

**2nd SESSION OF CODEX COMMITTEE
ON
SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS
(CCSCH)**



**September 14 - 18, 2015
GOA, INDIA**



"The silver sands and the blue waters of Goa which draw a natural contour to the spice lands of the Konkan coast is the next destination for the CCSC. After the first meeting in Cochin in February 2014, CCSC 2 will get on board at the Goan village of Canacona during 14 to 18 September 2015.

Goa on the steeps of the Western coast of India will enthrall you with vivid experiences and will refresh you wholly as you get back to your work stations. As the second session will be hectic with deliberations, the venue and the destination will throw open a new experience of rural comfort in the vast expanse of beaches and coconut groves.

We assure you a comfortable stay to carry back colorful memories from this beautiful pearl of the orient located in the South-west coast of India.

Looking forward to a successful and fruitful session that will be marked in the history of Codex meetings".

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Second Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) will be held from 14th - 18th September, 2015 at The Lalit Golf and Spa Resort, Goa, India.

The Session will begin at 09:30 hours, Monday, 14th September 2015.

All meetings, registrations, and working groups will take place at the venue hotel. The Session will be conducted in English, Arabic, French, and Spanish.

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION

Delegates are requested to use the Codex Meeting Manager website. We encourage delegates to register by 10th August 2015 using the following link: <http://codexmeetingmanager.com/>

Your Codex Contact Point (CCP) has been provided a username and password for the system. Please contact your CCP for assistance in registering online.

ONSITE REGISTRATION DESK

The Registration Desk at the Venue hotel will provide information and assistance to all the delegates. Registration facilities will be open on:

13th September, Sunday ---- 17:00 to 20:00 hours

14th September, Monday ----- from 08:00 hours

Upon receipt of the completed registration form, a badge will be given to the participants. Participants are kindly requested to wear their name badges visibly at all functions during the meeting.

FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO INDIA

VISA

e-Tourist Visa Facility is available for holders of passport of following countries

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In case of problems with visa applications or if you need a personalized invitation, please contact by e-mail at: ccsch@indianspices.com or ccschthampi@gmail.com.



VENUE HOTEL



The Lalit Golf & Spa Resort Goa

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ACCESS TO GOA

By Air

The nearest international airport to the venue is Dabolim international airport, Goa. It is about 45 km from the venue hotel (90 minutes drive). The airport is well connected to almost all important cities of the world as well as India. Pre-paid taxis are available outside the terminal building.



By Rail

The nearest railway station is Madgaon railway station which is well connected to all places in India. It is about 32 km from the railway station to the venue.

CURRENCY

The official currency of India is the Indian Rupee.

1 US Dollar = Rs. 62.44/-
(as on 6th March, 2015)

ATMs are available at the Airport as well as near the Venue Hotel. International credit cum debit cards are accepted at most of the shops. Please keep in mind that only cash is accepted at traditional markets or at street food carts.

LANGUAGES

The local languages spoken in Goa are Konkani, Marathi, Hindi, Portuguese and English.

TIME ZONE

Goa is in the standard time zone GMT/UTC + 05:30 hours and day light saving is not applied.

CLIMATE

Being in the tropical zone and near the Arabian Sea, the climate of Goa is warm and humid for most of the year. The month of May is the hottest, with day-time temperatures touching 35°C (95°F).

To top it, the heat is coupled with high humidity. The monsoons arrive around early June and provide a much needed respite from the heat. Goa Weather has a short cool season too which lasts between mid-December and February. These months are marked by cool nights with temperatures of about 20°C (68°F) and warm days of about 29°C (84°F). Humidity remains in moderate amounts. The nights are a few degrees cooler further inland, due to altitudinal gradation.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

India uses 230 volts, 50 Hz alternating current as the power source. The two pin plug used is also called the Europlug. It has two round 4 mm (0.157 in) pins. The three pin plug is rated at 6A / 250V. It has three round pins in a triangular pattern.



CUISINE

The long period of Portuguese rule, besides that of the Muslim and Hindu kingdoms, has left an indelible influence on the original style of Goan cooking and this has led to an exotic mix of truly tasty and spicy cuisine. Most people who sample Goan cuisine, enjoy this different and unique style of food which has a distinct and unique combination of spicy flavours.

