

INITIAL COSTS TO SETTLE IN AUROVILLE

- Taxi from Airport: Rs. 2,400
- Auroville Guest Account Deposit : 500 Rs. (this amount is refunded at the end of the stay)

MONTHLY EXPENSES

- Moped plus petrol: ~ Rs. 2,700 to 3,500 per month or;
 - Bicycle: ~ Rs. 650 to 750 per month
 - Food: ~ Rs. 4,000 to 8,000 per month according to your diet
 - Accommodation (your volunteering hosting unit may contribute to cover the expenses of lodging and food)
 - Guest house: ~ Rs. 9,000 to 25,000 per month.
- For Booking an accommodation (and cost inquiry), please contact: guestaccommodation@auroville.org.in Or <http://www.aurovilleguesthouses.org/> (it is advised to book much in advance if you wish to come during the months of December to March)

HOW TO REACH AUROVILLE

From Chennai (Madras):

Auroville is 150 Km south of Chennai and 8 Km north of Puducherry (Pondicherry). There are two possibilities for reaching Auroville:

- 1) By taxi. This is the simplest means – it will take ~ 3 hours to reach Auroville (from Chennai):
 - A taxi from Chennai airport would cost Rs. 3,500 or more. Taxi drivers from Chennai would take extra time to find any location in Auroville. We strongly advise to book a taxi from Auroville. This is a very reliable service. They know the location of all the Auroville Communities, and it costs only ~ Rs. 2,400. To book a taxi online at the following URL: www.aurovilletransport.com/airport.htm or email your booking to Unity Transport Service : uts@auroville.org.in; Land line phone Number: (0413) 262 3587 or 2622400 or mobile 94433 62218 You can also ask your guest house or volunteering placement to do the booking for you.
- 2) By bus. This is cheaper but more complicated – it will take ~4.5 hours (from Chennai):
 - From Chennai Airport, take a taxi or an auto rickshaw (3 wheeler) to Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus (Rs.300-400)
 - Take a bus for Pondicherry. Ask for an express bus along East Coast Road or through Tindivanam (the last one is slightly faster), and go to the main bus stop (~100 Rs.)
 - Take a taxi or an auto rickshaw from the bus stop to Auroville (~ Rs.300).