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ABOUT US

We are pleased to introduce ourselves as the premier bespoke inbound ship handling agent in Goa. Established in 1989, ITB has dealt in ground Logistics, tour management & theme event management of Passenger Cruise Liners & Naval Ships.

We are a complete local outfit and through our years of experience have come to amass vast connections and personal rapport with luxury / budget hotels as well as respective Government Bodies & Local Unions. We believe in providing out of the box experiences for our guests and plan and execute our operations keeping in mind health & safety norms, time frames, external factors and budgets.



OUR SERVICES

- Inbound Services
- Excursions & Adventure Tours
- Customized Private Guided Tours
- Guide Management

- MICE
- Tour Logistics
- Cruise Liner Management
- Naval Ship Management



EXCURSIONS & ADVENTURE TOURS

Goa, also known as the “Pearl of the Orient” is a land of diverse cultures and natural beauty. We conduct bespoke tours accompanied by experienced English speaking escorts to Heritage Sites comprising of Churches, Temples, Beaches & Latin quarters.

We also offer an opportunity to adventure seekers to explore the hinter lands for exciting experiences such as jungle Retreats, waterfalls, tropical gardens, back waters, bird watching, crocodile & dolphin watching as well as overnight stays in jungle resorts & deep sea scuba diving expeditions.



OUR TOURS

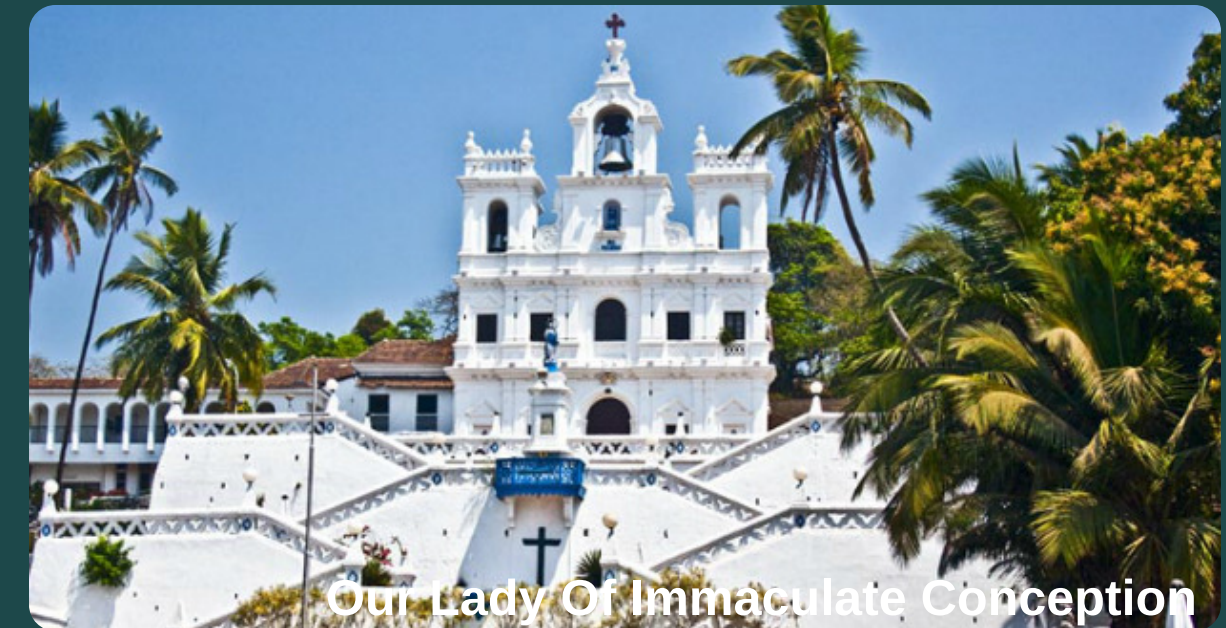
*All tours can be customized as per requirements.



