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Beach Therapy For You!

TAJ HOLIDAY VILLAGE RESORT & SPA, GOA

Elegant Indo-Portuguese architectural heritage is showcased through

diverse menu that focusses on classic comfort food, from Colombo to San

Romanesque arches, pillared verandahs and sunny saquãos (central courtyards) at Taj Holiday Village Resort & Spa, one of the finest luxury resort in Goa. With the beach on one side and cocooned in dense foliage, the 142 terracotta-roof suites and villas in Goa deliver contemporary luxury in the midst of Nature at her most glorious. The resort's al fresco offerings are as captivating as its stately accommodation. You can savor a three course Thai lunch at Banyan Tree – one of Goa's top rated Southeast Asian restaurants – after a drink and aperitif at the sunken bar and pool. A workout at the fitness center, a round of tennis or water sports can be topped off with a hedonist massage or facial at the award-winning Jiva Spa.

DINING

At **Drift,** enjoy a dramatic setting and eclectic bar menu, with a unique brand of nightlife by the seashore. Linger over mojitos, sake and several rounds of tapas while relaxing in a divine al fresco environment. Pulsating house music ensures that the night transcends from mellow charm to high octane glamour without missing a beat. **Caravela** boasts a curated, Francisco and Malaysia to Cape Town. A contemporary approach to Goan-Portuguese cooking traditions makes **Beach House** one of our most sought-after restaurants. Chef Rego leverages an astounding 47 years of experience at the Taj to add a flourish to iconic dishes like Xacuti and Vindaloo, using indigenous produce like kokum, palm vinegar and parboiled rice. An exhilarating version of the local cashew feni provides a fitting climax to a meal that promises to satisfy all your senses.

JIVA SPA

Envelop your body, mind and soul in serenity and sensory splendor at the award-winning Jiva Spa. Experienced and intuitive therapists use ancient Indian wellness and beauty techniques to keep those niggling aches and pains at bay, and bring a radiant glow to your face.

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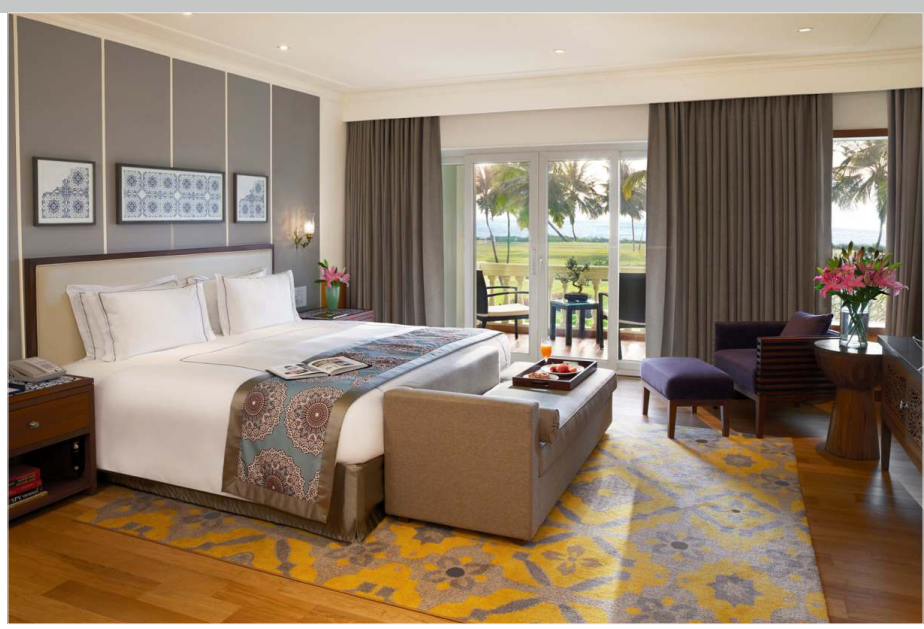
TAJ EXOTICA RESORT & SPA



Choose from the best fine-dining restaurants in South Goa that offer authentic Goan, exotic Chinese and fresh seafood; or relax with casual all-day cuisines from around the world. At Taj Exotica Resort & Spa Goa, you can enjoy private dining in mesmeric settings, with handcrafted menus and impeccable service. The finely curated dining experiences play up the exquisite resort ambience, beachfront and sea view— the ultimate romance!

