

# Stargazing Pune at Velhe

🕒 Overnight

## Overview

### Stargazing Pune Event Near Pune

Tucked away in the breathtaking Sahyadri mountains, Astrocamp Pune is more than just a stargazing retreat—it's a gateway to the wonders of the universe. Picture yourself under a vast, unpolluted night sky, where the stars shine brilliantly, and the mysteries of space come to life. Here, science and stardust intertwine, offering an awe-inspiring experience for anyone who has ever marveled at the cosmos.

Whether you're a budding astronomer with a telescope, a space enthusiast eager to explore the universe, or simply someone who finds peace beneath a star-lit sky, Astrocamp Pune promises an unforgettable journey. Witness distant galaxies, nebulae, and planets through powerful telescopes, participate in hands-on astronomy workshops, and deepen your knowledge with expert-led sessions.

### Pune Stargazing Event Costing

#### Without Transport (coming by your own vehicle)

- Adult without Transport: Rs. 1800/- per person
- Kid without Transport: Rs. 1300/- per person



### With Transport (Shared transport from Swargate)

- Adult with Transport: Rs. 2350/- per person
- Kid with Transport: Rs. 1850/- per person

### Stargazing Pune Event Details:

- **Location:** Velhe (Just a 2-hour drive from Pune)
- **Camping:** Tent stay with foam sheets provided
- **Stargazing & Observations:** View the Moon, planets, galaxies, and more through telescopes
- **Fun & Activities:** Engaging games and interactive experiences
- **Safety First:** Sanitized stay with social distancing measures
- **Delicious Meals:** Homely vegetarian Jain food, breakfast, and snacks
- **Clean Facilities:** Hygienic Western-style washrooms
- **Age Group:** 8+ years (Ideal for parents and kids)

### Stargazing Activities Include:

- Guided stargazing sessions with advanced telescopes
- Observation of the planetary alignment featuring Mars, Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn
- Educational discussions on constellations, the North Star, star clusters, nebulae, and more
- Outdoors experience with bonfire and storytelling
- Astrophotography opportunities
- Introduction to constellations (Naked Eye Astronomy)
- Viewing planets, clusters, nebulae, and galaxies through advanced telescope
- Astronomy games for interactive learning
- Slideshow: "Understanding the Wonders of the Universe"
- Hands-on telescope session to learn about using your own telescope

### Stargazing near Pune Itinerary

**05:00 PM** – Arrival at campsite & welcome

**05:30 PM** – Refreshing tea & snacks

**06:00 PM** – Tent setup activity

**06:30 PM** – Introduction to Astronomical Telescopes

**07:00 PM** – Planet observations & naked-eye spotting of satellites



**07:30 PM** – Introduction to Astronomy & Stargazing  
**09:00 PM** – Telescopic deep-sky observations  
**10:00 PM** – Dinner under the stars  
**11:00 PM** – Basics of Astrophotography  
**12:00 AM** – Midnight tea break  
**12:30 AM** – Late-night sky exploration session  
**02:00 AM** – Advanced telescopic observations  
**02:30 AM** – Campfire, fun games & activities  
**04:00 AM** – Lights out & rest  
**07:00 AM** – Wake-up call  
**08:00 AM** – Morning tea & breakfast  
**09:00 AM** – Departure from campsite

## Self-Travel Details:

**Location:** Campsite details will be shared a day prior

**Road Conditions:** 95% smooth, with a short rough patch

Prepare for a night of cosmic wonders, adventure, and unforgettable memories! ✨🌌

## Understanding Stargazing:

Stargazing allows individuals to connect with the cosmos, observing celestial bodies that have inspired humanity for centuries. Away from urban light pollution, the night sky near Pune offers a clear view of stars, planets, and deep-sky objects. This event provides an opportunity to learn about:

- **Constellations:** Recognize patterns of stars and understand the myths associated with them.
- **The North Star (Polaris):** Learn to locate this pivotal star and comprehend its significance in navigation.
- **Star Clusters:** Observe groups of stars bound by gravity, such as the Pleiades, and discuss their characteristics.



- **Nebulae:** View immense clouds of gas and dust where stars are born, understanding their role in the universe.

### Why Participate?

- **Educational Enrichment:** Gain insights into astronomy with expert-led sessions, enhancing your understanding of the night sky.
- **Unique Observation Opportunity:** Witness the planetary alignment, a phenomenon that offers a rare chance to see multiple planets together.
- **Nature Immersion:** Escape urban life and immerse yourself in the tranquility of nature, fostering relaxation and mindfulness.
- **Community Engagement:** Connect with fellow astronomy enthusiasts, share experiences, and build lasting memories.

## Inclusions

- Stargazing Expertise Charges
- Meals: 3 Tea + Breakfast + Snacks + Homely Dinner
- Camping: Shared tent stay (3-4 people per tent) + Campsite Entry Fee
- Optional: 2-Person Tent available for ₹400 extra per tent
- Shared travel from Swargate (with transport option)

## Exclusions

- Any food or beverages included in the itinerary.
- Lunch on day 1
- Any transportation (without transport option)



## Highlights

- Water bottle
- Mask compulsory
- Sanitizer
- Shoes
- Warm clothes, blanket, Head cap to protect from extreme cold weather.
- Personal Torch and medicine (if any)
- Mosquito repellent cream
- Anything to munch during the stay
- Extra cloths

## Itinerary

### Important Note:

- Nights can be below 10°C in winter—carry warm clothes.
- No smoking or drinking allowed.
- Weather conditions (rain/clouds) are beyond our control.
- Cancellations (due to extreme weather) will be notified via email/WhatsApp by 11 A.M. on the event day.

### Advisory:

- Schedule may change due to sky conditions or travel time.
- No littering—keep the campsite clean.
- Participants are responsible for their safety & belongings.
- Organizers may modify or cancel plans without prior notice.
- Refunds only if the event is canceled by organizers.