Panjim Market



"Casa Oliveira Fernandes"



Our Lady Of Immaculate Conception



Miramar Beach



Old Goa



Panaji City

HIGHLIGHTS OF GOA TOUR (🕒: 6 HRS) 📷 🍴

Occupied for 451 years by the Portuguese, "Golden Goa" became well known as a great source of spices, as well as for providing an important link in the Arabian trade routes. While silks and spices, porcelains and pearls were passing in and out of Goa's harbors, its lands were being settled by Catholic Priests, among them, St. Francis Xavier who would leave a lasting influence upon the character of this small, but rich region.

* "Casa Oliveira Fernandes" will only be included for a min pax count of 40.

Visit “Velha Goa” or “Old Goa”, site of the beautiful church and convent of St. Cajetan, its neo-classic façade with twin towers flanking the great dome disguise an interior that is pure, unrestrained baroque.

Generations of Portuguese rulers lie entombed in the crypt below. We then visit the “Bom Jesus Basilica”, a fine example of Jesuit architecture, and perhaps the richest church with its heavily decorated yet admirably proportioned interior. While noted for its size and style, the Bom Jesus is visited mainly for the precious relic, which it enshrines. Here the curios or the worshiping may view the body of “Saint Francis Xavier” which lies partially exposed in the dazzling silver casket, an ironic final resting place for a man who ardently refused this splendor throughout his life.

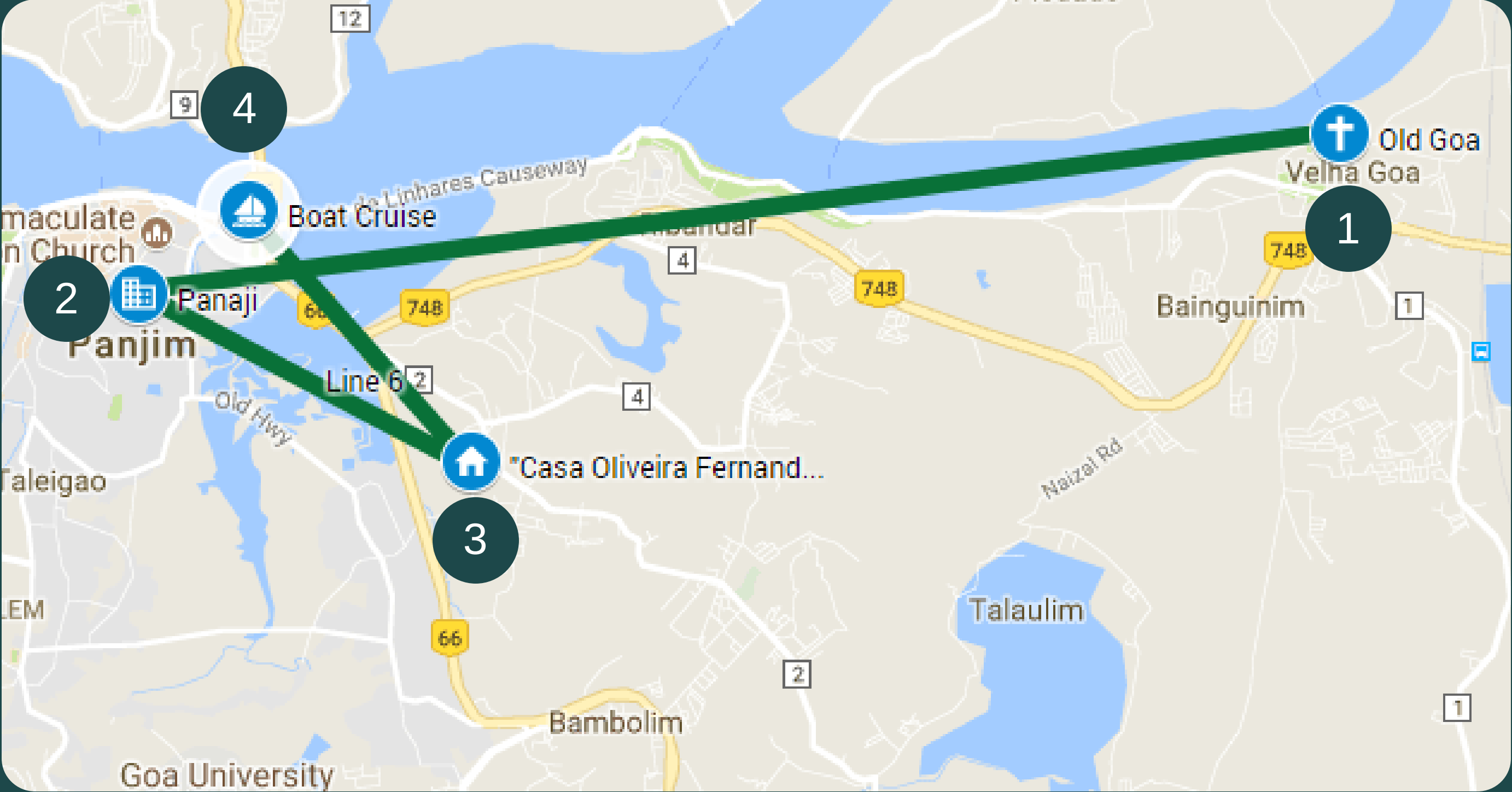
We will also see the “Cathedral of St. Catherine”, one of Asia’s largest churches, having 15 altars. The harmony of its façade was destroyed in 1776, when lightning demolished one of its twin bell towers. The remaining tower houses the famous “Golden Bell” which once announced the death-knell of burning heretics during the inquisition.

