes and high hills of the great Sahyadri mountain range.
8. GIRIKAND TRAVEL:

Girikand set foot in the field of Travel and Tourism in 1977. What began as an urge to share the varied experiences of the world with customers has taken the shape of a responsible and trusted name in travel, respected all over the world. Girikand has adapted to the needs of the tourists and has developed its capabilities to serve tourists and business travelers alike.

We organize FIT and GIT tours to destinations within India and around the world. We are the top sellers for many properties at exotic destinations, and the preferred agent for many for Maharashtra. We are one of the most trusted names for Honey Moon Holidays. We are the largest retail ticketing agent in Maharashtra.

We have earned the trust of a number of large corporate houses and shoulder their travel responsibilities.

We have an independent department dedicated to documentation like passports, visas, foreign exchange and insurance. We are on the approved list of many leading countries for submission of Visa documents.

We are one of the largest Inbound Tour Operator and our clients trust us as we invest heavily in updating ourselves on the current happenings across the country and the new products available there.

Our sister concern Girikand Holidays Pvt Ltd deals with the Car and Coach Hire business with the same passion and dedication. We work in all the
departments of these services like Spot rental services, complete logistics services for Corporate Employees and Monthly rental services.

9. **TAMARIND TOURS:**

Tamarind Tours is a focused Destination Management Company based in India, offering inbound services for leisure and corporate travel. We specialize in meticulously crafted personalized itineraries for individuals, groups, incentives, and conferences. The company offers varied travel related solutions to international clients from the Middle East, Far East, East Africa, South Africa, Mauritius, Australia, UK, USA and to clients from all over India.

**Overview of Services:**

- Hotel reservations in India and across the globe
- Chauffeur driven transport services
- Designing and customizing holiday packages in India
- Meet and assist facilities at airports
- **Turnkey Logistics for:**
  - Corporate offsite meetings
  - Conferences, Meetings, Incentive Travel
  - Training programs
  - Events, Weddings

From Agra to Aurangabad and Kashmir to Kovalam, Tamarind Tours is your window to India. At any time, at any destination, our aim is to provide a custom designed trip, with excellent services and at the best possible price. Our attention to detail comes with years of experience. Tamarind Tours
focuses on individually crafted holiday concepts that combine elements from the rich repertoire that India has to offer. We realise that the same cookie cutter plans don't work for every individual FIT or every group. Our tailor made packages are constructed with each client’s specific requirements in mind: their choice of destination, length of the tour, budget constraints and personal preferences. Every package we design is one of a kind, because every client is one of a kind. Put your feet up, as we create the travel experience you've dreamed of.

Tamarind Tours organizes everything from meetings, incentives, conferences, product launches, seminars, award ceremonies, team building programmes, theme events and film production venues. We assist with the selection of venue, choice of catering, entertainment, thematic and floral decoration, hospitality and public relations, travel and transportation, hotels, sightseeing tours and event management. We also provide travel related solutions to corporate on a highly individualized basis. Tamarind Tours has launched fully fledged Wedding Management Services, comprising a dedicated team to handle the complexities that go with the planning of a wedding- with efficiency, sensitivity and attention to every minor detail. Our team has successfully orchestrated some of the biggest and most complex weddings with perfect coordination and execution, and was the single point of contact for all the vendors, including event managers and caterers.

10. **VOYAGER TRAVELS:**

Voyager Travel builds long-term strategic partnerships with our clients. This is best demonstrated by our extensive list of clients who have been with
us for many years.” Voyager Travel is a uniquely placed mid-sized travel management company. Formed in 1973 Voyager Travel has over eighty highly experienced staff supported by advanced technology, state-of-the-art communication links, and national and global alliances.

Our growth has been driven by our commitment to clients through the outstanding provision of corporate, leisure and conference services. In a dynamic and ever changing industry such as travel, it is imperative to have a distinct competitive advantage that correlates to the times. Voyager Travel has been able to build an outstanding reputation by adapting to the times and excelling in the fundamentals of the service industry.

Personal, informative and pro-active service has been the foundation of our success. Since 2004 our company has enjoyed tremendous growth in new business. However the greatest testimony to the service provided by Voyager Travel is the retention of clients and staff. Both levels are way above industry averages and speak volumes to our commitment.

