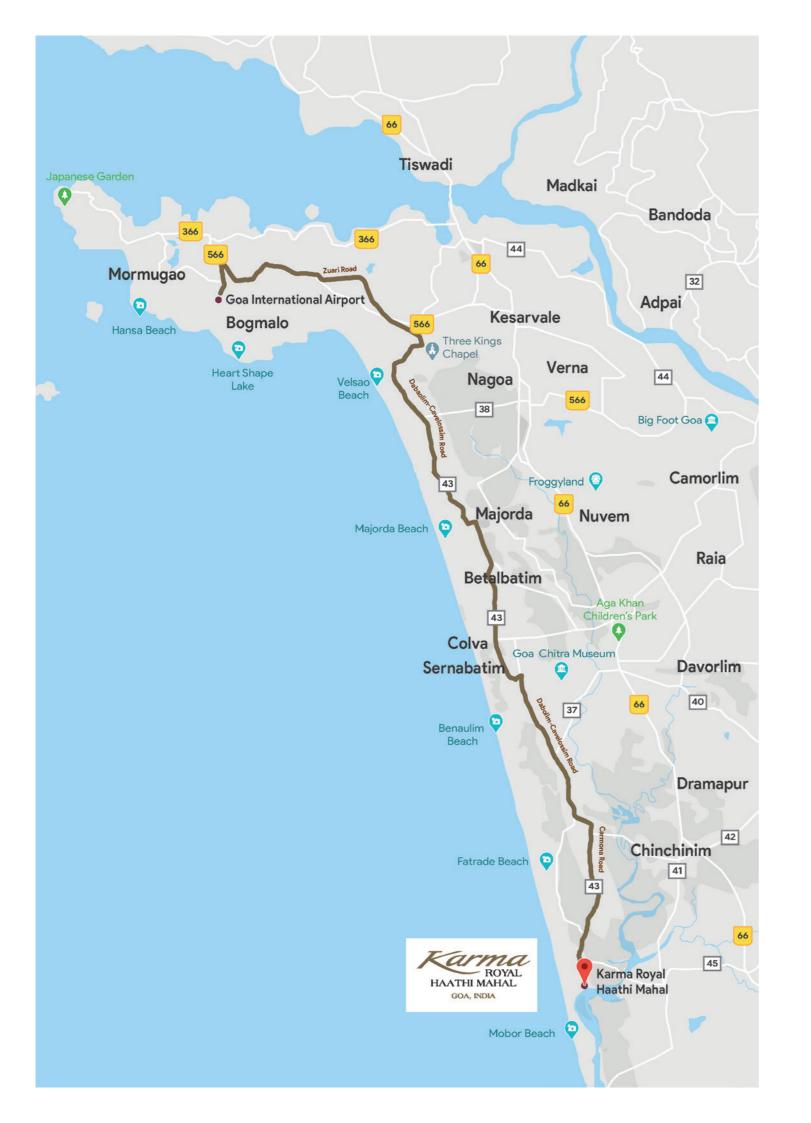


# **DESTINATION PROFILE**

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# From the Airport

From Dabolim International Airport, head towards Margao and drive through the quaint villages of Colva and Benaulim onto Cavelossim.

# From the Margao Railway Station

The resort is approximately 15km from the city of Margao, Goa's cultural and commercial capital, which is serviced by regular buses and trains. The railway station, Madgaon Junction, is a 30-minute drive away. Airport and railway station transfers can be arranged on request.

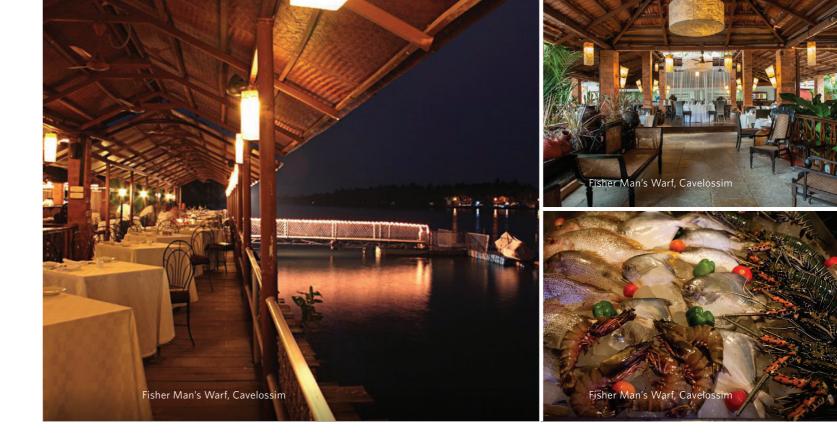
- Taxi Services Pre paid taxis available at the airport Vasco da Gama, Goa 403801 Phone: 097647 51235
- Car Rental Services the reception desk. +91 832 672 5300 Email: haathimahal@karmagroup. com

Tourist taxis are available via

- CA =.