With a wide variety ranging from prawns to sausages, chicken to beef, and numerous vegetarian dishes, Goan cuisine is able to satisfy even the most finicky gourmet appetites. Goa has some magnificent culinary delicacies like the prawn balchão and sorpotel which have become famous around the world.

Goan food is simple but most, though not all, of it is chili hot, spicy, and pungent. Items made from rice, fish, and coconut abound in nearly every Goan meal.



SHOPPING

Mapusa Friday Market

If you happen to be in Goa during a Friday, do not miss the bustling Mapusa Friday Market that takes place every week. Just outside Mapusa Municipal Market, you will find an array of stalls enticing you with local goods got by farmers and small entrepreneurs across the state. Get your hands on anything to everything from fruits to jewelery, pottery to spice, carpet to home made products and more.



Welcome to Goa



Baga Beach

Baga Beach is the centre of tourist attraction in Goa. Situated in North Goa, pleasant ambience, scenic views of the shoreline and plenitude of things to do, makes this fishing village one of the finest places to visit in Goa.



Arambol Beach



Permeating a distinct bohemian vibe, Arambol Beach is said to be the most beautiful in the state. The sandy shore is considered safe for swimming and hence attracts several family goers. Over here, one can indulge in adventure sports such as paragliding and kite surfing.



Aguada Beach

Known for its Aguada Fort, The seashore is positioned in North Goa and is perfect to bask in beachy allures. This destination stands apart with the many historical attractions. It also allures with pristine landscape and the background of ancient citadels.



Calangute Beach

One of the captivating tourist places in Goa, It is located about 15 kilometers from Panaji. The largest beach in north Goa, this place especially gets flooded during winter and summer months. There are several accommodations available here. This is where one can dabble with some water sports such as parasailing and water skiing.



FAMOUS ISLANDS

Bats Island

Also referred to as The Pequeno Island, the Bat Island is ideal for adventure seekers. About a kilometre from Baina Beach of Vasco-da-Gama, the delight has a little beach and tiny green stretch. This is where one can enjoy snorkelling or simply spend a lazy day soaking up the charms of the setting.



Divar Island

Divar Island is huddled away across the Mandovi River. At this place, you can unravel the appeals of old Goa countryside. Enjoy a pictorial drive amidst paddy hills and woody hillocks. When at the hilltop, you can soak in sweeping sights of the surroundings as well as Old Goa and meandering Mandovi River. The island especially comes alive during the Bonderam festival that is held with great gusto during the monsoon.





HISTORICAL PLACES

Bom Jesus Basilica

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest churches in the country, the church of Bom Jesus Basilica was formally consecrated in 1605 and is amongst the top places to see in Goa. This church is considered to be one of the finest representations of Baroque architecture. An important pilgrimage for the Christians, it is here where the body St. Francis Xavier is kept. Whether an architecture enthusiast or a history worm, amongst all the best places to visit in Goa, this ancient landmark with all its glories, will surely keep you stunned!



Fort Aguada

This fort is amongst the many preserved places to see in Goa and essays an era of yore filled with events. A Portuguese fort overlooking the Sinquerim Beach and the Arabian Sea, Fort Aguada was constructed in 1613 and since then it has become a prominent landmark or a reference point for ships visiting the Goan shores from Europe.



Goa State Museum

Located in the capital city of Panjim, the Goa State Museum houses artifacts pertaining to its golden and bygone history. There are about eight thousand interesting artefacts housed in this museum, which makes this place one of the top places to see in Goa. The artifacts include numismatic collections, anthropological artefacts, coins, sculptures and ancient manuscripts.



Chapora Fort

The structure as it stands today belongs to the 18th Century. Soaring above the Chapora River in Bardez, the Chapora Fort though in ruins, is an intriguing place of visit. The stronghold has witnessed the passage of many hands from Portuguese to Marathas.



