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Stargazing Camping Dehene Asangaon

Overnight

Overview

About Stargazing Camping at Dehne, Asangaon

You can do some stargazing in Mumbai. The Moon, bright planets like Jupiter and Saturn, and a handful of the brightest stars shine through the city glow. But to see the Milky Way, meteor showers and thousands of stars, you need properly dark skies, and that means leaving the city.

Dehne (also spelled Dehene) is one of the best places for stargazing near Mumbai. It's a small village in Shahapur taluka, Thane district, about an hour by jeep from Asangaon station. It's ringed by hills, and mobile signal drops out about 5 km before the campsite, so you're far from city lights. Our camps run on weekends, timed around the new moon where possible, when the sky is darkest.

Event Details: Stargazing Camp near Mumbai

- **Location:** Dehne village, near Asangaon (Shahapur, Thane district)
- **Duration:** Overnight, Saturday afternoon to Sunday morning
- **Difficulty:** Low endurance, suitable for all ages
- **What you'll do:**
    - Naked-eye stargazing under dark skies
    - Telescope viewing of planets, star clusters and nebulae
    - Constellation sessions with an expert guide

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    - Astrophotography sessions
    - Tented camping under the stars
- Group size: 40
- All ages can join
- Male - Female ratio: 7:3

Cost for Dehne Stargazing

Option 1: Without transport (you reach the Dehne campsite on your own by 4:00 PM)

- Adult (above 8 years): ₹1,999 per person
- Child (4 to 8 years): ₹1,799 per person

Option 2: With transport (jeep from Asangaon station to Dehne and back)

- Adult (above 8 years): ₹2,399 per person
- Child (4 to 8 years): ₹2,199 per person

Event Itinerary: Stargazing & Camping near Mumbai

Day 1 (Saturday): Travel, Camp Setup and Stargazing

Getting to Asangaon by train
Take the fast local from CSMT. You can board at whichever station is closest to you:

- CSMT: 1:13 PM
- Byculla: 1:20 PM
- Dadar: 1:26 PM
- Kurla: 1:33 PM
- Ghatkopar: 1:37 PM
- Thane: 1:53 PM
- Dombivli: 2:09 PM
- Kalyan: 2:19 PM
- **Asangaon: 2:54 PM (arrive)**

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Missing this train means missing the camp, so please be on time.

At camp

- **3:00 PM:** Meet the group at Asangaon station and take the jeeps to Dehne village (about 1 hour).
- **4:00 PM:** Reach the Dehne campsite. *Coming on your own? This is when you need to arrive.*
- **5:00 PM:** Tea, then pitch your tents.
- **6:00 PM:** Watch the sunset.
- **7:00 PM:** Night sky orientation: learn how to find your way around the sky.
- **7:30 PM:** Constellation session: the stories and science behind the star patterns.
- **8:30 PM:** Telescope viewing: planets, star clusters and more.
- **9:30 PM:** Dinner under the open sky.
- **10:30 PM:** Free time to chat, try astrophotography, and keep using the telescopes.

Day 2 (Sunday): Late-Night Sky, Dawn Session and Return

- **1:00 AM:** Late-night tea break.
- **2:00 AM:** Q&A session: ask the instructor anything about the night sky. After that, rest in your tent.
- **4:45 AM:** Wake up for the morning sky session:
    - Watch the sky change from night to dawn
    - Spot the last constellations with the naked eye
    - Get close-up telescope views of whatever is still visible
- **6:30 AM:** Session ends. Tea and snacks.
- **10:00 AM:** Pack up and check out.
- **11:00 AM:** Reach Asangaon station (Option 2). Trip ends.

Important Notes

Weather

- If the sky is cloudy, the event still goes ahead, with a campfire and an astronomy information session instead.

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- What you can see depends on the weather and on which objects are in the sky that night.
- There are no refunds or postponements because of cloudy or rainy weather.

Stay

- Solo travellers are allotted tents as per gender, so solo male and female travellers stay in separate tents.
- Couples are allotted the same tent.
- Groups booking together share tents with each other.

Travel and refunds

- You can board the same train at whichever station is most convenient for you.
- Missing the train means missing the camp, and no refund will be given.
- If you arrive late or can't make it, no refund will be given.