11. PALANDE TOURISM:

Palande Tourism is a group company of ‘Palande’. Palande Tourism which started its operations in October 2005 in Pune gained trust of its clients within a short period due to Reliable, Speedy and Trustworthy services. The Services provided by Palande Tourism includes International & Domestic Honeymoon Packages, Family Packages, International & Domestic Air ticketing, Worldwide Hotel Booking, Travel Insurance, Foreign Exchange Assistance, Car Rentals, Passport and VISA assistance
etc. Successful completion of 2 years and continuous growth was possible only because of the trust and support by our Individual and Corporate clients.

We are specialized in Honeymoon Tour Packages. We have over 100 honeymoon couples, more than 150 families who joyfully enjoyed their tours thru our services. Also more than 1000 people have traveled in the air through us. Palande Tourism provides safe, reliable Car rental services with Tavera, Innova, Indica, Indigo, Ford Icon and Buses as well. In the span of 2 years, over 500 persons have taken assistance for their Passport over 100 for their VISA of different countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, UK, Australia, Germany, Japan, Russia etc.

12. PUGMARKS HOLIDAYS:

PUGMARKS offers cherish able camping experience to youngsters in wildlife, trekking and adventure. Pugmarks follow the principles of eco tourism, being sensitive to environment and ensuring that the locals benefit in the process.

Over the years, the promoters have conducted tours extensively in India, bringing the joy of exploration to a large cross section of society. They have chaperoned school students, escorted families as well as professional groups to a variety of destinations, from the snow clad mountains of Himalayas to the coral islands of Lakshadweep and from the estuaries of Sunderbans to the
deserts of Rann of Kutch. This vast experience enables PUGMARKS to offer unique itineraries to their clients.

These itineraries are carefully worked out to cover an amazing mixture of heritage sites, wildlife sanctuaries and spectacular landscapes. Besides laying great emphasis on basic facilities like clean accommodation, good food, comfortable transport, PUGMARKS goes out of their way in making the tour truly enjoyable. Expert resource persons accompany the tour, providing a keen insight into the art, culture and history of the destination. Wildlife excursion open a window on the most astonishing world- a brilliant butterfly, an exotic orchid, a crouching predator - - -

On the camps, the elements of excitement, fun, friendship and learning are superbly mixed to provide a memorable experience. The camps help all round development of youngsters building up confidence, imbibing values, enhancing personality.

Pugmarks is professionally managed by a team of dedicated individuals who have years of field experience. It is the love for nature that binds them together. Come share their experience of great outdoors.

13. ASHOK TRAVELS & TRADE CORPORATION:

ASHOK TRAVELS & TRADE CORPORATION are in the business of bringing the world closer so that you can see it, experience it and discover its beauty in every aspect. We do this by designing holidays which along with showcasing the world give you the most authentic feel of amazing
destinations & exotic Locations. Led by Mr. Ashok Lalchandani, a stalwart in the Travel industry, Ashok Travels & Trade Corporation is a name to reckon with and has a loyal list of travelers that trust both our services and our amazing tours from the past two & half decades.

Services:

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

We give you ticketing facilities from major international airlines like, Air India, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Delta, Emirates Airlines, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines, KLM / Northwest Airlines, Air France, etc. and we also ensure that you get the best possible deals.

Indian TRAVEL

Apart of doing international airlines, we also do ticketing for all the revered airlines that rule the Indian Skies, Viz. Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, Sahara, Air India, Indian airlines, Indigo, Jet airways, Jetlite, Go air, Spice jet etc.. Our reputation and goodwill in the market enables us to book tickets even on the shortest of notices.

VISA

We take away all your worries and anxieties and try & help you in every possible way. Take for instance our visa assistance cell that takes care of procuring your visas from any consulate, whether in New Delhi or Mumbai.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE
You will face no problems even while converting your money into foreign currency. Through proper channels of authorized moneychangers, the arrangement for your foreign currency can be made.

PASSPORTS

Our flexibility and versatility is also apparent through our services for passport related issues. We take care of everything, right from submission of application forms and renewals to other miscellaneous services.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We are basically an all-around travels services provider. We say that because apart from all the above services we provide, we also provide travel insurance policies from ICICI Lombard, Bajaj Allianz & Tata AIG, which ensure a relaxed and secure travel.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We have used our expertise to offer you the best of hotel room reservations through our holiday division, both in India and abroad. Our exhaustive database for destinations, transport & other travel facilities, help us in providing you with the best of deals on offer.

