

# South Goa Serenity Short Break: Palolem & Colva Beaches

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Destination  
**Goa**



Duration  
**3 Nights 4 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 8,750 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↪ Colva · 1N

↪ Palolem · 2N

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## Overview

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a relaxing 3 nights / 4 days Goa Weekend tour package crafted for couples, small groups and families who want the quieter side of Goa. This Goa tour package blends sun-soaked beaches, gentle watersports, scenic forts and laid-back beach shacks. Perfect as a Goa Weekend package or a short escape from the city, the itinerary focuses on Palolem and Colva with easy transfers and curated experiences.

### Highlights:

- Palolem Beach – serene crescent-shaped bay with calm waters
- Colva Beach – classic South Goa beach with lively shacks and long sands
- Cabo de Rama Fort – clifftop views and historic ruins
- Dolphin & Sunset Boat Cruise – early-morning or evening wildlife and sunset viewing
- Spice Plantation visit – sample local flavors and traditional Goan cuisine
- Water sports & Kayaking (optional) at select beaches

Tip: This 3-night itinerary is ideal for a quick getaway – book early for weekends. Transfer times between Colva and Palolem are short, allowing relaxed travel.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation (1 night in Colva, 2 nights in Palolem) in selected hotels/resorts
- ✓ Daily breakfast (3) at hotels
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers (Dabolim Airport / Madgaon Railway Station)
- ✓ Inter-hotel transfer: Colva to Palolem
- ✓ One Dolphin & Sunset Boat Cruise (shared, subject to weather)
- ✓ Local sightseeing as per itinerary (surface transport)
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ This package is presented as a short Goa Weekend tour package for easy planning.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Goa
- ✗ Meals other than those specified (e.g., lunch & dinner unless mentioned)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips and portorage
- ✗ Travel insurance and personal medical expenses
- ✗ Optional activities not specified as included (e.g., certain water sports, private boat hires)
- ✗ Any entry fees for attractions not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Important: Water sports and special activities are payable locally and depend on availability.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival and Beachfront Evening at Colva**

Arrival at Dabolim Airport / Madgaon Railway Station. Meet-and-greet followed by transfer to Colva (approx. 30–40 minutes from Madgaon, 60–70 mins from Dabolim depending on traffic). Check-in to your hotel and unwind. Spend the late afternoon on Colva Beach exploring the shoreline, watching the sunset and enjoying a seafood dinner at a beach shack.

Included: Airport/Railway transfer, hotel check-in assistance.

Evening tip: Try local Goan fish curry and freshly grilled seafood at the shacks.

Day

2

### **South Goa Coastal Drive — Transfer to Palolem**

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning at Colva or choose optional water sports at nearby beaches (book locally). Post-lunch, depart for Palolem via scenic south Goa roads. En-route, stop for photos and short visits to quaint coastal villages.

Check-in at Palolem in the late afternoon. In the evening, join an optional Dolphin & Sunset Boat Cruise (subject to weather) to spot dolphins and enjoy the coastal sunset.

Important: Boat rides are weather-dependent; carry sunscreen and a light jacket for evenings.

Day

3

### **Explore Palolem & Cabo de Rama**

Start with a peaceful morning at Palolem Beach — swim, relax or take a kayak. After brunch, visit the historic Cabo de Rama Fort for sweeping views of the Arabian Sea and photo opportunities. Optionally, visit a nearby spice plantation or explore Agonda Beach for a quieter stretch.

Return to Palolem for a relaxed evening — sample live music at beach shacks and unwind.

Note: Cabo de Rama has stone steps and uneven paths; wear comfortable shoes.

Day

4

## Morning Relaxation and Departure

Enjoy a final sunrise or morning yoga session at Palolem. After breakfast, check out and depart for Dabolim Airport / Madgaon Railway Station with a scenic drive through South Goa.

If time permits, stop at Margao for quick local shopping (felt locally). Ensure you leave with ample buffer for your flight/train schedule.

## 🔗 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔗 When is the best time to visit Goa and what's the weather like?

The best time to visit Goa is October to March (prime season) when the weather is dry with pleasant days (20–32°C) and cool nights. This period offers calm seas perfect for swimming, open beach shacks, vibrant nightlife, and ideal conditions for water sports. Summer (March–May) is hot but manageable with temperatures reaching 36°C, offering good deals and fewer crowds. Monsoon season (June–September) brings heavy rains and rough seas, with many beach activities suspended, but it's perfect for experiencing lush landscapes, waterfalls, and romantic ambiance at discounted rates. Christmas–New Year is peak season with highest prices and crowds.