Where to buy groceries KARMA MINI STORE (Convenience store in-house) 91-832-6725300

D'MELLO SUPERCENTER Cardozo Residency, shop no. 7, 8, 9, Mobor, Goa 403731 Open daily 8.30 am to 10pm 0832 287 1269



# Fisher Man's Warf

Without a doubt, this establishment is the pioneer venue of The Fishermen's Wharf at Cavelossim and boasts views of the spectacular Arabian Sea. The restaurant offers modern fusion cuisine infused with Goan influences.

> Open daily from 12.30 to 11.00pm at the Riverside, Cavelossim, Salcette, Goa.

090110 18866 | www.thefishermanswharf.in

# GOA ON THE PLATE

**OUR TOP PICKS OF RESTAURANTS** IN THE REGION





# Mike's Place

Mike's Place is a stalwart of the Goan restaurant scene. This multi-cuisine restaurant which is specialises in seafood reflecting the delicate styles and flavours of Goan cuisine.

> **Open daily** from 9am to 11pm Opp. Dona Sylvia Cavelossim, Salcete, Goa 403731

098221 60915 www.mikesplacegoa.com/restaurant **Martin's Corner** 

For those who like a little live music with their meal, Martin's Corner in Betalbatim is a real crowd pleaser. The venue serves up flavourful all day.

> Open daily from 11.30am to 4.00pm, and 6.30pm to 11.30pm 69, Binwaddo, Betalbatim, Salcette, Goa 403713

0832 288 0413 | martinscornergoa.com

# **Robin's Ark**

A relatively new restaurant in the Goan food scene, Robin's Ark serves a wide range of delicacies from around the world with their own twist, from tasty chicken cafreal to 'sous vide' style cooking and much more.

> **Open daily** from 12.00 to 3.00pm, and 6.30pm to 11.00pm Luisa by the sea complex cavelossim, Mobor Beach, Goa 403731

> > 088059 94001 | robinsark.business.site

Cavatina

For all-day international bites head to Cavatina in Benaulim. Excellent steaks, seafood, flavourful Goan cuisine and more.

Open daily from 12.00 am to 3.00 pm - 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm Taj Hotel Road, Near Joecons Beach Resort, South Goa, Benaulim, Goa 403712

0832 277 0607

facebook.com/Cavatina.Cuchina.Grill.Bar/



# Fort Aguada

One of Goa's most iconic historic sites, Fort Aguada was constructed in 1612 by the Portuguese to guard against the Dutch and the Marathas.

# Ancestral Goa 'Bigfoot' Museum

For something a little bit quirky, head to the Ancestral Goa cultural park, otherwise known by its other name, Bigfoot! The open-air museum recreates Goan rural life as it was a hundred years ago and allows visitors to walk through a (slightly kitsch) miniature Goan village, as well as an art gallery, spice yard, rubber plantation, restaurants and even a dance floor.

# Fort Tiracol

Delve into Goa's maritime history at Fort Tiracol in northern Goa. Located at the mouth of the Tiracol river from which it draws its name, the fort was built in the 17th century by Maharaja Khem Sawant Bhonsle, the Raja of Sawantwadi however after a fierce naval engagement in 1746, the fort fell to the Portuguese and was subsumed into the colonial power's maritime defences.

# Shri Mangeshi Temple

Explore the stunning Shri Mangeshi Temple, one of the most colourful anywhere in Goa. The temple is dedicated to the deity Bhagavan Manguesh, an incarnation of Shiva.

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# The Basilica of Bom Jesus

The Basilica of Bom Jesus is a UNESCO world heritage site. The Basilica holds the mortal remains of the Christian Saint, St. Francis Xavier and is located in the township of Old Goa, which was the capital of Goa during the early days of Portuguese rule.

### Safa Shahouri Masjid

Although much of Goa identifies Hindu (over 66%), many religions have come to find their place over the centuries in Goa's green expanse. The Safa Shahouri Masjid is Goa's oldest remaining mosque, built in 1560 by Bijapuri ruler Ali Adil Shah. The site is now in a beautiful state of quietude, the site echoes with the Muslim rule of a bygone age.

## **Arvalem Caves & Waterfalls**

These ancient human-made caves can be traced back to the 6th and 7th century BC, and while their original use is lost to the mists of time, it's believed the five Pandava brothers from the Mahabharata epic took refuge in the Aravalem Caves during their exile.