Cabo de Rama Fort

The Cabo de Rama Fort is one of the oldest in the state. Positioned in Canacona, it was formed before the arrival of British. Legend has it that this is the very place where Lord Rama along with Sita sought refuge at the time of his exile from Ayodhya. Inside the fort is the well-retained church of Santo Antonio, where devotees still come to.





FAMOUS WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES & OFFBEAT PLACES

Mollem National park

Also called the Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary, this region spreads over 240 sq. km. Amongst all the places to visit in Goa, visitors come here mainly to see the impressive biodiversity of this land and the ancient temples inside the forest. A paradise for birds and reptiles, it houses some of the rare and exotic species of both the species. To name a few of the dwellers, Fairy Bluebirds, Drongos, Hornbills and Wagtails comes up as the most spectacular natives of Mollem National Park.



Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary

Among the serene tourist places in Goa, Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary is a trove for bird lovers. It was coined so after the illustrious ornithologist with the same name. The estuarine mangrove habitat is positioned in the Island of Chorao by Mandovi River.

Dudhsagar Waterfalls

The largest of its kind in the state and the fifth largest in the country. Among the fine places to visit in Goa, this cascade is especially known for its milky white appearance. It is perched high up on the Mandovi River and lies around 10 km upstream from Collem hamlet. The beauty spills over four tiers in full force amidst clusters of green and makes quite a sight. The fall is also quite a popular for trekking and lures several adventure enthusiasts for the same.

Arvalam Waterfalls:

Also known as Harvalem Waterfalls, the Arvalem cascade is where you can lap up of the view of waters gushing through mountains, dropping from 50 metres. The waterfall lies about 2 kilometre from tiny settlement of Sanquelim and 8 kilometre from Bicholim, in North Goa

