
INDIA TOUR: GOA

Travel Partner: Goa Go Green and Travels



Day one:

Arrive Goa

A representative of Goa Go Green, holding a sign in the group's name, will meet the members in the arrivals area upon existing baggage claim and escort you to your hotel.

Variously known as 'Pearl of the Orient', the state of Goa is located on the western coast of India in the coastal belt known as Konkan. It is India's smallest state by area yet one of India's richest states. **Panaji** is the state's capital. The historic city of **Margao** still exhibits the cultural influence of the Portuguese, who first landed in the early 16th century as merchants and conquered it soon thereafter. Goa is visited by large numbers of international and domestic tourists each year for its beautiful beaches, places of worship and world heritage architecture.

Goa, known as 'Pearl of the Orient' is one of the most beautiful parts of India, where symbols of a rich history are fused with the present, creating a uniquely Goan atmosphere.

Check into the hotel.
Welcome dinner at Bollywood Restaurant inside the hotel.
Overnight stay at Incredible English.

Day two:

Breakfast at hotel.

Departure for a full day trek/tour to '**Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary**'.

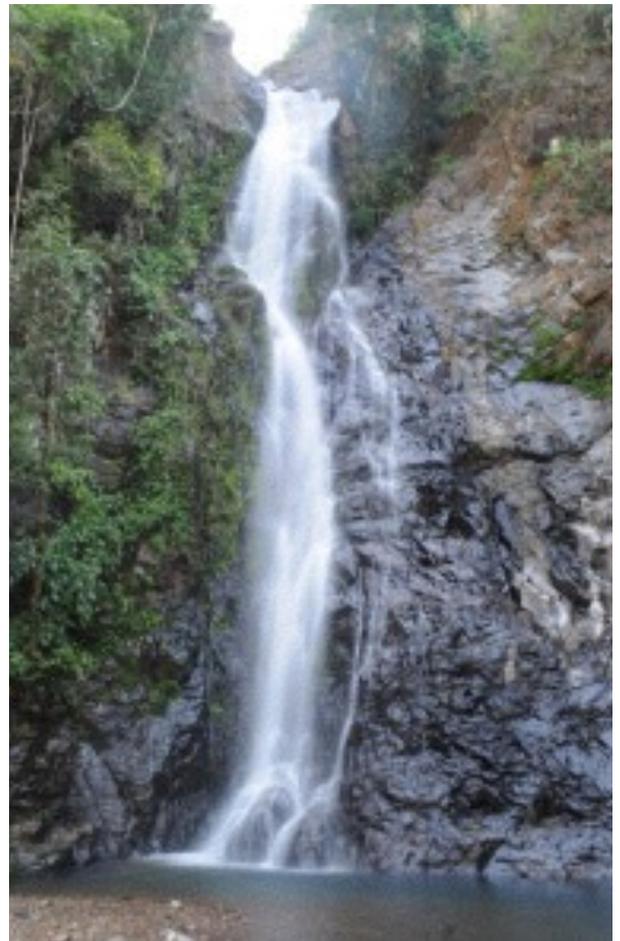
A trek in **Netravali Wild Life Sanctuary** is a must for the ones who are in love with nature in its purest. Netravali is the largest and the most recently declared Wildlife Sanctuary in Goa and is the nature enthusiasts' heaven. Among a number of perennial and seasonal waterfalls in the sanctuary, **Savari Waterfall** is one of the and most beautiful one.

Come and experience a short trek with us to the waterfall, breathe in the fresh, be aware of the thriving miniscule around you, treat your eyes to the mushroom blooms and purple crabs and enjoy the sound of the forest.

Lunch with a Goan family whilst visiting their bountiful spice farm.

On the way back we take you to visit an **ancient magic pond**, which keeps throwing up millions of tiny silver bubbles from its core at the clap of your hand.

Return to the hotel. *Dinner not included.



'Goa is a place where nature speaks to you through its beautiful nature.'

Day three:

Breakfast at hotel.
*Lunch en-route (midway).

Departure for a full day '**the Vintage and the New**' tour.

This outing has been designed to give our guests a classic **Goa Velha** (Old Goa) feel along with the charm that contemporary Goa exudes. The trip starts with a drive to **Panjim** the capital of Goa.

Panjim is one of the smallest, the most beautiful capital city in the country. The tiny city thrives on the southern bank of the river Mandovi, where cruise boats and floating Casinos dot the river.

A visit to the **Latin quarters** of the city takes you to **Fontainhas**, literally meaning a fountain. Here sun kissed old mansions, snow white chapels and churches, colourful old houses with terracotta tiled roofs take one to another world.