Depart from Old Goa to Panjim, the Capital City of Goa with a photo stop at the Mary Immaculate Conception Church. Drive to Altinho Hill for an aerial view of Panjim City, also visit the local fish, vegetable & fruit market. Also visit Miramar Beach and Dona Paula which has a breath taking view of the Arabian Sea.

From Panjim proceed to the quaint village of Merces a few Kms away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Arrive at "Casa Oliveira Fernandes" a 250 year old Indo Portuguese Heritage Home. Interact with the 6th Generation of the "Oliveira Fernandes" family and enjoy a mini tour of the household which is permeated with rich history and culture. Enjoy traditional Goan appetizers and Goan folk music courtesy of the band.

Depart from Casa Oliveira Fernandes and board the the Cruise Boat early in the evening, for a sunset Cruise up the river Mandovi to the mouth of the Arabian Sea.

The boat cruise is for 1 hour and has on board cultural folk dances, music and a full fledged snack bar. This sunset cruise is highly recommended for one and all and is popular with all age groups coming to Goa.



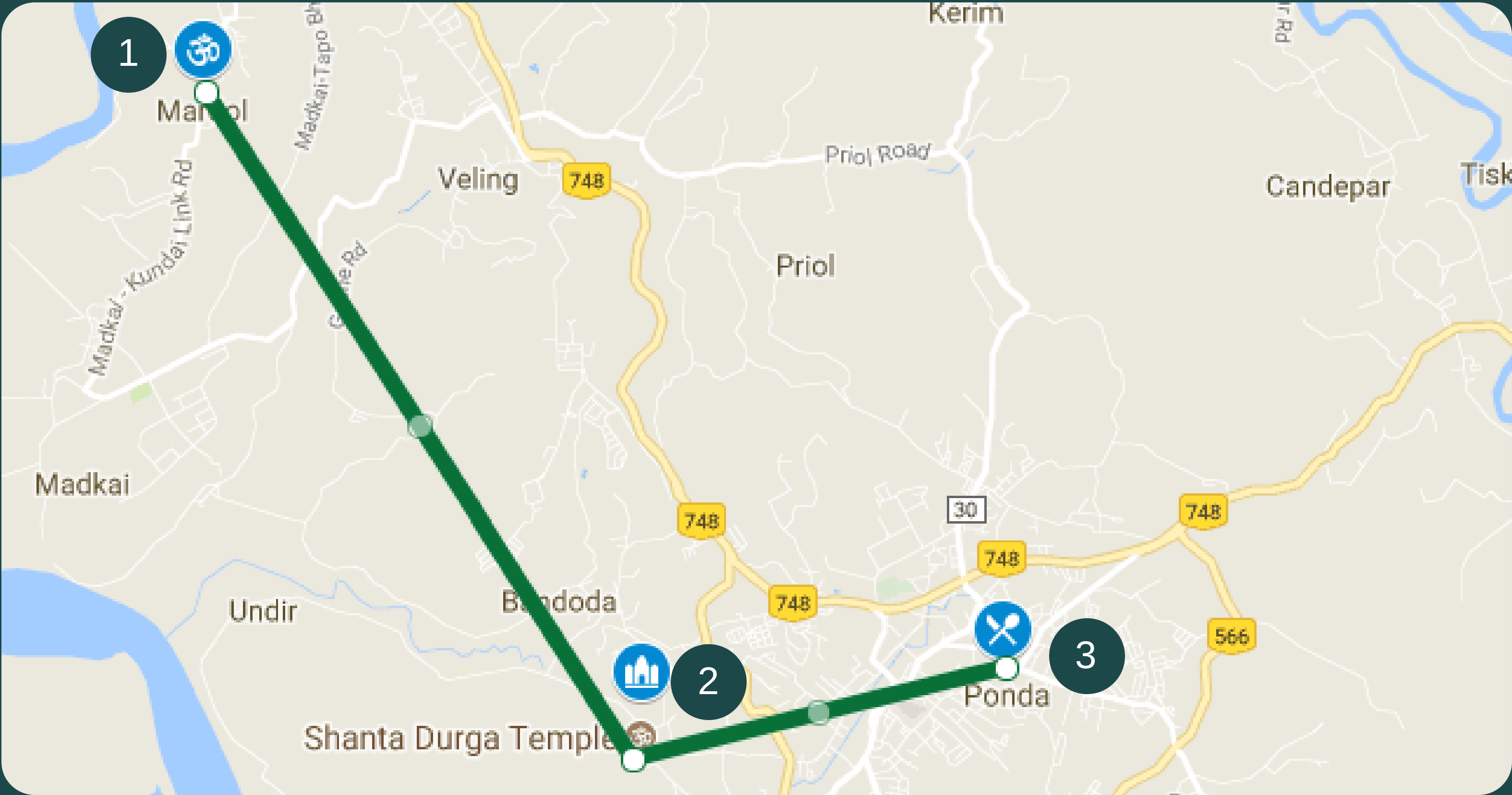


HINDU VILLAGE AND SPICE TOUR (🕒: 6 HRS) 📷 🍴

Drive from hotel to Mardol, a typical backward Hindu village with its traditional life style and local markets, then visit Shri. Shantadurga Temple at Kavlem, dedicated to the Goddess who mediates between Vishnu & Shiva. The temple is set amidst picturesque surroundings and is not so frequented by tourists.

Then proceed to the Spice Village at Khandepar, Ponda, which is one of the biggest farms in Goa, with a cultivated area of 55 acres where you will be taken on a botanical tour and demonstrations followed by a variety of snacks, local delicacies, fresh tropical fruits and refreshments.

This Spice Village also has an Ayurveda Shop which prescribes medicines for all types of ailments as well as one can buy all types of herbs & medicinal spice. It is also the only place in Goa where vanilla pods are grown and can be purchased.





Dudhsagar Waterfall



Spice Village

DUDHSAGAR WATERFALL & SPICE TOUR (🕒: *FULL DAY*) 📷 🍴

Leave Hotel and drive to Collem Station, which lies on the foothold of the Western Ghats. Board jeeps operated by locals which will drive you through lush green tropical forest, right directly under the Dudhsagar Waterfalls, which means “Milky Falls” on account of the colour of the water, as it plummets hundreds of feet, forming one of the most spectacular of all natural phenomena in Goa. It is situated on the Goa/Karnataka border and is the lifeline of our ecosystem in one of our major sanctuary.

Spend a few hours below the falls to admire the beauty and explore the jungle on your own, or take a swim in the crystal clear waters, after which you return back to Collem by same transport.