What Awaits You

A night far from city lights, with telescopes, an expert guide and a sky full of stars. Whether you've never looked through a telescope or you're a seasoned stargazer, you'll go home knowing the night sky far better than when you arrived.

Coming on Your Own?

If you've booked without transport:

- **Arrival:** Reach the Dehne campsite by 4:00 PM.
- **Location:** We'll send you the exact Google Maps pin once your booking is confirmed.
- **Meeting point:** Our trek leader or local host will meet you at the campsite.
- **Updates:** We'll add you to a WhatsApp group for coordination and updates.

No Mobile Network at the Campsite

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There's no mobile signal at the campsite, and it usually drops about 5 km before you arrive. So before you set off:

- Save the campsite location or download the map for offline use.
- If you're running late, message the WhatsApp group while you still have signal.
- Let your family know you'll be out of reach for the night.

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Itinerary

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Day 1

Day 1 - Stargazing Camping near Mumbai Dehene

Dehne near Asangaon

Day 1 takes you from Mumbai to the Dehne campsite near Asangaon. You'll spend the evening and night learning the sky with our instructor and telescopes.

Getting There by Train (Saturday)

Everyone travels on the same CSMT to Asangaon fast local, and you can board at whichever station is closest to you:

- CSMT: 1:13 PM
- Byculla: 1:20 PM
- Dadar: 1:26 PM
- Kurla: 1:33 PM
- Ghatkopar: 1:37 PM
- Thane: 1:53 PM
- Dombivli: 2:09 PM
- Kalyan: 2:19 PM
- **Asangaon: 2:54 PM (arrive)**

Get to your station a few minutes early. Missing this train means missing the camp, and no refund is given. Your train ticket to Asangaon isn't included, so buy it before you board.

Arrival at Dehne

- **3:00 PM | Meet at Asangaon station:** Meet the rest of the group at Asangaon railway station. If you've booked with transport, you'll ride in local jeeps to Dehne village, about an hour's drive. Mobile signal drops about 5 km before the campsite, so send any last messages on the way.
- **4:00 PM | Reach the Dehne campsite:** If you're coming on your own, this is when you need to arrive. Our trek leader or local host will meet you at the campsite.

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Settle In

- **5:00 PM | Tea and tent setup:** Evening tea, then pitch your tents. Tents are triple or double sharing. Solo travellers are allotted tents as per gender, couples share a tent, and groups booking together share tents with each other. Washrooms at the campsite are Indian-style.
- **6:00 PM | Sunset:** Watch the sun go down from the campsite (sunset shifts a little through the season). As the sky darkens, the first bright planets and stars appear. It can get cool after dark, so keep your jacket handy.

Stargazing Sessions

- **7:00 PM | Night sky orientation:** Your instructor shows you how to find your way around the sky: the four directions, how to find Polaris (the North Star), and which bright planets and stars are up that night. Your eyes need 20 to 30 minutes to adjust to the dark, and a bright phone screen resets them, so keep screens dim.
- **7:30 PM | Constellation session:** Learn to spot the season's constellations with the naked eye and hear the stories behind them. Depending on the month, that could be Cassiopeia, Taurus and the Pleiades (October to December), Orion and Sirius (January to March), or Leo and the Big Dipper (March to May).
- **8:30 PM | Telescope viewing:** Take turns at the telescopes for close-up views of planets, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies. This season, look out for Saturn's rings (October to January), Jupiter and its moons (December to April), the Orion Nebula (December to March) and the Andromeda Galaxy (October to December).

Dinner and the Late-Night Sky

- **9:30 PM | Dinner:** A hearty dinner under the open sky. It's included in your booking.
- **10:30 PM | Telescopes, chats and astrophotography:** Keep observing through the telescopes, ask the instructor anything, and pick up astrophotography tips. If you've brought a DSLR or mirrorless camera and a tripod, try photographing star trails, and the Milky Way when it's in season.

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If it's cloudy: The event goes ahead, with a campfire and an astronomy information session.

The night continues on Day 2 with a late-night tea break, a Q&A session and a dawn sky session.

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Day 2

Day Two - Stargazing Camping near Mumbai

Dehene near Asangaon

Day 2 starts in the middle of the night. After a late tea and a Q&A with the instructor, you'll rest for a few hours, then wake before dawn to watch the sky turn from night to morning.