### 🔗 How do I reach Goa and what are the transportation options?

Goa has two airports: Manohar International Airport (GOX) in North Goa near Mopa, and Dabolim Airport (GOI) for Central/South Goa access. Both receive direct flights from major Indian cities and seasonal international connections. By train, major stations include Madgaon, Thivim, Karmali, and Vasco da Gama, connected via the scenic Konkan Railway. By road, NH 66 coastal highway and NH 48 via Western Ghats connect Goa to Mumbai, Pune, and Bengaluru. Overnight buses operate frequently from these cities. The journey from Mumbai takes 8–10 hours by road, while flights take 1.5 hours.

### 🔗 Do I need a visa to visit Goa as a tourist?

Goa is part of India, so visa requirements depend on your nationality. Indian citizens need only valid government-issued photo ID. Foreign tourists require appropriate Indian visas – tourist visa, e-visa, or visa-on-arrival (for eligible countries). E-visas are convenient and can be obtained online for most nationalities, valid for 30–365 days depending on type. Processing typically takes 2–4 business days. Ensure your passport has at least 6 months validity and blank pages. Some nationalities like Bhutan and Nepal citizens don't need visas but require valid identification. Check the latest visa requirements on the official Indian visa website before traveling.

## ❓ **What are the best local transportation options in Goa?**

Goa offers diverse transportation options. Rental scooters/motorbikes are most popular for flexibility – carry your original license and wear helmets (mandatory). Motorcycle taxis called 'pilots' are unique to Goa, perfect for solo travelers. Regular taxis and app-based services like GoaMiles operate throughout. Kadamba state buses and private buses connect major towns and beaches affordably. River ferries to islands like Divar and Chorao are scenic and frequent. Auto-rickshaws exist but are limited in some areas. For comfort, rent a car with driver. Always negotiate fares beforehand for taxis and pilots, or use metered/app-based services.

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## ❓ **Where should I stay in Goa and what accommodation options are available?**

North Goa (Calangute, Candolim, Anjuna, Vagator) offers vibrant nightlife, water sports, and party atmosphere with beach shacks, budget guesthouses to luxury resorts. South Goa (Colva, Benaulim, Palolem, Agonda) provides quieter, family-friendly vibes with wider beaches and upscale resorts. Panaji offers heritage charm and cultural experiences. Accommodation ranges from budget hostels (₹500-1500/night), mid-range hotels and beach resorts (₹2000-8000/night), to luxury properties like Taj, W Goa, and Alila Diwa (₹15000+/night). Beach huts and homestays offer authentic experiences. Book well in advance for December-January. Consider proximity to beaches, nightlife preferences, and transportation when choosing location.

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## ❓ **What are the must-visit attractions and places in Goa?**

Essential Goa experiences include UNESCO-listed Old Goa churches (Basilica of Bom Jesus, Se Cathedral), colorful Fontainhas Latin Quarter in Panaji, and Fort Aguada for sunset views. North Goa highlights are Chapora Fort, Anjuna's Wednesday flea market, and Calangute-Baga beach strip. Don't miss Dudhsagar Falls (spectacular four-tier waterfall), spice plantations in Ponda, and peaceful Divar Island accessible by ferry. South Goa offers pristine beaches like Palolem and Agonda, plus hidden gems like Cola Beach's blue lagoon. Take sunset cruises on Mandovi River, explore Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, and visit off-beat Tambdi Surla Temple. Each region offers distinct experiences from heritage to nature to beaches.

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## ❓ **What local food and cuisine should I try in Goa?**

Goan cuisine blends Portuguese and Konkani influences. Must-try dishes include Goan Fish Curry with rice, Pork Vindaloo, Chicken Cafreal (green masala), and Chicken Xacuti (coconut-spice curry). Seafood specialties are rava-fried fish, Prawn Balchão, and fresh catch at beach shacks. Try local breads like poi and pãõ, and end meals with bebinca (layered dessert) or dodol. Drink feni (cashew or coconut spirit) – Goa's signature alcohol, or seasonal urrak. Visit Vinayak Family Restaurant, Kokni Kanteen, or Martin's Corner for authentic experiences. Beach shacks serve fresh seafood with sea views. Vegetarians can enjoy sol kadhi, Goan dal, and coconut-based curries. Always try the local fish thali for a complete experience.

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## ★ Traveller Reviews

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**Aditi Sharma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Amazing Experience in Goa!

We had a fantastic time exploring Goa with this tour package. The beaches were beautiful, and the itinerary was well-planned. Highly recommend!



**Rahul Desai**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Romantic Escape

We had the most romantic getaway in Goa. Sunset cruises and candlelight dinners made it memorable.



**Karan Singh**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Relaxing Beach Getaway

The beach resorts were luxurious, and the food was a delight. Perfect retreat for those looking to unwind. Would book again!



**Raghav Khanna**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Adventurous Couples Retreat

A wonderful package for couples looking to engage in fun activities together. We made amazing memories!



**Ashwin Varma**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### An Unforgettable Journey

Goa was stunning, and this tour enhanced our experience. From the scenic views to local interactions, it was unforgettable.

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