On your way back visit the Spice Village at Khandepar, Ponda for traditional veg / non-veg buffet lunch as well as a guided tour of the farm which grows numerous spices & herbs and also has an Ayurveda Center. The only farm in Goa which grows vanilla and pods are available for sale as well as other medicinal herbs & spices. Return back to hotel.





Mangueshi temple



Spice Village

TEMPLES & SPICE TOUR (🕒 : 6 HRS) 📷 🍴

Visit Panjim, the Capital City of Goa with a photo stop at the Mary Immaculate Conception Church. Drive to Altinho Hill for an aerial view of Panjim City, also visit the local fish, vegetable & fruit market.

Later visit Shri. Mangueshi Temple at Priol, Ponda considered to have built in the middle of 16th Century and is known as the oldest temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple is set amidst picturesque surroundings and those small in size, its overall outline with an elegant tower is richly endowed with elegance.

Then proceed to the Spice Village, which is one of the biggest farm in Goa, with a cultivated area of 55 acres, where you will be taken on a botanical tour and demonstrations followed by a Goan Lunch served in a traditional way. There is also an Ayurveda Shop that prescribes to all types of ailments. The visit to the Spice Village is a highlight of the tour.



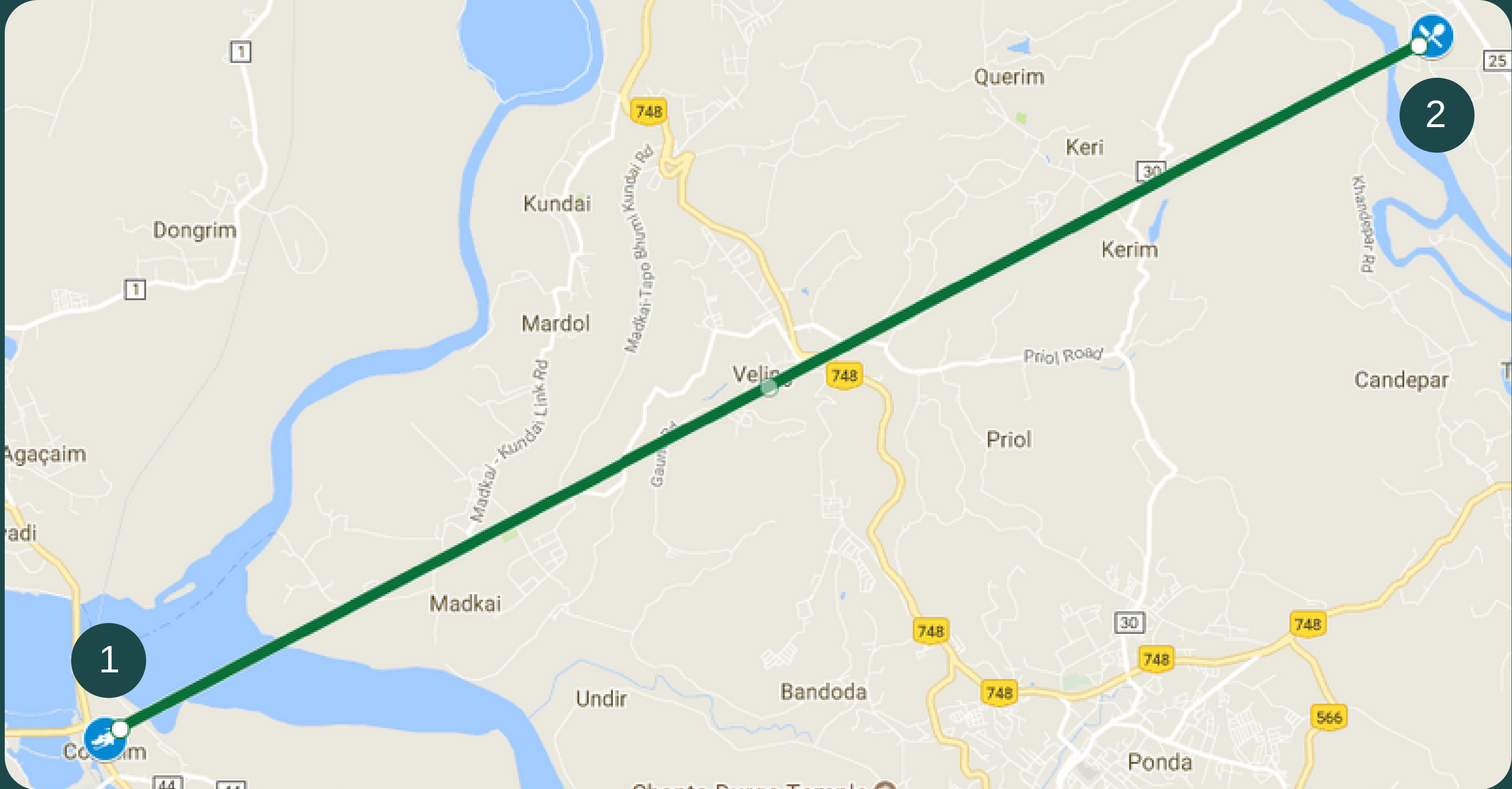


CROCODILE TOUR & SPICE VILLAGE (🕒: 8 HRS) 📷 🍴

Drive to Cortalim and board local boats that will take you up the River Zuari into the mangrove infested back waters of its canals, you will see salt water crocodiles, basking in the sun at very close quarters as well as a variety of migratory as well as native species of birds.