Late-Night Sessions

- **1:00 AM | Tea under the stars:** A hot cup of tea to keep you going. On a moonless night the sky is at its darkest around now, so look out for fainter stars.
- **2:00 AM | Q&A session:** Ask the instructor anything about the universe, from how far away the stars are to how to choose your first telescope or take better night photos. After the Q&A, rest in your tent until the dawn session.

Dawn Sky Session

- **4:45 AM | Wake up for the dawn session:** Head back out while it's still dark and watch the sky slowly turn from night to morning:
  - **Naked-eye stargazing:** Spot the constellations that have risen overnight. They're different from the ones you saw in the evening.
  - **Watch the stars fade:** As twilight brightens, the faintest stars disappear first and the brightest planets last.
  - **Telescope views:** A last close-up look at whatever is still visible before sunrise.
  - **What to look for this season:** In October and November, Orion and Sirius are already high before dawn. From mid-November to May, Venus shines low in the east as the Morning Star. From March to May, the Milky Way's core and Scorpius are up before sunrise.

Morning Wrap-Up

- **6:00 AM | Stargazing session ends:** The session wraps up as the sky brightens.
- **6:30 AM | Tea and snacks:** Relax with tea and snacks and enjoy the quiet morning at the campsite.

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Heading Back

- **10:00 AM | Pack up and check out:** Pack your gear and check your tent for anything left behind before checking out of the campsite.
- **11:00 AM | Back at Asangaon station:** If you've booked with transport, the jeeps drop you at Asangaon station, where the trip ends. Mobile signal returns a few kilometres after you leave the campsite. Catch a local back towards Mumbai. Your return ticket isn't included. If you came on your own, you head home from the campsite after check-out.

Enjoyed the night? See all our stargazing trips near Mumbai and come back for the next meteor shower.

Inclusions

- Traveling from Asangaon to Asangaon (with transport option)
- Day 1 - Evening Refreshment, Dinner
- Day 2 - Breakfast
- Instructor & Telescope
- Tented Accommodation on multi sharing basis (Mostly triple)
- Treks and Trails Charges

Exclusions

- Any transportation (without transport)
- Mineral water/lime water/ purchased for personal consumption
- All kinds of Extra Meals / soft drinks ordered
- Any kind of personal expenses
- Any kind of cost which is not mentioned in the cost includes above
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required

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Highlights

- Identity proof (must)
- Sleeping Bag or 2-bed sheets and mat
- Torch with extra batteries
- A bottle of water (at least 2 Ltrs)
- Some ready to eat food. Plum cakes, Biscuits, etc
- Towel, a napkin
- Jacket/ Sweater, Extra clothes
- D-SLR with Tripod (Optional)
- Scarf, Cap, Sunglasses, etc (optional)
- Medicine those if u require usually
- Floaters
- A Rucksack or Daysack to put in all the things to be carried
- Do not carry sling bags or zholas.

Cancellation Policy

- 75% refund if notified via phone conversation 8 or more days prior to the event date.
- 50 % refund if notified via phone conversation 4 to 7 days prior to the event date.
- No refund if the cancellation requested is less than 3 days prior to the event date
- No show No Refund.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another date against cancellation.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another person against cancellation.
- If Trek gets canceled from our side, we will refund "Trek Amount" only.
- If the event is canceled due to any natural calamity, political unrest or other such reasons beyond our control the same cancellation policy will apply.

Pickup point

View on Google Maps →

Activity	Photography Tour
Destination	Maharashtra

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Duration 1 Day

Frequently Asked Questions

What You Can See in the Night Sky at Dehne

Here's what's visible from Dehne in the October 2026 to May 2027 season, and when to look for it. For exact dates of meteor showers and planet events, see the Night Sky Calendar above.

With the Naked Eye

The Moon

- A crescent or half Moon is the best time to see craters and mountains through a telescope. Around the full Moon the sky is too bright for faint stars, which is why we time camps around the new moon where possible.

