

## PLACES TO VISIT IN AND AROUND GOA

**Calangute Beach:** Calangute beach in Goa is also known as the Queen of Beaches. It is 15 km from the capital city Panjim. It is one of the most popular beach in Goa with a host of facilities to cater to visitors, including golden sand along the beach and water sports.



**Shantadurga Temple:** Shri Shantadurga Temple is situated at the foothill of Kavalem village in Ponda Taluka, Goa. The temple is dedicated to Shantadurga, the goddess who mediates between Vishnu and

Shiva. The deity is also called 'Santeri'.

### **Church of Basilica of Bom Jesus:**

The Basilica of Bom Jesus is the most famous of all the churches in Old Goa. It contains the relics of St. Francis Xavier, Patron saint of Goa, Apostle of the Indies. He was known as Goencho Saib by most of the people of Goa.



**Aguada Fort:** Standing on the crumbling ramparts of what was once the most formidable and impregnable of the Portuguese forts in India, one looks out at a panoramic ocean vista, witnessing the confluence of the Mandovi River and Arabian Sea, over which the fort has kept watch for more than four hundred years.



### **Palolem Beach:**

Palolem Beach is a stretch of white sand on a bay in Goa. It is known for its calm waters and for its nightlife, including "silent discos".

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