



**2 nights / 3 days**

The Portuguese called it Goa Dourada, Golden Goa; others called it the Pearl of the Orient. Lying between lush forested hills and the sea, Goa offers not only stunning beaches and swaying coconut palms but also a rich multi-cultural and historical heritage, including the World Heritage Site of its Churches and Convents.

### Day 01 MUMBAI-GOA

- **Fly to Goa.**
- **Check in at Hotel**
- **Evening at leisure, overnight at hotel**

**1700 hrs** : Morning transfer to airport for flight to Goa.  
: Arrive at Goa. Meeting and assistance on arrival, then transfer to hotel.  
: Reach and check in at the hotel.  
: Evening free for leisure and to explore the hotel, beaches and surroundings.  
: Overnight at hotel.



### Day 02 IN GOA

- **Visit to Ponda - Mangueshi and Shantadurga temples**
- **Drive to Sahakari Spice Plantation**
- **Visit to Old Goa**
- **Drive to Panaji - Capital of modern Goa - for shopping**

**0830 hrs** : Breakfast at hotel  
**0930 hrs** : Depart from hotel for Ponda to see the Hindu temples.  
**1015 hrs** : Arrive Ponda, the temple city, to visit the Mangueshi and Shantadurga temples.



**Mangueshi Temple:** This Hindu temple is famous for its pristine glory, which attracts thousands of visitors every year and is gifted by the Welcome Gate, an elegant lamp tower, a 'Noubatkhana' overlooking the temple tank and Agrashalas or guest houses on three sides. Inside, the floor is paved with marble, and bands of decorative tiles emblazon the white walls. Flanked by large 'Dvarpala' guardians, embossed silver doorways with florite designs lead to the sanctum. The structure visitors see today dates from the 1700s.

**Shantadurga Temple** is dedicated to Sri Shantadurga, the goddess of peace, who is said to have settled a quarrel between Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu. The 18th century temple complex lies on the foothills of Kavalem surrounded by lush vegetation. There is a main temple with pyramidal roofs with an interesting dome, and three smaller temples of other deities which have been built on three sides. The pillars and floorings are made of Kashmir stone. The temple has a huge tank, a Dipa Stambha and agrashalas (guest houses).

**1130 hrs** : Drive to **Sahakari Spice Plantation**. Guided tour of the plantation followed by Goan buffet lunch served on banana leaves.

**1345 hrs** : Drive to Old Goa to see the old capital of Goa.

**1415 hrs** : Visit the famous churches at Old Goa – the Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral. The churches in Goa were built mainly in the 16th and 17th centuries. A legacy of the Portuguese rule over the area, they are architectural masterpieces recognized today as a World Heritage Sites.

**The Basilica of Bom Jesus**, which contains the relics of St. Francis Xavier, Patron Saint of Goa, is a stunning example of Baroque architecture in India. The facade is a visual delight with a combination of Ionic, Doric and Corinthian styles in the columns. The construction of the church began on the 24th November 1594 AD. The interior is rich with gilded altars and an elaborately carved pulpit.

Nearby **Se Cathedral** is the largest church in Asia and was dedicated to St Catherine. It took almost three-fourths of a century to complete the magnificent structure which is Portuguese Gothic in style with its Tuscan exterior and Manueline square tower and Corinthian interior. It is the seat of the Archdiocese of Goa. The cathedral has fifteen altars and eight chapels, of which two, the Chapels of Blessed Sacrament and the Miraculous Cross are adorned with very fine filigree work.



**1530 hrs** : Drive to Panaji – the capital of modern Goa.

**1615 hrs** : Tour the capital city for shopping

**1800 hrs** : Drive back to hotel.

: Overnight at hotel.

## Day 03 LEAVE GOA

- **Morning at leisure for beaches.**
- **Board flight for respective destination.**

0830 hrs : Breakfast at hotel.

0930 hrs : Relax at the nearby beach / time free.

1200 hrs : Check-out and transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination.

## Tour Ends