Planets

- **Venus:** The brilliant "Morning Star", low in the east before sunrise from mid-November 2026 through May 2027. Look for it during our 4:45 AM dawn session.
- **Jupiter:** Rises around midnight in November 2026 and earlier each week. It's up all night around its opposition on 11 February 2027 and stays in the evening sky through May.
- **Saturn:** A soft golden point of light in the evening sky from October 2026 to January 2027.
- **Mars:** Rises after midnight in October 2026 and gets brighter through the winter, peaking at opposition on 19 February 2027. Look for its orange-red colour.
- **Mercury:** Tricky to catch. It shows up briefly, low in the twilight after sunset or before sunrise, a few times a year.

Bright Stars

- **Sirius:** The brightest star in the night sky. Evenings from December to April.
- **Betelgeuse and Rigel:** The red shoulder and blue-white foot of Orion. Evenings from December to March.

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- **Vega, Deneb and Altair:** The Summer Triangle, in the western sky in the early evening in October and November.
- **Canopus:** The second-brightest star, low in the south on January to March evenings.
- **Arcturus:** A bright orange star, rising in the east on March evenings and high in the sky by May.

Constellations

- **Orion, the Hunter:** The easiest constellation to recognise, with three stars in a row for its belt. Evenings from December to March.
- **Taurus, the Bull:** Its eye is the orange star Aldebaran, next to the Hyades and Pleiades star clusters. Evenings from November to March.
- **Cassiopeia:** A “W” of five stars in the northern sky on October to December evenings.
- **Ursa Major and Ursa Minor:** The Big Dipper, the seven brightest stars of Ursa Major, is best in the north on March to May evenings. Polaris, the North Star, sits at the tip of Ursa Minor about 19° above the northern horizon at Dehne, which matches our latitude.
- **Scorpius, the Scorpion:** Its red heart, Antares, sets in the south-west on early October evenings. It returns after midnight in March and rises by early evening in May.

The Milky Way

- On moonless nights, Dehne is dark enough to see the Milky Way. Its bright core is in the south-west at dusk in early October. It returns before dawn from March and rises before midnight by May. From December to February, a fainter band runs high across the sky beside Orion.

Through Binoculars and Telescopes

Planets up close

- **Jupiter:** Cloud bands and its four largest moons. Best from December 2026 to April 2027.
- **Saturn:** Its rings, tilting open again after appearing nearly edge-on in 2025. Best from October 2026 to January 2027.
- **Mars:** A small orange disc, at its biggest around February 2027.

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- **Venus:** Shows phases like the Moon. It looks half-lit in early January 2027.

Star clusters

- **Pleiades (Seven Sisters):** October to March evenings.
- **Hyades:** The V-shaped cluster around Aldebaran. November to March.
- **Beehive Cluster:** January to April evenings.

Nebulae

- **Orion Nebula (M42):** A glowing cloud where new stars are forming, just below Orion's belt. December to March.
- **Lagoon Nebula (M8):** Near the Milky Way's core in Sagittarius. Early October evenings, then before dawn from March to May.

Galaxies

- **Andromeda Galaxy (M31):** About 2.5 million light-years away, the most distant thing you can easily see with the naked eye. October to December evenings.

Meteor showers

- This season's best showers are the Orionids (October), Leonids (November), Geminids (December), Quadrantids (January) and Eta Aquariids (May). See the Night Sky Calendar above for peak dates and Moon conditions.

Rare events

- **Lunar eclipse:** A subtle penumbral eclipse before dawn on 21 February 2027.
- **Comets:** Bright comets can't be predicted far ahead, but when one appears it's well worth the trip.

Astrophotography at Dehne

Dehne's dark skies make it a great place to start photographing the night sky. In the astrophotography session you'll learn how to capture star trails on any clear night, and the Milky Way when it's in season: early evening in October, and before dawn from March to May. Bring a DSLR or mirrorless camera and a tripod if you have them. They're optional.

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Stargazing at Dehne: FAQs

Getting There

Where is Dehne (Dehene) village?
Dehne, also spelled Dehene, is a small village in Shahapur taluka, Thane district, Maharashtra. It's about an hour by jeep from Asangaon railway station.

How do I reach Dehne from Mumbai by public transport?
Take the 1:13 PM fast local from CSMT. It stops at Byculla, Dadar, Kurla, Ghatkopar, Thane, Dombivli and Kalyan, and reaches Asangaon at 2:54 PM. If you book the "With Transport" option, a jeep takes you from Asangaon station to Dehne and back.