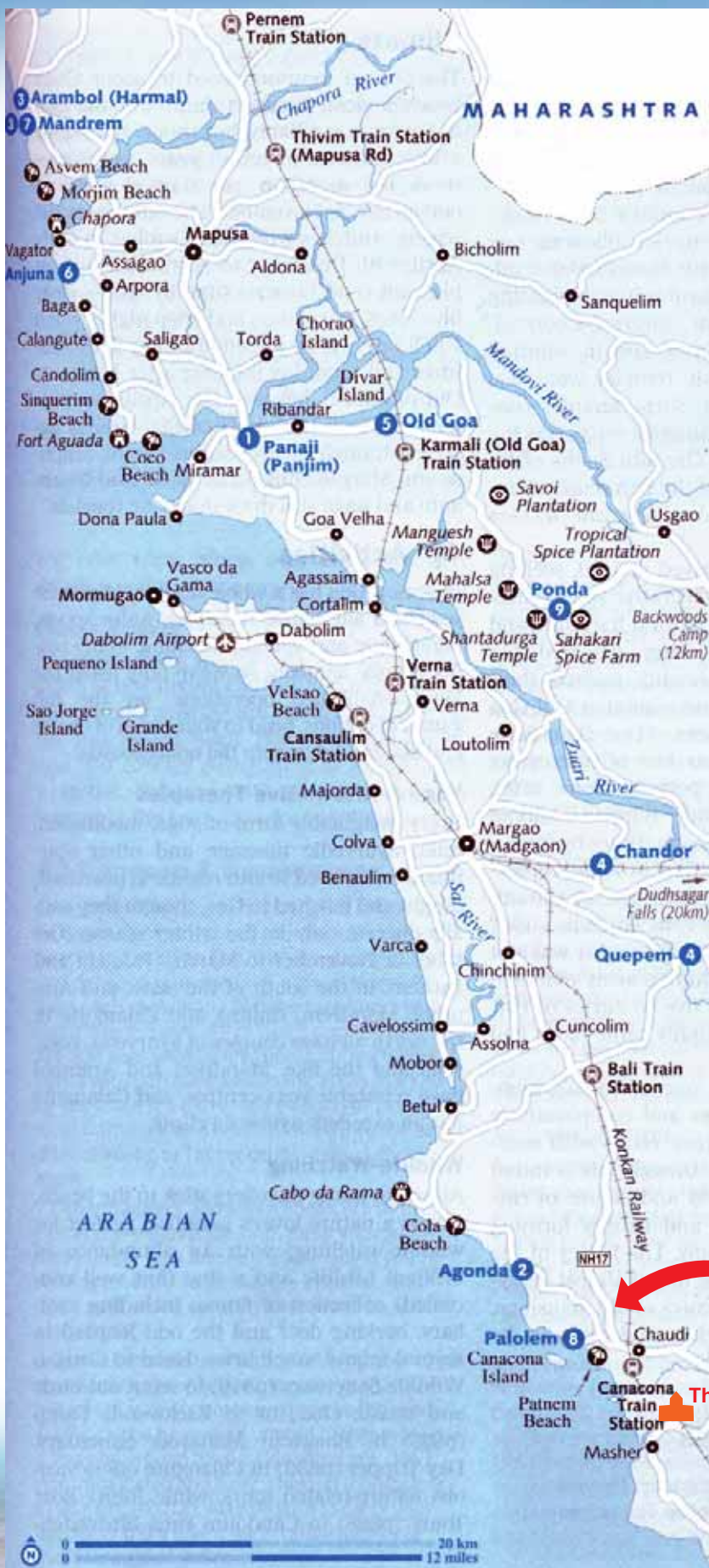


Spice Plantations visit

If you wish to do something beyond the beaches in Goa, you can opt for a spice plantation visit. There are packages available which involves you exploring the refreshing surroundings and also getting an insight on what all goes behind the makings of an inevitable part of Indian cuisine. You can make a picnic out of the day. Away from the pollution and amidst the harmony of nature, the visit makes for a memorable experience.



Welcome to Goa



Shantadurga Temple

Shantadurga Temple is a large temple complex 33 km (21 mi) from Panaji at the foothill of Kavalem village in Ponda Taluka, Goa, India. A small laterite mud shrine was built and the deity was installed here. The mud-shrine was converted into a beautiful temple whose foundation stone was laid in 1730 and the temple was completed in 1738 and renovated in 1966. Situated 33 kms from Panajim, Shree Shantadurga temple has an impressive idol of Goddess Shree Durga who mediated between Shree Vishnu and Shree Shiva and stopped the fierce war going on between the two. She is flanked by Vishnu and Shiva on both the sides.



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Relationship	
ACCOMMODATION :-	
Name of Hotel	
Single/ Double	
Date & time of arrival along with flight details	
Date & time of departure along with flight details	

AIRPORT PICK-UP & ASSISTANCE :-

Dabolim Airport to Hotel Lalit (venue) 43 kms & 90 minutes drive

Rate for Innova (big car)	Rate for smaller cars	Local sightseeing tour	Choices South Goa /North Goa
Rs 3000	Rs 2500	Innova- Rs 5500	Small car- Rs 4500

Attractions in South Goa

Colva Beach, Margao Market, Mangeshi Temple, Shantadurga Temple, Sahakari Spice Plantation
(entry fee in spice plantation Rs. 400 per person including lunch, n plantation guidelines)

Attractions in North Goa

Panjim market, old Goa church, Donapaula beach, Baga beach

Hotel rates

The Lalit	Special Rates for delegates offered by Perfect Holidayz	
Plan		
CPAI single double	7500 7750	includes taxes & breakfast
MAPAI single Double	8500 9500	includes taxes, breakfast & lunch OR dinner
APAI Single Double	9500 10750	includes taxes, breakfast, lunch & Dinner

Hotel name	The Pentacon Resort (adjacent to Lalit hotel hardly 150 metres)	http://www.pentacongoa.com/	including taxes & breakfast
Single Room	Special rate for Spices board	2300	
Double room	Special rate for Spices board	2500	
Hotel name	The Tubki Resort (Approximately 1.5kms from Lalit Hotel)	www.thetubkiresort.com	including taxes & breakfast
Double room standard	Special rate for Spices board	1700	
Double room deluxe	Special rate for Spices board	2050	
Hotel name	Palolem beach Resort (approx 3 kms from Lalit)	www.cubagoa.com	including taxes & breakfast
Double room non AC	Special rate for Spices board	1800	
Double room AC	Special rate for Spices board	2250	



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