

## South Goa-

Which part of Goa is it? Southern part of the tiny state of Goa.

Where on the map is it? 15.1177° N, 74.1240° E.

How big is it? South Goa District spans a distance of 86 kms from North to South and 40 kms from East to West. The total geographical area of the district is 1966 sq kms.

For administrative purposes it's divided into 7 talukas-Salcete, Quepem, Canacona, Sanguem, Dharbandora, Ponda & Mormugao (Vasco-da-Gama).

A little geography: The Sahyadri mountains fall to the East of South Goa and this makes it home to Goa's best forest covers. The main peaks are: Chandranath at Paroda, Dudhsagar in Sanguem taluka and Cormolghat in Canacona taluka.

The rivers of Zuari, Talpona, Sal and Galgibag cut across the land and ferry iron ore from the interiors to the sea.

How do you get around? The South is well connected by road. You get local busses from the main terminus in Margao to almost all major villages. There are motorbike pilots that are cheap and safe.

Alternatively you can book a Goa Miles (cab booking app) to get around to your destination.

Closest Airport: Dabolim

Hospital: Hospicio Hospital, Margao is the major Government run hospital in the South, followed by a number of private hospitals and primary health care centres at every village.

Currency: Indian Rupee (You may also convert your currency at the various approved forex centres)

Is it safe for women travellers? Yes, it is safe for women. But as with any new destination caution is advised.

Important Numbers:

Police: 100

Ambulance: 108

## North Goa-

Journey to hidden gems in Goa's Northern towns, sunbathe on the beaches, party in a land where the sun never sets.

Which part of Goa is it. Northern part of the tiny state of Goa Where on the map is it. Its geographical position is marked by 15o 48' 00" N to 14o 53' 54" N latitudes and 73o E to 75o E longitudes (Wikipedia).

Does it have a capital. Yes. Panaji is the administrative headquarters. This is divided into four subdivisions: Panaji, Mapusa, Bicholim and Pernem and five talukas: Tiswadi, Bardez, Pernem, Bicholim and Sattari. A little geography: The district has an area of 1736 sq km, and is bounded by Sindhudurg and Kolhapur districts of Maharashtra state to the north and east respectively, by South Goa District to the south, and by the Arabian sea to the west.

History: On 30th May 1987, Goa attained statehood (while Daman and Diu remained a union territory), and Goa was reorganized into two districts, North Goa and South Goa. (<http://www.northgoa.gov.in/>)

How do you get around? Getting around is easy. If you're looking to travel locally the state run transport is well-connected to all the major stops from the capital city bus stand, KTC. From there you can take either the state run bus services or book a pre-paid taxi/ Goa Miles taxi or take a motor bike taxi (pilot) from the respective stands at the entrance.

Closest Airport: Mopa

Currency: Indian Rupee (You may also convert your currency at the various approved forex centres)

Is it safe for women travellers: Yes, it is safe for women. But as with any new destination caution is advised.

Important Numbers:

Police: 100

Ambulance: 108