Which railway station is nearest to Dehne?
Asangaon, on the Kasara line of Central Railway.

How long does it take to reach Dehne from Mumbai?
About 2 hours 40 minutes from CSMT: 1 hour 40 minutes by fast local to Asangaon, then about an hour by jeep.

Can I come in my own vehicle?
Yes. Book the "Without Transport" option and reach the campsite by 4:00 PM. We'll send you the exact Google Maps location after your booking is confirmed, and add you to a WhatsApp group for updates.

Cost and Booking

How much does the Dehne stargazing camp cost?
Without transport: ₹1,999 per adult and ₹1,799 per child (4 to 8 years). With jeep transport from Asangaon: ₹2,399 per adult and ₹2,199 per child.

What's included in the price?
Tented stay, evening tea and dinner on Day 1, breakfast on Day 2, and the astronomy instructor and telescopes. The transport option also includes the jeep from Asangaon to Dehne and back. Your train ticket to Asangaon, bottled water, extra food and drinks, and personal expenses aren't included.

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What's the cancellation policy?
If you cancel by phone 8 or more days before the event, you get a 75% refund. Cancel 4 to 7 days before and you get 50%. After that there's no refund, and there's no refund for no-shows either. Bookings can't be moved to another date or another person.

How do I book?
Use the Book Now button on this page

The Stargazing

When is the best time for stargazing at Dehne?
The clearest skies are from October to May, after the monsoon. Weekends close to the new moon are the darkest, so faint stars and the Milky Way are easier to see. See the Night Sky Calendar above for this season's highlights.

What will I see?
It depends on the month and the weather. On a clear night you'll see planets, bright stars and constellations with the naked eye. Through the telescopes you'll get close-up views of planets, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies. See "What You Can See in the Night Sky at Dehne" above for a month-by-month guide.

What happens if it's cloudy?
The event still goes ahead, with a campfire and an astronomy information session. What you can see depends on the weather, and there's no refund or postponement because of cloud or rain.

Do I need any experience or my own telescope?
No. The instructor and telescopes are included, and the night starts with an orientation session, so beginners are welcome.

Can I do astrophotography?
Yes. In the astrophotography session you'll learn to photograph star trails, and the Milky Way when it's in season. Bring a DSLR or mirrorless camera and a tripod if you have them. They're optional.

Stay, Food and Facilities

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Are tents provided? Do I need a sleeping bag?
Tents are provided. Bring your own sleeping bag, or two bedsheets and a mat.

Who shares a tent? Is it good for couples?
Tents are triple or double sharing. Couples get the same tent, and groups booking together share tents with each other. Solo travellers are allotted tents as per gender.

What are the washroom facilities?
Washrooms at the campsite are Indian-style only. We have a homestay 5 mins drive away with modern toilets.

What food is provided?
Evening tea and dinner on Day 1, a late-night tea break, and breakfast on Day 2. Carry some ready-to-eat snacks and at least 2 litres of drinking water. Jain food is available.

Is there mobile network at the campsite?
No. Signal drops about 5 km before the campsite, so make any calls and save the location for offline use before you lose signal.

What should I carry?
ID proof (must), a sleeping bag or two bedsheets and a mat, a torch with extra batteries, at least 2 litres of water, ready-to-eat snacks, a towel, a jacket or sweater, any medicines you usually take, floaters, and a rucksack or daypack. Please don't bring sling bags or jholas. A DSLR with a tripod is optional.

Who Can Join

Is it suitable for kids, families and senior citizens?
Yes. It's a low-endurance event suitable for all, and children aged 4 to 8 pay a child rate. Children must come with a parent or guardian. Senior citizens are welcome too. Just keep in mind that you'll sleep in a tent and the washrooms are Indian-style.

Is it safe for solo travellers, including women?
Yes. Solo travellers are allotted tents as per gender, so solo men and women stay in separate tents, and our instructor is with the group through the night's sessions.

Is alcohol or smoking allowed?
No. Drinking and smoking are not allowed on our events.

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Do I need to tell you about medical conditions?
Yes. If you have a medical condition, check with your doctor before booking and let us know. We carry a basic first-aid kit, but medical and emergency evacuation costs aren't included.