

Here's a well-balanced 5-day mixed itinerary for Goa and Mumbai within a budget of **₹10,000** (~\$120 USD), covering b

Trip Overview

Budget Breakdown: **₹8,000–₹9,000** (~\$100–\$115) for Goa (including travel, food, and stays) + **₹2,000–₹3,000** (~\$25

Travel Between Cities: Fly from Mumbai to Goa (**₹2,500–₹4,000**) or take an overnight train (~**₹1,500–₹2,000**).

Best Time to Visit: October–February (pleasant weather).

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Goa (North Goa) – Beaches & Sunset Vibes

Budget for the day: ~**₹1,200–₹1,500**

Attractions:

- Land at Goa International Airport (GOI) → Quick local auto-rickshaw (**₹300–₹500**) or shared cab (**₹400–₹600**) to yo
- Relax at Palolem Beach (budget-friendly, less crowded) or Ashwem Beach (serene with great sunset views).
- Walk along Chapora Fort (**₹100** entry) for panoramic views of the Mandovi River.
- Sunset at Anjuna Fort (free, quiet) or Arpora Beach (romantic, sunset views).

Food:

- Breakfast: Sentre Café (local Goan spot, try pão + cafezinho, ~**₹250**).
- Lunch: Mandos Kitchen (North Goan seafood, **₹500–₹600** for 2).
- Dinner: The Grotto (affordable shacks at Anjuna, ~**₹400–₹500** for 2).
- Budget Tip: Avoid touristy restaurants in Baga/Calangute; local spots like Thali on Wheels (**₹150** for a full Goan meal).

Stay:

- Budget: Pool Pod (**₹1,200/night**) or Pousada Beach Resort (**₹1,000/night**).
- Mid-range: Tucked Away (**₹1,500–₹2,000/night** in Mapusa).

Day 2: Adventure & Culture – Spice Plantations & Temples

Budget for the day: ~**₹1,200–₹1,800**

Attractions:

- Spice Plantations: Visit Sahakari (**₹400** for a group) or Spice Village (**₹200** entry) in Quepem.
- Museums:
 - Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary (**₹300** entry) – Peaceful and great for birdwatchers.
 - Goa Science Centre (**₹200** entry) – Educational and fun.
- Temples:
 - Shantadurga Temple (free, must-see for Goan culture).
 - Terekhol Fort (**₹100** entry, lush surroundings).
- Evening: Explore Mapusa Market (try Goan fish curry or pork vindaloo at local stalls, ~**₹500–₹700** for 2).

Food:

- Lunch: Ritz Classic (hearty Portuguese-Goan meal, ~**₹600** for 2).
- Dinner: Sinquerim Fisherman's Wharf (fresh seafood platter, ~**₹800** for 2).

Budget Tip:

- Rent a scooter (~**₹600/day**) or bike (~**₹800/day**) for self-exploration.
- Use Goa Public Transport (KTC buses, ~**₹20–₹30** per ride) for longer distances.

Day 3: South Goa – Nature & Serenity

Budget for the day: ~**₹1,000–₹1,500**

Attractions:

- Travel to South Goa (~**₹500–₹1,000** by bus or auto).
- Beaches:
 - Colva Beach (calm, local vibe) or Benaulim Beach (long stretch, sunset views).

- Hiking: Dudhsagar Falls (₹200 entry + ropeway ticket, ~₹500 for a scooter taxi one way).
- Temples:
 - Mandovi Spice Estate (₹200 entry).
 - Savoi Fort (free, great view).
- Sunset: Cavelossim Beach or Palolem Beach (again).

Food:

- Breakfast: Dudhsagar Café (casual, ~₹200 for 2).
- Lunch: The Fish Shack (Colva, ~₹600 for 2).
- Dinner: Boa Vista (Palolem, budget-friendly seafood, ~₹700 for 2).

Stay:

- Budget: Casita do Sol (₹1,200/night) or Seaside Retreat (₹1,000/night).
- Budget Tip: Stay in Palolem (quieter) instead of Colva to save on food/beach shack prices.