We proceed to Goa Velha and land at the majestic **Basilica of Bom Jesus**, where a relic of St. Francis Xavier is held. We walk beneath the vaults of the Cathedral, one of the biggest churches in this part of the wonderland, and visit the **St. Cajetan's Church** which is believed to be the most beautiful amongst all churches.

We then drive through rustic Goan villages, cross a network of bridges over calm waters, pass through regions exuding strong Hindu influenced enter the cool & shady spice garden. Enjoy a nice and pleasant walk through this exotic garden with tropical fruit trees and exotic spices. Fall in love with nature all over again. We end the trip by catching a glimpse at the story of the cashew nut, and know how it is treated, roasted and readied for consumption.

Return to the hotel. *Dinner not included. Overnight stay.

Day four:

Breakfast at hotel.

Departure for a half day tour 'DISCOVER GOA'.

The discover Goa trip aims to give our guests an authentic taste of Goa, which is different from the usual sight seeing tours. We initiate the trip by visiting Rosario the potter, who is one of the last remaining masters at the art of pot making and watch him shape his pots.

Some other features of the tour include a drive along the coastline; a walk through a small traditional village in **Betul**, where the river Sal meets the ocean; a peek into a "**Soreachibhatti**" to see the transformation of palm juice into the exotic Goan Feni, a visit to the coir making cooperative where the adept hands of skilled ladies mold the husk of coconut into coir, mats, carpets and more; a visit to the sixteenth century **Cabo De Rama** fort to steal a view of the ocean through the Sea eagles eyes.

Lunch at hotel (choose from options).

Departure to an afternoon trip to '**Palolem Beach**'.

Palolem Beach is one of the most beautiful beaches in south Goa. Enjoy a dreamy swim, a drink and a blank stare at the ocean for those who like doing that before we slowly head back to the hotel.

Return to the hotel. *Dinner not included. Overnight stay.

Day five:

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning, spend some time exploring Benaulim, shopping and beach.

Lunch at hotel (choose from options).

Afternoon, departure for 'Crabbing and Bird Watching'.

The crab fishing trip is a lazy late afternoon expedition. Park yourselves on a county boat and let us steer you through a quite river named Sal. The cruise promises a number of bird sighting like the Kingfishers, Eagles, Cranes, Stork, Bats and more while passing through the mangroves. While sailing through, get a glimpse of the life of fishermen and the tropical vegetation along the river. Whilst cruising, we try some fishing for crabs with handmade traps called 'Cobblem' in local direct. While the trap rests at the bottom of the riverbed, you can relax, breathe in the surroundings, sip your beer or juice and watch the outside. As the sun is

setting on the glorious river, you will be back to your hotel for dinner with your catch of the day.

Return to the hotel. *Dinner not included. Overnight stay.

Day six:

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart for a full day tour '**Time Trail**'

Explore with us a slice of the recent past of Goa and the impressions left by the Portuguese on its civilisation, architecture and cuisine. We start the day by visiting the historic city of **Margao** and its old market, a soulful mix of the cultural influence of the Portuguese, history prior to it and now.

To get a peek into the house that was known as the corner of Europe, according to the late Aida de Menezes Braganza, we drive towards **Chandor**, the ancient capital of Goa during the Kadamba Dynasty and walk into the home of the Braganza family. The mansion replete with aristocratic statements and extraordinary valuables, the most exquisite period furniture and finest porcelain.

Lunch at **Quepem the Palacio Do Deao**, a 200 years old mansion.

We are greeted by the most welcoming host who treats us to a delicious Goan lunch prepared by the family. This unusual piece of architecture, blending Hindu and Portuguese culture, was built by a Portuguese noble soul who was also the founder of Quepem Town. The river Kushavati flows by this marvellous piece of architecture.

Return to the Hotel.

A farewell BBQ dinner and live music at '**Bollywood restaurant**'.
Overnight stay.

Day seven:

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out and depart from hotel to Dabolim Airport for flight back home.

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Tour Package Cost:

Twin sharing: TBC

Single room supplement: TBC

Hotel envisaged:

6 nights in Goa – Incredible English (3 star)

Package Inclusions:

1. 6 nights' accommodations in Incredible English on twin sharing basis
2. Buffet breakfast at hotel and lunches
3. Bottled water will be provided on transport
4. Service of English speaking guides in both cities
5. Cultural activities/sightseeing tours as specified in the itinerary
6. Entrance fees to the monuments included in the Package
7. BBQ dinner at Bollywood Restaurant
8. Transportations from and to the airports
9. All taxes

Prince doesn't include the following:

1. Any visa charges/ insurance/ airport taxes.
2. Any items of personal nature such as tips, telephone calls, laundry bills etc.
3. Liquor is not included during lunches and dinner. This will be charged as per consumption if requested.
4. Any international flight.