

GGI ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL EASYMEET 5 – 7 JULY 2013 GOA, INDIA

General Information



Goa, is the smallest state in India, located in India's West coast in the region known as the Konkan, it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north, and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. Panaji is the state's capital, while Vasco da Gama is the largest city. Spread over 3,700 square kilometres with a population of approximately 1.4 million, Goa is small by Indian standards.

It is a former Portuguese colony with a rich history. The historic city of Margao still exhibits the cultural influence of the Portuguese, who first landed in the early 16th century as merchants and conquered it soon thereafter. To the Portuguese conquerors it was 'Golden Goa', the El Dorado, the 'Rome of the East'. It has a unique mix of Indian and Portuguese cultures and architecture.

Travel

The **Dabolim Airport** in Vasco Da Gama is Goa's only airport. Some airlines fly directly to Goa, but most international flights arrive via the **Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport** in Mumbai. Air India has international flights to Kuwait and the UAE twice a week. Air Arabia has flights to Sharjah. Qatar Airways has flights to Doha, along with convenient connections to Western Europe, Africa and USA.

Many domestic airlines have daily flights to and from Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Jaipur, Ahmadabad and Kozhikode (Calicut).

On arrival, take pre-paid taxis from Dabolim Airport. A yellow pre-paid taxi booth can be found 30 metres on the left when you exit the main building. There is also a pre-paid taxi stand in the international arrival area. Rates are slightly cheaper than the yellow cabs.

Climate

Goa features a tropical monsoon climate. Being in the tropical zone and near the Arabian Sea, it has a hot and humid climate for most of the year. The monsoon rains arrive by early June and provide a much needed respite from the heat. Temperatures in July range from 24.1°C (75.4°F) to 28.9°C (84.0°F) with an average temperature of 26.5°C (79.7°F).

Goa has a short winter season between mid-December and February. These months are marked by nights of around 21°C (68°F) and days of around 28°C (84°F) with moderate amounts of humidity. Further inland, due to altitudinal gradation, the nights are a few degrees cooler.

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Currency

The Currency Unit in Goa as in the rest of India is the Indian Rupee (INR).

1 USD = 56.5995 INR

1 EUR = 74.0316 INR

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Hotel Information

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Services / Facilities:

- 24-hour room service
- Business services including copy, print, fax and translation
- Fitness Centre
- High-speed, wireless Internet access (complimentary)
- Meeting facilities
- On-site dining
- Outdoor pool
- Revive Spa

Local Time

Goa, India time is [Indian Standard Time](#) (IST) UTC/GMT +5:30 hours

Voltage

Voltage in Goa is 220 volts AC 50 Cycles. Many power outlets are universal and accept many plugs without adapter. A combination receptacle for types C, D and M is usually present.

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