

Goa Boutique Escape 4N: Boutique Hotels & Local Artisan Tours

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Destination
Goa

Duration
4 Nights 5 Days

Starting from
Rs. 24,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↩ Candolim / Calangute · 2N

↩ Panaji / Fontainhas · 1N

↩ Palolem / Agonda · 1N

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Overview

A carefully curated 4 nights / 5 days Goa tour package designed for travelers who want stylish stays, authentic local experiences and relaxed beach time. Ideal as a Goa Weekend tour package or an extended Goa Weekend package, this itinerary blends North Goa's lively beaches and heritage with South Goa's serene coves and artisan villages. Perfect for couples, small groups, and culture lovers looking for boutique comfort and hands-on artisan visits.

Highlights:

- Boutique hotels in North & South Goa (4 nights)
- Heritage walk in Panaji's Fontainhas and Old Goa churches
- Local artisan workshops: pottery, tile painting, shell & bamboo crafts
- Spice plantation tour with traditional Goan lunch
- Mandovi river cruise or sunset at Fort Aguada / Cabo De Rama
- Daily breakfast, select hands-on experiences and guided transfers

Target keywords: Goa tour package, Goa Weekend tour package, Goa Weekend package, 4 and 5 Goa Weekend tour package.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation in curated boutique hotels (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (4)
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers (airport/rail/station)
- ✓ Panaji heritage walk (Fontainhas) with a local guide
- ✓ Mandovi river cruise (subject to schedule)
- ✓ Artisan workshops (pottery, tile painting, shell/bamboo craft) – 1 hands-on session
- ✓ Spice plantation visit with traditional Goan lunch
- ✓ Inter-city transfers (North to South Goa) by private vehicle
- ✓ Local taxes and service charges

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights or train tickets
- ✗ Travel insurance and personal medical expenses
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions and personal beverages
- ✗ Tips, laundry and other personal incidental expenses
- ✗ Entrance fees to attractions not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Peak season surcharges, special festival or event tickets
- ✗ Any activities labeled optional or on-request

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Check-in & Sunset at Fort Aguada

Arrive at Goa airport or railway station and transfer to your boutique hotel in Candolim / Calangute. Check-in and unwind with a welcome drink. Spend the afternoon relaxing on Candolim Beach or exploring nearby shacks. In the evening, visit Fort Aguada for panoramic sea views and a memorable sunset. Dinner at a curated beachside restaurant featuring Goan seafood specialties.

Tip: If you arrive early, enjoy a short beach walk or an introductory Ayurveda foot massage at the hotel.

Day

2

Panaji Heritage Walk, Fontainhas & Mandovi Cruise

After breakfast, transfer to Panaji for a guided heritage walk in Fontainhas, the Latin Quarter known for its colorful Portuguese houses, narrow lanes, and boutique art galleries. Explore local bakeries and antique shops. Enjoy a relaxed riverside lunch.

In the late afternoon, take a scenic Mandovi River cruise (subject to schedule) to see Panaji from the water and enjoy live traditional music or sunset views. Return to your boutique hotel.

Note: The Mandovi cruise timing varies by season; alternative sunset options include a riverside café or a short ferry to the nearby village.

Day

3

Artisan Workshops & North Goa Markets

Today is a hands-on craft day. Visit selected artisan studios around Assagao and Anjuna where you participate in workshops—pottery, Goan tile painting, and shell craft. Learn from local craftsmen and create a small souvenir to take home.

After the workshops, explore the lively markets of Anjuna (flea market if the day aligns) and Mapusa for textiles, spices, and handmade jewelry. Evening at leisure; optional nightlife spots nearby for light music.

Tip: Wear comfortable clothes for workshops and bring a reusable bag for market purchases.

Day

4

Old Goa, Spice Plantation & Transfer to South Goa

Check out after breakfast and proceed to Old Goa to visit the UNESCO-listed churches—Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral—and absorb Goa's colonial history.

Continue to a traditional spice plantation for a guided walk, spice demonstration and a hearty Goan lunch featuring local recipes. After lunch, transfer southwards and check in to your boutique hotel near Palolem / Agonda.

Evening free to relax on the beach. Optional: Sunset at Cabo De Rama for dramatic clifftop views.

Day

5

Leisure, Goa Cooking Demo & Departure

Enjoy a relaxed morning with beach time at Palolem or a gentle yoga session offered by the hotel. Participate in an optional short Goan cooking demonstration where you learn to prepare a traditional dish—perfect for foodies.

Check out and depending on your flight/train timings, stop for last-minute shopping in Panaji / Mapusa or a quick photo stop at a scenic viewpoint. Transfer to the airport/railway station for your onward journey.

Note: Standard check-out times apply; early departures will be coordinated with the hotel in advance.

🔍 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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