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Old Goa



Mangueshi Temple



Spice village



Panaji City



Our Lady Of Immaculate Conception



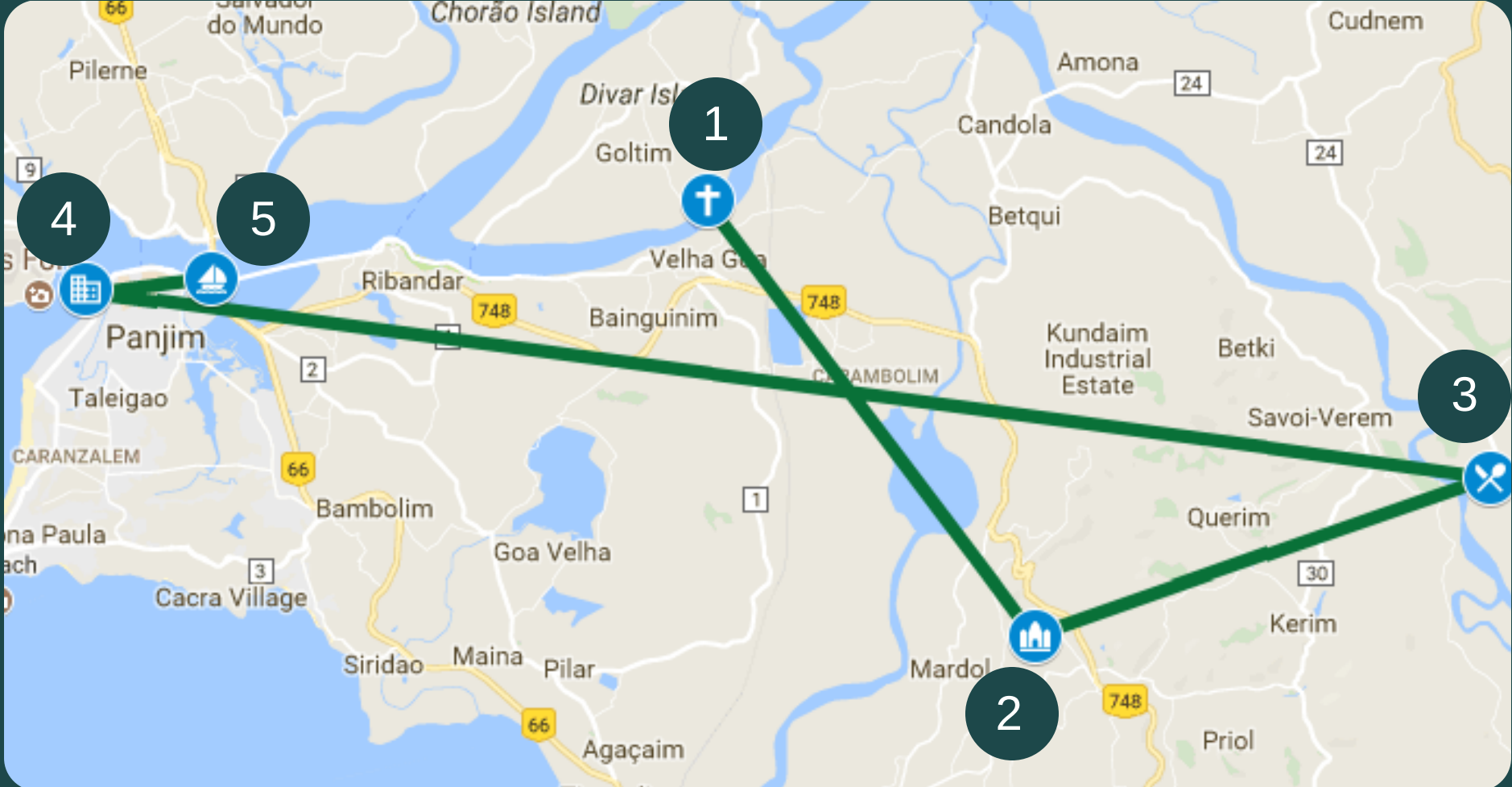
Boat Cruise

FLAVORS OF GOA (🕒: 8 HRS) 📷 🍴

Leave Hotel in the morning and drive to Old Goa, once called the “Rome of the Orient”. Visit Se Cathedral, the biggest in Asia, and Basilica of Bom Jesus. Where the body of St. Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa, whose feast is celebrated on the 3rd of December, is enshrined in a Silver Casket.

Spend an hour at Old Goa and drive to Mangueshi Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, the most influential member of the Hindu Trinity. The temple was shifted from its original location in Kushasthali, now known as “Cortalim”. The temple is surrounded by picturesque surroundings.

From Mangueshi drive to Khandepar, Ponda, to the Spice Village, which is a lush cultivated area of 55 acres of tropical garden. You will be taken on guided tour of the farm and introduced to various herbs & spices, once can also see a Cashew Feni Distillation Unit, Gobor Gas Plant and local women preparing Massalas the traditional way. After a tour of the farm enjoy a traditional Veg / Non Veg sumptuous buffet lunch served on Banana Leaves followed by plenty of local fruits and delicacies. The farm also has an Ayurveda Shop, which prescribes & sells medicines for all types of ailments. After lunch, drive