

Goa Wildlife & Rural Homestay 7N: Offbeat Nature Immersion

Prepared by TourGrids

Destination
Goa

Duration
7 Nights 8 Days

Starting from
Rs. 29,999 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Panaji · 1N

↗ North Goa · 2N

↗ Mollem / Bhagwan Mahavir · 2N

↗ Canacona / Cotigao · 2N

Overview

an immersive Goa tour package designed for families and nature lovers seeking an authentic, slow-travel experience. This 7 nights / 8 days Goa Family tour package blends wildlife-led treks, serene beaches, and community-run homestays in South Goa's rustic villages. Perfect as a Goa Family package or as an alternative to typical beach-only itineraries, the trip focuses on conservation, local culture, and relaxed exploration.

Highlights:

- Dudhsagar Waterfalls & Mollem (Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary)
- Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary and South Goa homestay village experience
- Panaji (Panjim) Latin Quarter and riverfront introduction to Goan culture
- Offbeat beaches: Arambol, Agonda, Palolem
- Traditional Goan home-cooked meals and village activities

This 7 and 8 Goa Family tour package is tailored to families, small groups, and eco-conscious travelers. Expect comfortable stays, guided nature walks, and gentle adventure suited for ages 6+.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 7 nights accommodation: hotels, nature lodge & 2 nights community homestay
- ✓ Daily breakfast; 2 traditional homestay dinners included
- ✓ All inner transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Guided wildlife walks, birdwatching sessions, and village guides
- ✓ Dudhsagar jeep/entry permits (subject to availability)
- ✓ Entry fees for listed sanctuaries and attractions
- ✓ Local taxes and service charges
- ✓ 24/7 local support and emergency assistance

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International/domestic air or rail tickets to Goa
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions and personal expenses
- ✗ Tips, portorage and optional activities (boat trips, Ayurvedic treatments) unless stated
- ✗ Government-imposed conservation/permit fees if levied at time of travel
- ✗ Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Panaji Introduction

Arrive at Goa airport/railway station and transfer to Panaji (Panjim). Settle into your hotel and enjoy a relaxed afternoon exploring the Latin Quarter (Fontainhas) with its colorful Portuguese architecture. Evening Mandovi riverfront walk and optional short sunset cruise to get acquainted with Goan culture and cuisine. Overnight in Panaji.

Day

2

Transfer to North Goa – Offbeat Beaches & Sunset at Chapora

After breakfast, drive north toward Arambol / Vagator. Explore quieter northern beaches, local markets and the bohemian vibe of Arambol. Late afternoon visit Chapora Fort for panoramic sunset views over the Arabian Sea. Opportunity for family-friendly beach games and a relaxed evening by the shore. Overnight in North Goa.

Day

3

North Goa: Village Crafts & Eco-Village Experience

Spend the day discovering offbeat North Goa: visit an eco-village or community art project, meet local artisans, and enjoy a guided short nature walk. Afternoon at leisure on the beach or optional Ayurvedic massage. Evening campfire or local music session (seasonal). Overnight in North Goa.

Day

4

Journey to Mollem – Dudhsagar Waterfalls Adventure

Drive inland to the Mollem region (home to Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary). Take the iconic Dudhsagar Waterfalls jeep/trek (seasonal and permit dependent) with a jungle ride and short hike. Visit the 12th-century Tambdi Surla Temple en route. Evening arrival at a comfortable nature lodge on the edge of the sanctuary. Pack lightweight rain gear if traveling during monsoon months. Overnight in Mollem.

Day

5

Wildlife & Birdwatching in Bhagwan Mahavir

Full day guided wildlife exploration inside Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary: wildlife drives/treks, birdwatching (spotting kingfishers, hornbills, and migratory species), and visits to spice plantations for an aromatic walk. Evening nature talk with the guide and a relaxed lodge dinner. Overnight in Mollem.

Day

6

Travel to South Goa – Homestay Immersion

Drive south to Canacona / Cotigao and check into a community-run rural homestay. Afternoon village walk: learn about coconut and cashew cultivation, try a simple cooking demo of traditional Goan dishes, and interact with hosts to understand local customs. Children-friendly activities and farm chores can be arranged on request. Overnight at the homestay.

Day

7

Cotigao Sanctuary & Beach Relaxation

Morning guided visit to Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary for more intimate jungle trails and birdwatching. Return to the homestay for a leisurely South Goa beach afternoon at Agonda or Palolem, with optional boat trip for dolphin sightings. Evening traditional home-cooked Goan meal with your hosts. Overnight at the homestay.

Day

8

Departure via Panaji – Farewell to Goa

After breakfast, check out and drive back toward Panaji for onward transfer to the airport or railway station. Depending on your departure time, make a short stop at a local market for souvenirs. If your flight is late, a short Panaji cultural stop is possible (subject to timing). Trip concludes with drop-off.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? 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.

❓ **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.

❓ **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.

🔗 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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