

Goa 9N Ultimate Explorer: North, South & Inland Wilderness

Prepared by TourGrids

Destination
Goa

Duration
9 Nights 10 Days

Starting from
Rs. 61,200 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ North Goa · 4N

↗ Panaji / Old Goa · 2N

↗ Inland Wilderness · 1N

↗ South Goa · 2N

Overview

An immersive 9 nights / 10 days Goa Family tour package designed for families and groups who want the best of beaches, culture, and wild inland escapes. This Goa tour package blends lively North Goa beaches, historic Panaji & Old Goa, tranquil South Goa shores, and the lush inland wilderness around Dudhsagar and spice plantations.

Highlights:

- North Goa beaches: Calangute, Baga, Anjuna
- Historic Old Goa & Panaji: Basilica of Bom Jesus, Fontainhas
- Dudhsagar Waterfall & Mollem: Jeep/trek experience
- South Goa serenity: Colva, Palolem, Cabo de Rama
- Family-friendly activities: dolphin watch, river cruise, spice plantation visit

This Goa Family package is optimized for families seeking comfort, cultural experiences, and nature-based adventures.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 9 nights accommodation on twin/quad sharing in selected family-friendly hotels/resorts (North, Panaji/Old Goa, Inland, South Goa)
- ✓ Daily continental & buffet breakfasts
- ✓ 3 dinners (welcome, spice plantation family lunch, farewell beach dinner)
- ✓ Airport transfers (arrival & departure) and inter-location transfers as per itinerary
- ✓ Guided heritage walk in Panaji & guided Dudhsagar experience (jeep/trek)
- ✓ Mandovi river cruise or dolphin-spotting boat trip (one activity included)
- ✓ Entrance fees for listed attractions where applicable
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for select excursions
- ✓ Government taxes and service charges

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare to/from Goa
- ✗ Optional activities not mentioned as included (water sports, additional cruise experiences, private tours)
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions (lunches except spice plantation family lunch and selected dinners)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and portorage
- ✗ Monsoon-season surcharge or accessibility fees for Dudhsagar (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Any items or services not specifically mentioned under inclusions

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & North Goa Welcome

Arrive at Goa's Dabolim/Goa International Airport and transfer to your North Goa resort in Calangute / Baga. Settle in, relax by the pool or beach, and enjoy a welcome briefing. Evening free to explore the beach promenade and try local Goan seafood at a family-friendly restaurant.

Tip: Keep sunscreen and hats handy — Goa's sun is strong.

Day

2

North Goa Beaches & Fort Aguada

Full day exploring iconic North Goa beaches. Start with a morning walk on Calangute Beach, then head to Sinquerim & Candolim for photos. Afternoon visit to Fort Aguada & Lighthouse for panoramic views. Optional water sports (banana boat, parasailing) available for the family.

Family note: Water sports are available for kids above specified minimum ages — check operator guidelines.

Day

3

Anjuna, Vagator & Sunset at Chapora Fort

Discover the boho side of Goa with visits to Anjuna Beach & Flea Market (seasonal), Vagator Beach, and the dramatic Chapora Fort at sunset — perfect for family photos. Lunch at a beach shack offering local and international cuisines.

Shopping tip: Bargain respectfully at flea markets.

Day

4

Island Cruise / Dolphin-spotting & Leisure

Enjoy a family-friendly Mandovi River cruise or a dolphin-spotting boat trip from north Goa (seasonal). Afternoon at leisure—opt for a relaxing Ayurvedic massage or pool time at the resort. Evening free to explore the local nightlife or a calm family dinner.

Note: Dolphin sightings are wildlife-dependent; sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Day

5

Transfer to Panaji & Old Goa Heritage Walk

Check out from North Goa and transfer to Panaji. Enjoy a guided walk through Fontainhas (Latin Quarter), visit the iconic Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral in Old Goa. Evening riverfront stroll along the Mandovi and optional dinner cruise.

Highlight: Fontainhas streets are picturesque — ideal for photography.

Day

6

Panaji Leisure & Day-trip Options

Start with a relaxed breakfast in Panaji. Choose between optional activities: a half-day trip to Divar Island or Chorão Island (birdwatching at Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary), shopping in Panaji, or a pottery/cooking workshop ideal for families.

Tip: Book island trips in advance during peak season.

Day

7

Inland Wilderness: Dudhsagar Waterfall & Spice Plantation

Early transfer inland to Mollem / Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary. Experience a guided jeep/rail trek to the majestic Dudhsagar Waterfall (best during/after monsoon) followed by a visit to a traditional Goan spice plantation with a family-style lunch showcasing authentic regional flavors.

Important: Dudhsagar access can be seasonal; check local conditions. Comfortable walking shoes recommended.

Day

8

Transfer to South Goa & Beach Relaxation

After morning nature activities, transfer south to your beachfront resort in Colva / Palolem. Afternoon at leisure on serene South Goa beaches — perfect for families looking to unwind away from the bustle of North Goa.

Tip: South Goa beaches are calmer and family-oriented — ideal for children and elderly travelers.

Day

9

South Goa Exploration: Cabo de Rama & Sunset Cruise

Explore the quieter charms of South Goa with a visit to Cabo de Rama Fort for stunning cliff views and a relaxed afternoon at Patnem/Palolem. Enjoy an optional sunset boat cruise or kayak session and a farewell beachside dinner.

Family highlight: Palolem offers safe swimming zones and calm waters for children.

Day

10

Departure from Goa

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport. En route, stop for last-minute shopping in Panaji or local markets for cashews, feni, and Goa souvenirs. End of the Goa 9N Ultimate Explorer — a perfect blend of beaches, heritage, and wilderness.

Tip: Allow extra time for airport traffic during peak season.

🔍 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 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.

★ **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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