CONDUCTED TOURS

Our most experienced tour escorts take you on amazing trips at your chosen destinations and show you places of such pristine beauty, it’s unbelievable. From a well planned itinerary to all travel arrangements, everything is set according to your convenience because we value your time and money.
CONFERENCES & ELITE TOURS

A special tour can be designed for those who want to pack in maximum action in minimum time. This package is meant for busy professionals who can at the most take a short break but hardly ever a fully fledged vacation. It usually covers 2-3 places of interest, with the singular motive of “express” travel, maximum leisure & entertainment and accommodation at the finest hotels.

HONEYMOON PACKAGES

Our honeymoon packages are all about togetherness and precious moments to cherish throughout life. Designed to maintain utmost privacy, these tours are truly special because they give you ample time by yourself, arrange stays in the most amazing locations and create a blissful holiday for you. Just check out our packages and truly feel in love.

14. SMIT HOLIDAYS:

'Smit Holidays', is among the fastest growing companies in providing professional travel and touring solutions to guests in India. Established in the year 2000 by Mr. Ganesh Shinde having an experience of more than a decade in the similar industry. Our company provides luxurious service apartments, cars on rental basis, tour packages, bus services and national and international air ticketing services. We are well supported by a fleet of luxurious cars, coaches and competent staff to give our guests a pleasurable holiday experience. In order to make the holidaying experience of our guests more pleasurable, we have the services of experienced city guides. Our
company has the relevant experience and expertise to deliver tour packages, air ticketing and service apartments at competitive rates. We offer to our guests a wide range of customized travel and tour related services covering famous tourist spots & places of historical interest.

15. **B.G. TOURS & TRAVELS:**

BG tours are proud to say that our specialist team dealing in groups work in this type where students attend exhibitions, seminars, manufacturing research institutes in other parts then the native. To provide best quality arrangement at optimum rates is our motto and we emphasize on study part for the accompanying student fetchers. Standard accommodate, good transportation and quality food with our personal attention make our every tour a success.

16. **BHAGYASHRI TRAVELS:**

Today breaking from a mundane life routine to replenish energy is something people look forward to. Moreover a tour away from home is always refreshing. It can be an excellent excuse to spend some quality time with family and friends. A tour can not only be a relaxing experience but also an opportunity to see places of historical and religious importance. Fortunately our world has places which offer plenty of diversity for the same.
With Bhagyashri we understand this. We realize this, and sincerely try to make all the provisions and arrangements that would make your tour a complete fulfillment of the expectations. Our commitment, availability of resources and sincere efforts make your tour a real pleasure trip. We have an experience of more than 29 years to our credit and total satisfaction of more than 20,000 families who have travelled with us. We have at our own office the ambience and resources, state-of-the-art amenities and quality services which would cause you to approach us. Whenever you require our services, our highly experienced Directors and staff are accustomed to provide quality service up to the utmost satisfaction of our clients. Not only we are authorized by the Indian Railways but also recognized by IATA, TAFI, IATO, GOI and MSTOA. We believe that you would approach us with great expectations and we assure you that all arrangements right up to back home are well taken care of. Arrangements for your stay are made in Star Hotels, sightseeing arranged by AC coaches. We take care of your food (Indian) wherever possible. We are certain that from our specialized packages you would find one just right for your needs. I assure, your journey with us will be comfortable, enjoyable and a memorable one.

17. **PEACOOK TRAVWORD:**

Established in the year 2007, at Pune, Maharashtra (India), we “Peacock Travel world”, are one of the leading companies offering complete travel and tour services. These are designed to meet the requirements of ticketing services like air ticketing services, rail ticketing services, bus ticketing
services, car rental, international tour packages, domestic tour packages bookings and hotel bookings.

18. **PRAKRTI TRAVELS:**

PRAKRTI tours and travels are one of the leading travel companies based out of Pune. Air tickets, Railways bookings, Passport & Visa related services for corporate and individuals. Please contact us for assistance with your travel plans.