Named after legendary Goan Chef Miguel Arcanjo Mascharenhas, this eponymous Goan restaurant is your stop for authentic Goan Portuguese food. It boasts an elaborate menu inspired from local delicacies curated with local ingredients. The lively show kitchen adds that special feel. Elegant black-and-white photos of Hollywood movie stars and posters line the handsome panels of Adega Camoens, Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Goa's exotic lounge bar. Music enhances its old-world charm, making the space ripe for a romantic evening over cocktails, cigars and cognac. At Lobster Village, enjoy the freshest seafood at a seasonal beachfront venue. Sala da Pranzo is an Italian inspired all day dining restaurant, offering world cuisine with a focus on Italian. The ambience and atmosphere capture a mix of contemporary and homely vibrance, with lively show kitchens, a wood fired oven and an organic bar. You have a choice between sitting indoors, private dining areas and alfresco dinning, all of which complement the charm of this restaurant.

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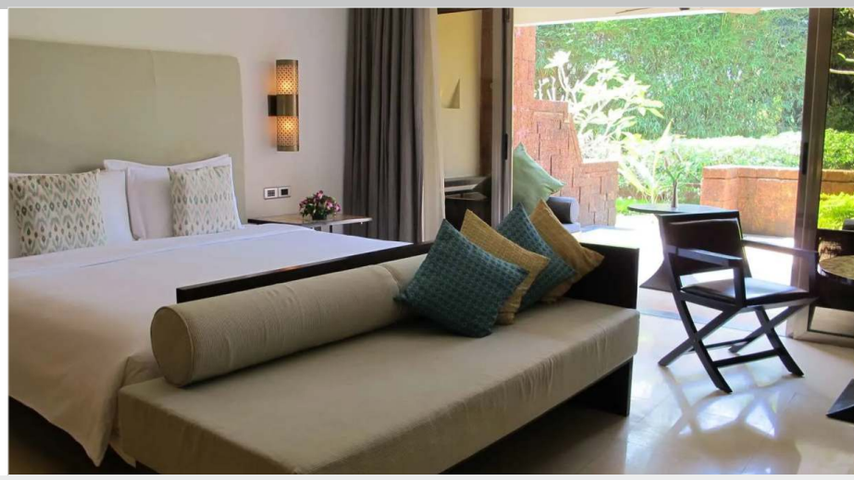
ALILA DIWA GOA



Alila Diwa Goa is a luxury hotel located in the picturesque Village of Majorda in South Goa, just 20 minutes from Goa Dabolim International Airport. The resort blends contemporary Goan architecture with the magic of Goa's cultural richness. Relaxation reigns here amid a serene landscape of lush, verdant rice plantations flowing towards the Arabian Sea. At the heart of the resort is an endless infinity pool that extends out into the paddy terraces.

ACCOMMODATION

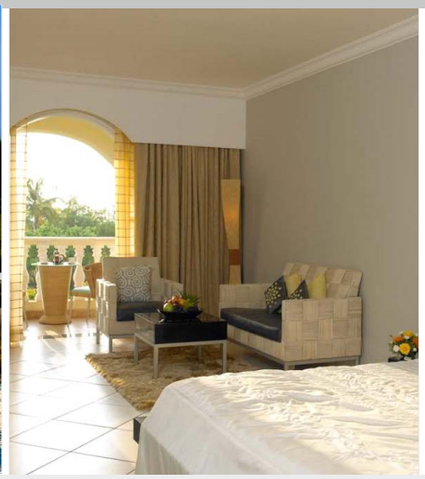
Alila Diwa Goa boasts a total of 118 rooms and suites that are designed for quiet indulgence with an amazing bath experience, luxury bedding and private terrace to capture the ocean breeze. Guests can take in the magnificent views of lush greenery from the South and West Wings and simply enjoy the tranquillity. Designed as a resort within a resort, the Diwa Club has its own lap pool with an open-air Jacuzzi and private all-day dining Bistro. A dedicated culinary team at Bistro will delight guests with specialties catering to every palate right from an all-day breakfast to exquisite degustation menus for dinner.

