Goa

The party capital of India, Goa is a package full of surprises. Apart from happening beaches and nightclubs in both north and south districts, Goa has a number of unexplored beaches, obscure caves and other secrets spots waiting to be explored. Other highlights of Goa include its rich Portuguese history, amazing seafood and the friendly and vivacious locals. There are several great places to visit in Goa like Fort Aguada, Basilica of Bom Jesus, Chapora Fort, Anjuna Beach, Calangute Beach and Baga Beach.

Welcome to the surreal beauty of a vast expanse of the clear blue sea and silver sandy beaches, the verdant lofty mountains and the imposing grand forts and cathedrals. Goa offers a complete holiday experience for every traveller. You can either lounge on a sun bed with a cool drink in hand or be a total party animal at the happening club parties. Those looking for an adrenaline rush will find plenty of action on the beaches. History buffs and pious souls will find their spot in Old Goa that is home to many ornate churches, magnificent cathedrals and ancient temples, each with its own colourful history. A foodie heaven for seafood lovers, Goan cuisine is an interesting blend of the Konkani and Portuguese cooking styles. The destination has a lot to offer for the Bollywood-obsessed tourists. Some of the classic Bollywood movies like Dil Chahta hai, Go Goa Gone, and Aashiqui 2 are shot at this scenic destination. Visit the Chapora Fort and don’t forget to get a picture clicked with your friends. To sum it up, Goa is the land of never-ceasing festivity. This pristine abode of sand, sun and water is always brimming with a frenzy of its own. Pop open a bottle of Feni and you are up for another celebration. Some of the festivals celebrated in Goa include Christmas, Ganesh Chaturthi, St. Francis Day, the Goa Carnival, Shigmotsav (Holi) and Food and Cultural Festival of Goa.

When To VISIT


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What To SEE
5 Sights

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1 Agonda Beach

South Goa District, Agonda, Goa 403001, India

Agonda Beach is one of the rare solitary beaches in South Goa and is a far cry from its cousin, Palolem Beach, which sees a majority of tourists. The Caribbean culture seems to have swept over the place, with the locals often seen basking on the sunlit beach. Even though the beach is sparsely populated, you will find a lot of bars and restaurants where you can simply relax and enjoy the sunset. Much larger than many other beaches of Goa, Agonda is a haven for solitude seekers, with soft music often playing in the background and palm trees swaying in the wind. It's also famous as a Ridley Turtle Nesting Sight - another reason that makes it more subdued than other beaches.

2 Palolem Beach

Chaudi, Canacona, South Goa 403072, India

Near Chopdem Mandrem, Goa 403527, India

Just a few miles from the neighbouring state of Karnataka, Palolem Beach is the southernmost beach of south Goa. Like any other beach in the area, Palolem doesn’t see much of the tourist traffic. During weekdays, this beach is next to empty with one or two fishermen going about their business. On weekends the beach sees a tad more activity, but only slightly so. Hardly any tourist makes it to this end of Goa. Hence, with vast empty stretches of shimmering golden stands studded with coconut and palm groves, this virgin beach is ideal for a romantic tryst or for a relaxing picnic with the family.

3 Mandrem Beach

Its secluded location, silvery sands, and romantic settings make Mandrem Beach an ideal getaway for honeymooners. The beach basks in the glory of its natural, scenic beauty and is a perfect spot to refresh one’s senses. Ever changing spiritual options including yoga, meditation, exercises and ayurveda can be experienced along the sands.

4 Dudh Sagar Waterfalls

Sonaulim, Goa 403410, India

Goa is the home to the mesmerising Dudh Sagar Waterfalls, which literally means 'Milky White waterfalls'. One of the tallest waterfalls in India, the first sight of these waterfalls is going to make you fall in love with the place. Silvery sheets of water cascading down the dark, rugged mountains and splashing into a frothy white pool of water coupled with bird calls, this is one place which is going to soothe all your senses in the beach capital of India.

Located on the Mandovi River, it is a tiered waterfall and is one of the most exquisite in the world. The best time to visit this is during monsoons when the fall is in full bloom. At a distance of 60 kilometres away from Margao, this place is a must visit when you come to Goa. Indulge in swimming, trekking, photography and rock climbing or just admire the beauty of this fall, this place has something for everyone, be it an adventure traveller or a leisure one.