19. **SIAMA TRAVELS:**

Saima Travels focus has always been on the quality of our people, and this has been the key to our success and growth. Highly experienced and knowledgeable senior managers and executives with proven track records are employed to manage our operations and spearhead new business development projects. Our insistence on service excellence and attention to detail distinguishes every facet of our business - a difference our clients notice immediately.

Our growth plan covers all aspects of the travel industry. By selectively investing in specific products and creating an exceptional customer experience, we are able to secure a competitive advantage in all our market segments. We are strengthening our position through close cooperation with key industry partners, such as travel-related associations, national tourist organizations, airlines and hoteliers. Saima Travels is a one-stop shop, where
we offer complete range of travel related services including:

Corporate Travel Services: Saima Travels manages the travel budgets of several domestic and global companies. The company aims to assist in managing, controlling and reducing the corporate travel expenses. We use a co-partner & consultative approach with our esteemed customers in order to ensure they derive maximum value. This is achieved through detailed analysis of their travel related requirements, agreeing travel processes, undertaking better buying initiatives and devising and delivering a complete value proposition solution. SaimaTravels provides complete travel services which includes - ticketing, transportation, hotel reservation, foreign exchange, travel insurance, passport and visa assistance, airport services etc.

Corporate Events and MICE: SaimaTravels actively organizes Meetings, Incentive Tours, Conferences, Conventions and other corporate events, both in India and overseas. The company has a special cell that exclusively focuses on MICE and handles the programs of corporate.

Foreign Exchange Service: Saima Travels provides foreign exchange services for persons traveling overseas on leisure and business and to provide encashment services for inbound travelers in India. The range of foreign exchange products includes Foreign Currency Notes, American Express Travelers Cheques and Pre-Paid Cards in all major global currencies.

International Tours (Outbound): Saima Travels Holidays represent customized, premium holidays that promise and ensures unforgettable experiences. The company crafts holidays that provide extraordinary,
magical and life changing experiences. It helps people create unbreakable bonds with their family thus making their life more fulfilling.

Outbound leisure travel is one of the Group's strategic business units. We offer total flexibility in accommodation, mode of transport, sightseeing, choice of carriers and departure dates. Our wide range of travel products and strong representation in many parts of Asia make us as one of the important player. In addition to direct retailing, our products are distributed through a network of marketing intermediaries. With our high volume, we are able to pass on cost savings to our customers through better pricing and value-added services.

Domestic Indian Holidays (Inbound): Saima Travels is a leading independent tour operator. The company customizes holidays for domestic travelers and tourists traveling into India, in addition to handling the ground operations for individuals, groups and charters. We offer our clients proficient planning capability on ground arrangements for individual and group travel. What distinguishes us is our complete network and affiliated offices throughout Asia, which enhances our performance and enables us to provide a level of quality and optimum control that is second to none.

Travel Insurance: Saima Travels has tie ups with Insurance Companies for providing instant travel insurance for overseas travel.

Destination Management: Saima Travels Destination Management division offers expert ground handling arrangements throughout Asia. Our experience and in-depth knowledge of the destinations form the foundation of our extensive selection of services and tour programs. These include meet
and greets, accommodations, sightseeing tours, lifestyle packages, regional tours, multilingual tour guides and transportation.

20. **TUSHAR TRAVELS:**

Established in the year 2005, at Pune, Maharashtra (India), we “TUSHAR TRAVELS”, are one of the leading companies offering complete travel and tour services. These are designed to meet the requirements of ticketing services like air ticketing services, rail ticketing services, bus ticketing services, car rental, international tour packages, domestic tour packages bookings and hotel bookings.

21. **TRAVEL SMART:**

TRAVEL SMART is the largest integrated Travel and Travel related Financial Services Company in the country offering a broad spectrum of services that include Foreign Exchange, Corporate Travel, Leisure Travel, and Insurance.