For that much-needed rest and rejuvenation, look no further than Spa Alila. Pamper yourself with Asian and Ayurvedic treatments as part of relaxing and healing regimes that are sure to refresh your mind and senses. The spa facilities also include an infinity pool, yoga studio offering a range of exercise, yoga and meditation sessions, a fitness center and a salon, making us one of the finest luxury resorts in Goa that is well worth the visit.

DINING

Vivo is the all-day dining venue with a relaxed ambience indoor and shaded open-air spaces. **Spice Studio** is a Goan restaurant centred on the authenticity of traditional Goan cuisine and few heritage Indian dishes served in a homely setup. Pool bar by day, **The Edge** overlooking the cool blue waters of the infinity pool is a stylish venue to relax and unwind either in air-conditioned comfort or on the outdoor patio along with a cool drink and music for company. **Courtyard Bar** is a speakeasy bar with a retro theme. It is an ideal place for an evening aperitif.

THE ZURI WHITE SANDS GOA RESORTS & CASINO



A reflection of everything Goan, The Zuri White Sands, Goa Resort & Casino is one of the 'Best Beach Resorts in Goa', a fact evident by the awards it has won. Varca, the picturesque beach on which the resort is located, offers privacy and solitude and an authentic Goan experience. Spread across 37 acres, the resort is indeed a paradise, replete with a long pool, spectacular sea-facing Goan-style luxury rooms and a wide gamut of cuisine, ranging from authentic Goan to European and Pan-Asian cuisine. Six restaurants and bars make up the varied dining experience offered here.

ACCOMMODATION

Soak in the Goan spirit as you enjoy your stay in luxury rooms. Let the lazy sea breeze waft into your room, drawing you out to explore the beach and its various attractions.

MAYA SPA

A vacation isn't complete without some much-needed pampering! The MAYA caters to all your spa-therapy needs. A wide range of Ayurveda massages, treatments and amenities like separate steam rooms, saunas and a jacuzzi (separate for men and women) make this spa an ideal choice for those looking for rejuvenation.

DUNE CASINO

Enjoy a plush gaming experience in this luxurious casino. Roulette, Blackjack, baccarat, 3 cards Poker, mini flush rummy and 20 odd slot machines are up for you to try your luck at. The dress code here is formals and smart casuals; head here for an evening away from the crowds.

amã STAYS & TRAILS ,GOA

A distinctive branded offering by Indian Hotels Company Limited, amã Stays & Trails comprise untouched experiential escapes ranging from charming residences to mesmerizing trails in unique locations. Combining elegance with homely comfort and warm service, amã Stays & Trails offer immersive and authentic local experiences to guests.

BRAGANZA HOUSE
Braganza House carries nuances from Portuguese influence - the patterns inspired from "azulejos" which are used in floor tiles, contemporary basket weave furniture, printed plate decorations and paintings bring in the local flavours. Calm bedroom space has been created for rest and contemplation through use of a neutral colour palate, natural wood furniture, and floral wall paper inspired from the layered petals from Portuguese influence. Braganza House has 4 bedrooms and provides a cosy, reposeful space to relax, unwind and enjoy.

