

**GOA TROPICAL BEACHES
WEEKEND TRIP**

WEEKEND OVERVIEW

Based on the South West coast, you will spend 4 days and 3 nights in Goa, where you can truly experience India's very own pocket-sized paradise! With no planned itinerary, this is time for you and your newfound friends to truly enjoy yourselves, whether that be relaxing or taking part in some of the many activities on offer.

Goa offers an eclectic mix of Portuguese heritage, a wonderful climate, lush green jungles and exotic food. If you're a beach lover looking to soak up the sun on some golden sands then you will be in your element. However, for those who are less inclined to lay on the beautiful beaches, you will have plenty of activities to enjoy, including:

- Swimming with dolphins in Sinquerim
- Snorkelling at Grande Island
- Walking through the dark passages of Goan Caves
- Kayaking across the charming creeks
- Cycling on Miramar beach
- Scuba diving in Malvan
- Partying into the night soaking up the atmosphere
- Trekking to Dudhsagar Waterfalls
- White water rafting on the Mhadei River
- Walking through the aromatic spice plantations

The TMR team will arrange your transfers, flights and accommodation, but please note that no team member from Jaipur will accompany you. In saying this, although it is an opportunity for some independent travel, the local point of contact will be happy to assist with anything you may need.

Each weekend trip leaves on a Thursday afternoon and returns on the Sunday evening, costing just **£229 per person**.

The following are included within this fee:

- Private transfers to and from Jaipur airport
- Private transfers to and from Goa Airport
- Accommodation
- Breakfast

START DATES

We will be running the Goa Tropical Beaches weekend trip on the following dates:

26th January 2023 – 29th January 2023
23rd February 2023 – 26th February 2023
23rd March 2023 – 26th March 2023
20th April 2023 – 23rd April 2023
25th May 2023 – 28th May 2023
22nd June 2023 – 25th June 2023
20th July 2023 – 23rd July 2023
19th August 2023 – 22nd August 2023
24th August 2023 – 27th August 2023
21st September 2023 – 24th September 2023
26th October 2023 – 29th October 2023
23rd November 2023 – 26th November 2023
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We can add additional weekend trips if there is enough interest from volunteers. There is a minimum of 2 participants.



BOOKING YOUR PLACE

You can simply add this weekend trip when applying for any of our programmes in India under 'Optional Extras'.

If you have already signed up for one of our volunteer programmes in India and would like to add this weekend trip, you can simply request this within your My Trip account.

Places on our weekend trips are non-refundable and non-transferable between volunteers.

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DAY 1 – TRAVELLING TO GOA

After a full morning of volunteering, everyone will have some lunch at the volunteer accommodation like normal.

Your flight will generally depart Jaipur in the late evening, around 7 / 8pm, but this can vary trip to trip. Our local team will transport you to the airport in a private car.

Most flights will require a stop at another Indian city, this could be Hyderabad, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru or somewhere else close by. Although the flight time is only a couple of hours, because of the stopover, the total journey will take between 4 and 6 hours.

When you land into Goa, a local co-ordinator will be there to greet you and transport you to your accommodation for the weekend.

As you will be landing quite late into Goa, you will have time to settle into your hotel and get a good night's rest.

DAYS 2 & 3 – FREE TIME

As mentioned, there is no planned itinerary for your time in Goa – just plenty of time to enjoy

yourself under the sun. Goa is the perfect place to come and chill out and relax. Spend your days soaking up the sun on the pristine golden beaches and having long dinners as the sun sets and time slowly goes by without a worry in the world!

If relaxing is not your thing then there are plenty of activities you can get involved in! Some of the things you could get up to include:

- Swimming with dolphins in Sinquerim
- Snorkelling at Grande Island
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You can easily book any of the above and more by visiting one of the many tour and activity companies dotted around town. Most offer the same excursions and are roughly the same price.

You will also be able to get assistance with booking anything with the staff at the hotel you are staying at.

If you are looking for a more action-filled weekend, then we would recommend searching for all of the activities on offer before heading to Goa.

DAY 4 – LAST DAY

I'm afraid your time in paradise has come to an end. The local co-ordinator will transfer you back to the airport to ensure you have plenty of time to catch your flight back to Jaipur.



Most flights leave in the early afternoon or evening and again involve a stopover in a nearby city. You should expect to arrive back at the volunteer accommodation any time between 7pm and 11pm.

ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying at a basic hostel during your time in Goa. Depending on availability at the time, you may be staying at the Funky Monkey, Jungle Hostel, The Bucket List or somewhere else close by.

All accommodation will be basic, but the perfect base to call home for your time here. Most rooms will have air-conditioning and will have western style toilets with hot water showers.

You may be sharing your room with up to 5 other people (same sex), with beds being self-allocated by volunteers.

You can make use of the Wi-Fi, although this may be intermittent.

MEALS

You'll be provided with a buffet breakfast each morning that contains cereal, bread and some more traditional foods.

For lunch and dinner you can dine out at one of the many restaurants located along the beach. You'll be able to choose from a wide choice of local cuisine, Chinese and western food – all reasonably priced.

TRANSPORT

We will arrange all transport to and from Jaipur and Goa Airports.

Flights to and from Goa (Dabolim Goa International Airport, airport code GOI) must be arranged independently and at your own expense. You should expect to budget between £80 and £150 and you can either fly with Indi Go or SpiceJet.

We recommend waiting until you are in Jaipur to book your flights as they will generally be cheaper and you can then also plan to travel with other volunteers at the same time.

We also recommend that your flight arrive into Goa as early as possible on your start date. If you are continuing to volunteer after the weekend trip then please ensure your flight lands back into Jaipur before the curfew on the weekend end date.

The Mighty Roar cannot be held accountable for any activities missed as a result of late arrivals or flight delays.

