# Solo Trip to GOA

**Why and how I started my Solo journey?**

As they say ‘That a man who goes alone can start today, but he who travels with another must wait till that other is ready.”

I was tired of accommodating other people’s change in itinerary, or last minute cancellations in travel plans. My Goa plan was something like this only. Me and my five other friend made a plan for Goa; we booked Hotel & train tickets in advanced. Everything was well planned, everyone was excited. But as usual, one week before the travel two guys dumped us with some stupid reasons. We were still calm, because 4 people were still excited for plan. Just a day before the travel, two guys out of four dropped off, saying they have to attained family function and due to this third member from group have cancelled the plan. So situation was, we had booked hotel worth 5k/day for 4 days, 3-tier AC train. I was so frustrated because of all this drama, so I decided to go solo. I wanted to come out of my comfort zone. Also I felt the need to jump into solo traveling because I wanted to spread out my wings.

Everyone tried to take me out of it. “Won’t you be scared? Lonely? What if you get robbed? What if you get lost?” What if, what if, what if…. Well, everyone was right. I was scared. I did get lonely. I didn’t get robbed, but that’s only because I was taking extra precautions while travelling. And I did get lost ALL THE TIME. But, it was the best trip of my life!

**Why go solo?**

First I’d like to remind you about some of the benefits of traveling solo. Yes, traveling by yourself can be frightening, but it can also be empowering. Traveling by yourself teaches you how to rely on yourself, which builds confidence and shows you that you’re stronger than you thought you were. It’s also wonderful to travel alone because you decide how to spend each day. You choose where to eat and what activities to do. You don’t have to compromise like you would with a travel partner. The flexibility of solo travel is a great benefit. You’re actually more likely to meet other travelers when you’re traveling by yourself. It makes you more approachable, and you’re more likely to approach others. When you have a travel partner, you probably won’t feel like reaching out to talk to someone new, but when you’re on your own, it’s much more appealing.

**Some known things about Goa**

Goa is India's smallest state by area. Goa, the state of beaches, babes, bikes, and night parties is often called "the Sin City of India”. Are you serious! How can you compare the smallest state of India with Sin City? There may be 2 reasons for it - One, I haven’t visited Sin City and the other is I don’t know anything else about Goa. People go to Goa mainly for enjoyment which they cannot experience otherwise due to their busy life. So the holiday is not about relaxing, it’s about drinking like shit, behaving like a moron and many other reasons. People also call it “Bangkok of India”. Goa is a much hyped tourist destination and that too because of wrong reasons. It also hosts the World's most hyped New Year Party: Sunburn. People spend hefty amount of money just to enjoy this party.

**That’s how my solo journey started in Goa!!**

When I reached Goa, I was very amazed to see such a huge crowd and the best part was that everybody was a tourist (At list they were looking like one). Instead of booking a cab, I thought about using the local peoples help reach my destination. I took a lift from bike rider till Calangute beach. I was little tired of travel so I took rest. Hotel was nice and near to Calangute beach. After lunch and 1 hour nap I decided to go out and explore.

In the evening I started exploring nearby places, those sparkling beaches, chilled air and fabulous music. You don’t need anything else to get high in Goa. I had my favorite prawns fry & chicken tandoori in dinner.

I was in Goa for 5 days, and those days are one of the most amazing days of my life. I was all alone; I lent a scooter and was roaming around nearby places. I purposely chose less crowded places, so that I can see local culture, villages.

Goa mostly follows mixture of Portuguese and Indian cultures. The Konkani language spoken by the Christian people of Goa has a notable difference from that of the Hindus for it is influenced a lot by the Portuguese in its vocabulary. The culture of the Goans is blend of their peoples, festivals, music and dance. Costumes of the goan peoples are very colorful.

The staple food of the goan food is fish curry and rice. I was diehard fan of nonveg, and Goa is paradise for me with such a variety in non-vegetarian food. I visited almost all the famous places and also some off road or less crowded places as in north Goa. I was in south Goa for 2 days. South Goa is a bit silent, or says more of Goan. Nice peoples, clean beaches are specialty in south Goa.

There is more to Goa than seashells and port wine. Bargain hunters can have a gala time shopping in Goa; it is home to some of the most famous street markets, night markets and flea markets in Asia. I visited night market near Arpora Hill, between Baga and Anjuna. That place was like big party lawn, music everywhere, lights, flashy peoples, fried fishes. I was there for entire night, just for fun, entire night I was visiting shops, n food joints.

I ended my trip to Goa with lovely goan food and small shopping for my dear ones. Experiencing solo trip in such a happing place is just amazing. I was glad that I made right choice by visiting Goa alone.

## Are you ready for your first solo trip?

  “The thing about solo travel is, whether it’s your first trip or tenth, you might never feel 100% ready.  There will always be a little voice at the back of your head asking, are you crazy? “

You just have to experiment to see what works for you – some people prefer to plan, some prefer to show up without any plans at all. If you’re on the fence about traveling solo, start small. Take the coming weekend and explore your own town or city as though it’s your first time. Have a meal alone, speak to locals you’ve never had a conversation with, spend time with yourself in the kind of place that you’d love on your travels… or take a short trip out of your town to somewhere you’ve been before. It doesn’t have to be long or expensive. See how far you can stretch your comfort zone without getting bored or lonely.