CARDOZO HOUSE
Cardozo House is a 4-bedroom Portuguese-style Villa with swimming pool and garden, located in Candolim-North Goa. The villa has been restored with perfection by Indian Hotels Company Limited. The house has four spacious bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, a living room, 10 seater dining room and a spacious kitchen. The interior of the house has an attractive rustic colour patterned floor tiles, rose wood furniture, decorative pelmets and wooden rafter ceilings which exhibits the Indo-Portuguese influence

VILLA SIOLIM
Located in North Goa, in the pristine village of Siolim, and very close to the bountiful waters of the Chapora River, Villa Siolim is a 5-bedroomed elegant house. Experience a classic Goan rendezvous amidst lush lanes, quaint churches, heritage homes and tropical fruit trees. Villa Siolim is a cosy retreat away from bursting beaches and pulsating pubs. Built in the 1940s, the villa reflects Goan architecture of a bygone era. Surrounded by manicured lawns and paved walkways, slanted red roofs with exposed beam ceilings defines this majestic structure which embraces guests at the latticed veranda.

THE POSTCARD VELHA

Far from the maddening streets of Calangute and Candolim, is the secluded world of Old Goa. Or as the Portuguese say, Velha Goa. It's also where you'll find The Postcard Velha, a modernist colonial hideout tucked away atop the sprawling two acre Champakali estate. With all of six rooms, the hotel is the perfect place to enjoy the simple pleasures of Goa, and the rare luxury of complete privacy.

ACCOMMODATION
There's no such thing as too much nature. Which is why the sun-kissed villas and suites lie in the shade of the forest with private balconies overlooking lush gardens and the valley beyond. With their tropical aesthetic and plush interiors, they're the perfect place to rest and reinvigorate.

BANYAN ROOMS
Modern, minimalistic and bathed in natural light, the airy room opens out to lush views of the garden, at the heart of which lies a striking 300 year old banyan tree. The room also comes with a private verandah offering the perfect space to enjoy those ambling minutes found only on holidays.

MANDOVI ROOMS
The room offers sweeping views of the hillock and the delta formed by Mandovi and Zuari, in the distance. You will also spot a bright of blue in the form of the swimming pool. Spacious, exquisitely appointed and with balconies, the room has a breezy home away from home feel about it.

THE POSTCARD MOIRA

On the Birdsong estate, tucked away in the quaint village of Moira, is the quiet premise of The Postcard Moira. The nine rooms of the carefully restored 214 year old ancestral home, promise modernity and an unmistakable Goan spirit in equal measure.

ACCOMMODATION
Lush outdoors of The Postcard Moira form the perfect backdrop to the pared back, modernist aesthetic of the hotel's nine rooms indoors. Think four poster beds, brass fittings and statement lamps. All rooms let the outside in and let a little bit of themselves out. LUXURY ROOM - Perched on the first floor, the 400 sq ft rooms come with an intimate sit out terrace on one side and access to the common lounge and balcony on the other. Taken along with the Moira suite, these three rooms together, can be a spacious exclusive space to a group of up to six. PREMIER ROOM WITH PRIVATE COURTYARD - A dreamy private courtyard for two sets this 650 sq ft room apart. Highlights of the room also include easy access to the sprawling gardens and the pool. MOIRA DUPLEX SUITE - Spread over 750 sq ft these rooms come with a mezzanine floor and can house up to four guests. THE MOIRA SUITE - Overlooking the quaint village of Moira, the 1100 sq ft suite comes with an adjoining living area, and a step out balcony. Row windows, wooden flooring and the four-poster bed, give the suite a generous sense of room and warmth.

THE POSTCARD CUELIM

In the quiet neighbourhood of the rarely visited Cuelim, lies a historical treat in the form of The Postcard Cuelim. Rooted firmly in the past, this historic site is now home to a six- room hotel overlooking 3500 acres of lush green paddy fields. The centrepiece? A 350-year-old chapel housed inside the premises from which the hotel takes on its historical and architectural significance.