22. **ANUBHAV HOLIDAYS PV LTD:**

ANUBHAV HOLIDAYS PV LTD tours and travels are one of the leading travel companies based out of Pune. Air tickets, Railways bookings, Passport & Visa related services for corporate and individuals. Please contact us for assistance with your travel plans.
23. **LIFE LINE HOLIDAY HOMES LTD:**

LIFE LINE HOLIDAY HOMES LTD is a group company of ‘LIFE LINE HOLIDAY HOMES LTD’. LIFE LINE HOLIDAY HOMES LTD which started its operations in October 2005 in Pune gained trust of its clients within a short period due to Reliable, Speedy and Trustworthy services. The Services provided by LIFE LINE HOLIDAY HOMES LTD includes International & Domestic Honeymoon Packages, Family Packages, International & Domestic Air ticketing, Worldwide Hotel Booking, Travel Insurance, Foreign Exchange Assistance, Car Rentals, Passport and VISA assistance etc.

24. **CLASSIC HOLIDAYS:**

Classic Travel Shoppe Pvt. Ltd is one the leading travel company and one of the biggest consolidators for the Travel Trade in Pune (India) since 1997 we are branded as CLASSIC HOLIDAYS and are known for honest pricing, transparency and world class holidays in India and worldwide.

At Classic Holidays, classic holidays know just how to transform your heart’s desire into your dream holidays. We have done it for years and for thousands of travelers, combining great destinations, stunning sightseeing, and the exquisite hotels for the ultimate in luxury. At Classic Holidays every detail is taken care of, so that you are free to experience and enjoy your dream holidays.
Classic holidays believe in not only giving you stress free holidays but also plan your holidays in the best possible way as the hotel and resort we select are amongst the best in their respective categories in terms of comfort and pricing.

25. PEARL TRAVELS:

Pearl Travels founded in 1992 has grown to become a major wholesaler of land arrangements globally. Operating from UK and India we are able to offer a larger window of opportunity to serve our trade clients better in Asia, Europe and North America.

Our clientele, ranging from retail travel agents, tour operators and regional wholesalers, is spread across 35 countries. As a F.I.T. and M.I.C.E. specialist we are able to offer tailor made itinerary modules to suit every budget and requirement.

With the advent of the Internet technology we have successfully managed to harness the strengths of technology and human interface to create an exact balance of both resources in a manner to offer the best user friendly working environment for clients, suppliers and team members.

26. DEVAM TOURS & TRAVELS:

devam tours and travels are one of the leading travel companies based out of Pune. Air tickets, Railways bookings, Passport & Visa related services
for corporate and individuals. Please contact us for assistance with your travel plans.

27. SAI RAJ TOURS & TRAVELS:

SAI RAJ TOURS & TRAVELS is the largest integrated Travel and Travel related Financial Services Company in the country offering a broad spectrum of services that include Foreign Exchange, Corporate Travel, Leisure Travel, and Insurance.

28. SAI TOURS & TRAVELS:

SAI TOURS & TRAVELS is a group company of ‘SAI TOURS & TRAVELS’. SAI TOURS & TRAVELS which started its operations in October 2005 in Pune gained trust of its clients within a short period due to Reliable, Speedy and Trustworthy services. The Services provided by SAI TOURS & TRAVELS includes International & Domestic Honeymoon Packages, Family Packages, International & Domestic Air ticketing, Worldwide Hotel Booking, Travel Insurance, Foreign Exchange Assistance, Car Rentals, Passport and VISA assistance etc.

29. KRISHNA TRAVELS:

Krishna travels was founded on 23March 2005 with a vision of providing people with a best quality of travel arrangements at best rates. At
Krishna Travels we are passionately committed to continual delivery of value added services. We uphold the highest ethical standards and believe in creating new benchmarks in the industry. To make our services far more better people at Krishna Travels are consistently trying to make different & attractive travel packages. We are joining hands with various travel companies, Hotels, Airlines, Transportation companies etc to bring more value to what we provide & promote in Market.

30. KUMBHAKAR TRAVELS:

Established in the year 2007, at Pune, Maharashtra (India), we “KUMBHAKAR TRAVELS”, are one of the leading companies offering complete travel and tour services. These are designed to meet the requirements of ticketing services like air ticketing services, rail ticketing services, bus ticketing services, car rental, international tour packages, domestic tour packages bookings and hotel bookings.

31. M R TRAVELS:

Mr. Travel is your travel expert for a one-stop-shopping experience online. Receive destination expertise, discounted hotel rates, all-in-one package deals and exclusive specials and promotions. Discover the perfect vacation with peace of mind, book with Mr. Travel today.