5 Varca Beach


Salcete Taluka, Goa 403721, India

The first thing that you notice on Varca Beach is the absence of crowd which so typical of the beaches. You can even cycle here when the tides are low. While exploring this beach, you will come across rows of large fishing boats which belong to the Christian community here. You can spot the fishermen in action if you come during dawn or dusk. The sun sinking into the sea in all its red blazing glory, and the silhouettes of the fishermen throwing open their nets, come together to create a vivid image in your mind.

Since it's not that popular, you won't find a lot of shacks on this beach. There is one at the main beach entrance called the Mama's kitchen, one next to Club Mahindra and another opposite hotel Zuri. Like the Benaulim beach, Varca is also lined with pine trees. Once you are done with the beach you can also visit the nearby Varca village. It is quite well developed and full of shops and other modern conveniences. There is a signpost near the Varca church which reads, “You are being watched”. Ominous much?

Where To Eat

5 Places

1. **A Reverie**
   - Holiday Street, Gaura Waddo, Near The Park Resort, Calangute, Goa 403516, India
   - +91-98231-74927 | +91-98235-05550

   Step in at A Reverie, a place which welcomes you with a lavish menu and an elegant setting. The place is like a resto-bar where you can treat yourself to some amazing dishes and an assorted range of sparkling spirits. Talking about the ambience, you will love the peppy music, plush seating arrangement and exotic interiors of this place.

2. **Souza Lobo**
   - Calangute Beach, Near Bandhodkar Statue, Calangute, Goa 403516, India
   - +91-83222-81234 | +91-83222-76463 | +91-98221-01321

   Souza Lobo has been a landmark for Goa since ages and rightly so. Located on the lively Calangute beach this bustling restaurant is a must visit. Overlooking the sea, Souza Lobo has foot tapping live music, a wonderful array of beverages and a fine variety of multi cuisine dishes.

   The Goan beef curry with rice, garlic prawns and sea food platter are a must try along with colourful, delicious desserts to complete your meal. An evening spent at this dazzling restaurant truly completes your holiday in Goa. Authentic local food, the sea and a great time, need we say more?

3. **La Plage**
   - Aswem Beach, Near Papa Jolly Hotel, Aswem Road, Morjim, Arambol, Goa 403512, India
   - +91-98221-21712

   La Plage is no doubt one of the most stylish shack ambiance restaurants serving finest French/French fusion food in North Goa. In this chic beach-side restaurant you will often find a wide range of clientele including jet-setters, international tourists and sometimes celebrities. This is among the original Ashvem Beach restaurants and the food here is divine, as is the ambience. Try their not-to-be missed specialities including chocolate Thali, Chicken Pate with Onion "Jam", Seared Tuna with Wasabi Mashed Potatoes, Beef Carpaccio and “fusion” Bloody Mary. An abundance of deck chairs, finger-licking French cuisine and soft jazz or eclectic hip-hop music make this place one of the few where you actually need to reserve in advance.

4. **Thalassa**
   - Small Vagator, Ozran, Vagator, Goa
Sitting by the cliff that overlooks the blues of the Arabian Sea is Thalassa, a much favoured food joint at Vagator. With Greek food as its main draw, which includes dips, appetizers, salads, and, of course, the main course. Dig into Souvlaki Wraps, Mousaka and the very special Gyro platters. Best of world’s brands are stacked in the bar at Thalassa; plus, there are some sumptuous delights for the vegetarian in you.

5 **Blue Bird**

Located inside the Blue Bird Guest house, this quiet restaurant is just a short walk away from the Little Vagator Beach. You’ll find yourself sitting in a peaceful garden-setting, with the gentle breeze playing a perfect companion to a freshly cooked meal. The menu includes a wide variety of vegetarian and seafood dishes (with fresh vegetables from their own garden), prepared in the local Goan and Continental style. Top off your meal with a cool drink at their well-stocked bar and some soothing music to go with it. Every morning, they offer a wholesome breakfast bar, an ideal kick-start to your adventure-filled day. The restaurant is open through the day for breakfast, lunch and dinner, though only for 6 months in a year during the tourist season in Goa (October to March).&nbsp;
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