Day 4: Mumbai – Gateway to the World

Budget for the day: ~₹1,500–₹2,500

Travel:

- Morning flight (₹3,000–₹4,000) or overnight train (₹1,500–₹2,000) to Mumbai.
- Reach Mumbai Central → Take a local train (~₹50) or shared cab (~₹300) to your stay.

Attractions:

- Gateway of India: Iconic monument (~free).
- Colaba Market: Try vada pav, dosa, or mango juice (~₹200 for snacks).
- Marine Drive & Chowpatty Beach: Scenic views, budget-friendly street food (₹100–₹200).
- Elephanta Caves: Book a local ferry + boat taxi (~₹500 return) + skip-the-line ticket (~₹300 entry). Tip: Go early to avoid crowds.

Food:

- Lunch: Bombay Sweet Shop (Dhobi Talao, famous for rabdi, ~₹500 for 2).
- Dinner: Moira (Colaba, budget-friendly South Indian-Maharashtrian, ~₹600 for 2).

Stay:

- Budget: The 108 (₹1,500–₹2,000/night) or Asoka Sunset (₹2,000/night).
- Area: Stay near Dadar or Bandra for affordability.

Budget Tip:

- Use Mumbai Local Trains (₹20–₹50 per ride) instead of taxis.
- Skip the Taj Mahal palace hotel; opt for Dhobi Talao Tea House (₹150 for tea + snacks).

Day 5: Mumbai's Hidden Gems & Departure

Budget for the day: ~₹1,000–₹2,000

Attractions:

- Kanheri Caves: Ancient Buddhist caves (~₹300 entry, free if visiting early).
- Siddharth Garden: peaceful park with a temple (~free).
- Dhobi Talao: Open laundry area with art installations (~free).
- Ripon Building & Crawford Market: Quick photo stop + affordable street food (~₹200).

Food:

- Breakfast: Tara Anise (Bandra, South Indian fusion, ~₹500 for 2).
- Lunch: Narayani's (Kemps Corner, North Indian, ~₹600 for 2).
- Dinner: Savoy (Dadar, legendary bhel puri + misal pav, ~₹400 for 2).

Travel Back:

- Flight: Book early-morning departures (~₹3,000–₹4,000) to avoid rush.
- Train: If taking the overnight train to Goa (~₹1,500), book sleeper class.

Budget Tip:

- Order McDonald's/Subway (~₹250) for quick, cheap meals before departure.
- Buy souvenirs from Kemps Corner flea market (~₹200–₹500).

Total Estimated Budget

Goa (3 days): ■3,500–■4,500 (■1,000–■1,500/day).

Mumbai (2 days): ■3,000–■4,500 (■1,500–■2,500/day).

Travel Between Cities: ■4,000 (flight) or ■3,000 (overnight train).

Miscellaneous: ■500–■1,000 (extra snacks, tips).

Total: ~■10,000–■11,000.

Money-Saving Tips

Accommodation:

Book homestays or guesthouses (■800–■1,200/night in Goa).

Use Goibibo/OYO for Mumbai hotels with good deals.

Transport:

Avoid Goa taxis (rip-offs common); rent a scooter/bike.

Use Mumbai's BEST app for trains (~■20–■50 per ride).

Food:

Eat at local markets (Goa: Mapusa, Mumbai: Crawford Market).

Try street food (vada pav, bhel, bun maska in Goa).

Activities:

Free sunsets, hikes (like Lota Hill in Baga).

Visit beaches at sunset (fewer shacks = free entry).

Mumbai Entrance:

Skip tourist traps like Taj Mahal or Oberoi; opt for Dhobi Talao or Colaba.

Alternative Options

If Mumbai feels too expensive, reduce the trip to 4 days in Goa (focus on South Goa + plantations).

For adventure, add water sports in Goa (para-sailing: ~■1,500, jet skiing: ~■1,000).