ACCOMMODATION
The timeless and decidedly stylish influence of the Portuguese is apparent the moment you open the doors to your room at The Postcard Cuelim. Rich in light, space and architectural details, the rooms are a modern day reminder of the Portuguese way of life, with views of endless green paddy fields to match. LUXURY ROOM WITH PATIO - The charming room offers a specious sit- out courtyard over-looking 200 years old coconut trees and lush garden. CUELIM SUITE - Located on the first floor of the hotel, the interiors of Cuelim suite have teak and marble decorative along with a king size bed. Designed in the original baroque style, it brings back the nostalgia of the colonial era with a modern touch. PREMIER SUITE WITH PATIO - The king bedded suite comes with a separate living area and your own private patio fitted with an antique chaise lounge. DR. TB CUNHA SUITE - The original room of the father of Goan liberation movement, Dr. Tristao de Briganza Cunha, the suite has a king size bed, a sit-out terrace overlooking the greens of Cuelim village and the iconic three kings chapel.

IN THE NEWS

India: You can now take a flight on these new domestic air routes.
Domestic flights in India resumed operation from May 25 after a hiatus of two months due to COVID-19 pandemic. Although the number of flights has not reached the pre-COVID times yet, the domestic travel sector is gradually picking up pace. Reportedly, the domestic aviation sector is also adding up passenger flights to new routes gradually, as its primary focus is to reach its total strength by New Year. With Unlock 5.0 underway, the government has relaxed restrictions; following which, airlines are also expecting high demand ahead of the festive season now. As such, new flights have been added on certain routes to cater to the travel of people across the country.

Goa: Ban imposed on drug-consuming tourists and cooking in public places
There is a new update for all those who have been planning to visit Goa all this while or post-COVID. Reportedly, two major red flags have been identified in the Goa Tourism policy— budget tourists cooking in public spaces and tourists consuming drugs—both will be banned from now on. Referring to this, Goa Tourism Minister Manohar Ajgaonkar stated that the state cabinet has also approved the same on October 14, 2020, elaborating that the decision was taken in view of protecting the region's natural beauty and culture. The new tourism policy has also introduced a Goa Tourism Board, actualising and recognising long- and short-term objectives for the industry. While talking to the media, Ajgaonkar stated that Goa's beauty is famous all over the world, and that they need to take tourism ahead by promoting its natural beauty and culture, as well as widen the current one-track focus of the state's beaches.

Kolkata: Enjoy 'puja parikrama' in double-decker buses this year

Kolkata's double-decker buses are all set to make a comeback. Reportedly, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will be unveiling two open-roof double-decker buses today. Officials in the know-how stated that these buses have been introduced to boost tourism and make Durga Puja a memorable experience for visitors. Now, as per an official from the transport department, these buses will be used for hop-on-hop-off tours later on and will be used only for pandal hopping and puja parikrama. As per the government, the vehicles are not meant for public transport, and will be used to boost tourism by offering hop-on and hop-off tours for those who want to go sightseeing around the city. The new double-decker buses will come equipped with destination boards, automatic doors, CCTV cameras, and panic buttons. While the old buses had two doors, the new ones will have just one door.

In a first, 8 Indian beaches accredited with 'Blue Flag' certificate

Eight beaches in India, spread across five states and two union territories, have been awarded the Blue Flag certification. This was announced by the Environment Ministry. Reportedly, the eight beaches that have been honored with the prestigious international certification are Ghoghla (Diu), Shivrajpur (Dwarka-Gujarat), Kasarkod and Padubidri (Karnataka), Kappad (Kerala), Rushikonda (Andhra Pradesh), Radhanagar (Andaman &Nicobar Islands), and Golden Beach (Puri-Odisha). This is for the first time that eight Indian beaches have managed to grab that eco-label tag.

Kerala reopens for tourism; beaches to stay shut till November 1

Kerala has started welcoming tourists once again after remaining under lockdown for the past six months. The decision was taken in order to revive the tourism industry in the state. However, the government has decided not to open beaches for the public as of yet, but rest of the tourist hotspots will remain open for visitors. All the hill stations, adventure and backwater spots started welcoming travellers from October 12. As far as beaches are concerned, the tourism minister said they'll open beaches for tourists from November 1. The news comes after Kerala recorded a spike in Coronavirus cases in the last couple of days.

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