

Photo of the Month



Goa Tourism organized the first ever FAM trip with Iranian Travel and Tour operators. Here they're seen having lunch at the Spice Trail in Ponda.

Initiatives

Goa Tourism to promote Avi-Tourism in a big way.

Panaji, July 22, 2015: Goa Tourism has decided to undertake massive promotion of Goa as a leading destination for Ornithologists and bird lovers from all over the world, given the fact, that the tiny State has an amazing bird diversity boasting of almost 423 bird species which are available in the State. This is expected to give a big boost for eco and hinterland tourism.

Goa Tourism has tied up with the Bird Society of Goa based in Panjim which is an autonomous society to promote ornithological interest in the State. As a part of this initiative, Goa Tourism will be supporting the Bird Society with a special grant of Rs. 10 lakhs for publishing a photographic field guide on 'Birds of Goa' authored by Mr. Bikram Grewal and Mr. Savio Fonseca. The Bird Society will also help GTDC in developing bird trails in the State, and provide information to bird lovers on the GTDC website.

Avi-tourism is expected to attract high-end tourists and bird lovers from all over the world to it's bird hotspots scattered across the State. Goa is also expected to be prominently featured as a Bird Watchers Paradise on the global map.

Records have it that Goa has 4 Important Bird Areas (IBAs) identified by the Global Program of the Bombay Natural History Society along with Bird Life International – UK namely Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary, Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary and Carambolim lake, in addition to the Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary. [Read more>>](#)

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Awards

Goa bags "Wedding Destination of the Year" Award at IITM, Bangalore

Panjim, 14 July: Goa Tourism has won the prestigious award as the "Wedding Destination of the Year" at the Indian International Travel Mart (IITM) Bangalore. A delegation of officials from Goa Tourism along with hoteliers and travel and tour operators from Goa graced the occasion. The award was received by Mr. Deepak Narvekar, PRO, Goa Tourism at the hands of Mr. Indrajith De Silva, Director - Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau. [Read more>>](#)

Goa bags 'Wellness Destination of the Year' Award at IITM, Chennai

Panaji, July 20, 2015: Goa Tourism has bagged the prestigious 'Wellness Destination of the Year' award at the India International Travel Mart (IITM) 2015 which took place over three days in Chennai (July 17-19, 2015). [Read more>>](#)

About IITM

IITM will be completing sixteen years of providing the travel industry and discerning buyers from the travel trade and corporate sector an opportunity to do business. With organizations and tourism boards from over 15 Indian states, IITM showcases a variety of destinations from different spheres such as pilgrimages, adventures, culture & heritage, beaches, wellness, hills and many more. The participants include Travel agents & Tour Operators, DMC, Hotels & Resorts, National Tourist Organizations, Cruises, Airlines, Online Travel Portals etc. Tamil Nadu was the host state for the event. Other states being represented included Goa, Kerala, Delhi, Assam, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and many more.



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Top 5 beaches in Goa: <http://bit.ly/1SfO7n7>
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Rahul @rrivoncar
Yes indeed! Been running on the beach for a Month and I've noticed the boys cleaning every



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