# **Dudhsagar Falls**

One of Goa's most dramatic natural wonders, Dudhsagar Falls (translating as Sea of Milk) descend in stately tiers over 310 metres in a series of milky white cataracts that give the waterfalls their name. The falls are at their most epic during the annual monsoon.

# **Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary**

The State also boasts a rich natural diversity away from the coast, such as the Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary and Mollem National Park, a 240 square kilometre sanctuary nestled against the Western Ghats. It's one of the best places on the sub-continent to see the elusive black panther as well as barking deer and Bengal tigers.

### Savoi Plantations

While there's plenty of spice plantations to explore in Goa, the Savoi plantations in Savoi Verem are among the most famous. The plantation is one of the oldest and largest tropical spice plantations, founded over 200 years ago.



# Margao City

As the capital of south Goa and the second largest city in the State, Margao (also known as Madgaon) is a useful place for shopping and connecting on to other destinations, and to check out Goa's unique blend of Hindu and Christian religions.

# Panaji (Panjim) City

Panaji is the capital of Goa and the epicentre of much Goa's culture and day to day goings on. Take in the Kala Academy for music, dance and arts, or sample some of Goa's local delicacies, from seafood to vegetarian feasts.

# Anjuna Flea Market

The Anjuna Flea Market started during the sixties when hippies travelling through India congregated to share stories and trade for staples from home, jewellery, and wacky weeds. Nowadays things are a bit tamer, but you'll still grab a great bargain.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF GOA





## **Beaches (North Goa)**

Arambol Beach - Sleepy Arambol would have to be one of the best picks for a day at the beach in the north of Goa. The beach gained popularity in the 60's when westerners fell in love with the alternative lifestyle they could carve out among the fisherfolk and palm trees. Nowadays, it's best known as one of the best places in Goa to go paragliding.

Calangute Beach - There's no other way to put it, Calangute Beach heaves with sunseekers no matter the season. Nevertheless, it has its own charms and there's something to be said for the beautiful afternoon sea breeze that flows across the crowds and makes everyone feel like they're part of something special. It's also one of the more popular places in Goa to go parasailing.

Miramar Beach - Miramar is Panaji's main beach so compared to other beaches in Goa it may seem over-developed. Nevertheless, the beach is clean and easily accessible and close to shopping, dining bars and a wealth of beachside activities. Staring out across the white sand and turquoise waters is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon between shopping and dinner.

Mandrem Beach - Known for its colourful little beachside bungalows resting on sandy shores, Mandrem's clear waters and seaside creek make it one of the more picturesque in north Goa. The small fishing community makes everything feel like a walk through yesteryear; you'll slow down, breathe, and take in the beauty of a Goan sunset or five.

Vagator Beach - A little quieter than neighbouring Anjuna Beach, Vagator is part of the party culture of much of northern Goa, popular with backpackers and domestic tourists alike. The best way to explore the surrounding area is by scooter. Head up to the red cliffs and take in the spectacular sunset over the Arabian Sea.

## **Palolem Beach**

Palolem Beach can easily lay claim as one of Goa's best beaches. The chilled out beach vibe, pristine conditions and spectacular natural beauty with rocky outcrops, coconut palms and crystal clear water makes Palolem an almost perfect place to experience Goa beach culture at its best.

## Mobor Beach

Almost an extension of Cavelossim Beach, Mobor Beach is one of the most active in Goa. A glittering restaurant row visit Mobor a must. During the day you can enjoy beach activities including skiing, snorkelling, and wind and kite surfing.

## **Baga Beach**

With its picturesque creek running out to the sea, Baga Beach is s beautiful as it is inviting. Visitors will enjoy the many outdoor and adventure activities on offer including Scuba diving, open water diving, jet skiing, windsurfing and more. There's also plenty happening on land with beachside spas, restaurant, nightclubs and bars aplenty.



# **Backwater Cruise**

To really get under Goa's skin it's worth considering jumping on board a Backwater Cruise. It sails along the Mandovi's and explores the river's many sights, as well as Old Goa and, offshore islands, Chorao and Divar. The cruise takes about 150 passengers at a time and lasts for 5-hours, stopping at Savoi so visitors can check out the area's 200-year-old spice plantations, as well as Old Goa. Along the way, you'll discover that Goa plays host to an abundance of flora and fauna. You may be lucky enough to see crocodiles, dolphins, buffalo and a veritable cacophony of tropical birdlife.

# **Arpora Night Market**

This vibrant and frenetic Saturday night market attracts thousands of tourists to Arpora every year, opening before New Year's and closing by the end of April. It's a constant all-in festival of fun where you can buy almost anything, chow down on flavourful Goan grub, dance the night away at one of the numerous pop-up bars and dress to impress in colourful local styles. Put simply if you can't find something to tickle your fancy at Arpora then you're in definite need of a longer holiday.

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