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## Goa



India

Consistently ranked among India's top tourist destinations, Goa is the ideal place for first-time travelers and adventurers alike to acclimatize to a different culture. From caves behind waterfalls to villages hidden in sandy coconut forests, there is always something more waiting to be rediscovered. The mountain ranges and spice plantations enhance the beauty of this glorious state. Apart from its natural beauty, this former capital of Portuguese India and home to various UNESCO World Heritage sites has a lot to offer in terms of architecture with churches, cathedrals and forts abounding. Put together, it is all of these aspects and more that make Goa the ultimate travel destination.

## Goa

 All meals included	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>
 Free beverages	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>
 Persons per room	4-6
 Wifi in public areas	Yes
 Laundry facilities	Yes <sup>(3)</sup>
 Safety box	Yes
 Lockable rooms	Yes
 Hot shower	Yes
 Private bathroom	Yes
 Bed linen	Yes
 Towels	No
 Mosquito protection	Yes
 Fan	Yes
 Air conditioning	No

(1) Three meals per day during weekdays and two per day on weekends

(3) At an additional fee

(2) Water, Coffee, Tea, and Milk



## **Accommodation & Food**

### **About the Accommodation**

In our centre, there is a mini library, a dining room, a lounge area where you can hang out with fellow participants and a beautiful garden to relax.

Furthermore, there is a refrigerator which you are welcome to use to store food and beverages.

### **Food Arrangements**

The meals are a mix of Western and Indian food, consisting mainly of vegetarian dishes including rice and vegetables. You can expect to have a chicken dish about twice per week. You can also use the kitchen facilities to cook for yourself or eat out at any of the local restaurants.

## **Facilities**

**ATMs:** There are ATM's around our centres. The closest one to our residence is about a 15-minute walk from the house.

**Shop:** The closest local supermarket is a 15-minute walk from the centre.

## **Mandatory Orientation Day**

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

## Schedule

- Welcome, introduction to India, House rules, Code of Conduct and handling of documents
- Visit a spice plantation, visit the local market, and a few supermarkets located close to our centre. You can also utilize this time of the day to exchange your currency or purchase any of the essential items you might need during your stay.
- Lunch
- Visit Slum Outreach School & join the education program for migrant slum children of all ages (This activity is optional)

## Activities & Events

No scheduled activities outside the program.

## Sights & Surroundings

Goa has a very long coastline with an almost unbroken sand cover. So, if you've come looking for sun, sand and sea without the crowds and the fuss you'll be pleased to discover these beaches tucked away in quiet recesses where you can go to truly escape the world. Here is our list of secluded beaches to try during your Goa weekend getaways. You might have to take your own food and water as there are no eateries or accommodation near some of them. And though some of them may seem out of their way, you'll be glad for the peace and quiet when you get there.

- Butterfly Beach
- Kakolem Beach
- Galjibag Beach
- Hollant Beach
- Betul Beach
- Arambol Beach
- Agonda Beach
- Cola Beach
- Velsao Beach
- Sinkerim Beach
- Siridao Beach

Goa has a pleasant climate all around the year. Monsoon season is from June to September which is the rainy season for Goa. Goa gets an average rainfall of 330 cm annually which is about 90% of its annual rainfall. This season also happens to be the favourite of the travellers coming to Goa with its various celebrations happening. And from October to March it gets a very pleasant climate with clear skies and nights being busy with the festivals and sky full of fireworks. Summer starts in April and the long sandy beaches and the sunshine are so welcoming.