

# Goa 5N Classic: Beaches, Churches, Forts & River Cruise

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Destination  
**Goa**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 21,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Calangute / Baga · 2N

↙ Panaji / Old Goa · 3N

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## Overview

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Goa 5N Classic: Beaches, Churches, Forts & River Cruise – A perfect Goa tour package blending sun-soaked beaches, rich Portuguese-era churches, historic forts and a relaxing Mandovi river cruise. This Goa Pilgrimage tour package is thoughtfully designed for travelers seeking both leisure and spiritual sightseeing. Ideal as a Goa Pilgrimage package or a classic coastal getaway, this 5 nights / 6 days itinerary highlights the best of North, Central and South Goa.

### Highlights:

- Calangute & Baga Beaches – iconic North Goa shorelines
- Basilica of Bom Jesus & Se Cathedral (Old Goa) – UNESCO-era church heritage
- Fort Aguada & Chapora Fort – panoramic coastal forts
- Mandovi River Sunset Cruise – evening cultural cruise in Panaji
- Mangueshi & Shantadurga Temples (Ponda) – important pilgrimage sites

Tip: This 5 and 6 Goa Pilgrimage tour package is ideal for travelers who want a balanced mix of beach time, heritage church visits, temple pilgrimages and relaxed river cruising.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights on twin/double sharing basis
- ✓ Daily breakfast (05) and 1 special dinner (on request)
- ✓ Shared / private transfers as per itinerary (airport pick-up & drop)
- ✓ All sightseeing and transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Mandovi River Sunset Cruise tickets (standard class)
- ✓ Experienced English-speaking driver/guide and parking/toll charges
- ✓ Applicable taxes
- ✓ Note: This package is presented as a Goa tour package and Goa Pilgrimage tour package; temple and church visits included as per itinerary.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to/from Goa
- ✗ Travel insurance and personal expenses
- ✗ Monument / temple / church entry fees (unless specified)
- ✗ Meals other than specified and drinks
- ✗ Optional activities (water sports, private boat rides, Anjuna flea market purchases)
- ✗ Tips, portorage, laundry and items of purely personal nature
- ✗ Anything not mentioned in the 'Inclusions' section
- ✗ Important: Pre-booking for peak season is recommended. Prices may vary during festivals and long weekends.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival, Check-in & North Goa Beaches**

Arrive at Goa Airport / Railway Station and transfer to your hotel in Calangute / Baga. After check-in and a short rest, enjoy an afternoon at the famous Calangute Beach followed by Baga Beach and Candolim Beach. Evening at leisure – explore beach shacks, try Goan seafood or relax with a sunset walk.

Important: Early check-in is subject to availability. Beach activities are optional and at own expense.

Day

2

### **North Goa Sights & Forts**

After breakfast, head out for a scenic North Goa tour: visit Fort Aguada and its lighthouse for sweeping Arabian Sea views, then proceed to Sinquerim and Candolim stretches. Continue to Chapora Fort (famous for its panoramic views) and explore the lively lanes of Anjuna – known for its flea market and laid-back vibe.

Tip: If visiting Anjuna Flea Market, plan accordingly (market days vary).

Day

3

### **Old Goa Churches & Mandovi River Cruise**

Transfer to Panaji / Old Goa. Start the day with the UNESCO-renowned Basilica of Bom Jesus (houses the relics of St. Francis Xavier) and explore Se Cathedral, Church of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Cajetan Church. In the evening enjoy the signature Mandovi River Sunset Cruise with live entertainment – a highlight of this Goa tour package.

Note: Carry modest clothing for church visits (shoulders and knees covered).

Day

4

### **Panaji City, Fontainhas & Ponda Temples**

Morning city walk in Panaji – visit the colorful Fontainhas (Latin Quarter) and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception church. After lunch, drive to Ponda (Temple Town) to visit important pilgrimage sites: Shri Mangueshi Temple and Shantadurga Temple. Return to Panaji for an evening at leisure.

Tip: Temple rituals and photography rules vary; follow local guidelines.

Day

5

### **South Goa Excursion: Beaches & Cabo de Rama Fort**

Enjoy a full-day trip to South Goa — visit serene beaches like Colva, Benaulim or Palolem (depending on preference), and explore the historic Cabo de Rama Fort with stunning cliffs and sea views. This day is a relaxed contrast to the bustling north and ideal for peaceful beach walks and photography.

Optional activities such as dolphin-spotting boat rides or water sports are available at extra cost.

Day

6

### **Leisure Morning & Departure**

Enjoy a relaxed morning — last-minute shopping in Panaji or a short beach walk. Check out of the hotel and transfer to Goa Airport / Railway Station for your onward journey.

Note: Standard check-out time applies. Early/late transfers can be arranged upon request (charges may apply).

## **🔗 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.

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## ❓ **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 pão, 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.

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**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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