to Panjim City, the Capital of Goa and spend some time shopping. Take a photo stop at the Mary Immaculate Conception Church. At 6 pm board the 1 hour sunset cruise and sail down the river Mandovi for a breath taking view of the sun set in the Arabian Sea. There is a live band & cultural group, that will perform traditional Goan dances during the cruise. Disembark at 7 pm and return to Hotel.





PORTUGUESE NIGHT AT "CASA OLIVEIRA FERNANDES"

(🕒: 4 HRS) 📷🍴 MIN PAX : 30

Arrive at Casa Oliveira Fernandes and be greeted at the main entrance facade by the Oliveira Fernandes family who will engage the guests by narrating the history and heritage of the household which will be followed by a small tour. Following which the guests will be escorted to the cluster style table seating arrangements in the Courtyard.

The tables and chairs will be draped in white table covers with candle lights and florals as centerpieces. The ambiance decor will include fairy lights on the surrounding trees to maintain a simple yet chic atmosphere.

As the guests are being seated, the Goan band will set the mood by performing a melange of traditional Goan folk music and Fados.

As guests are seated comfortably, the service staff garbed in semi formal attire will commence the round of appetizers. The bar will be located in close proximity, and will serving premium alcohol throughout the evening. In order for our esteemed guests to experience the essence of Goan culture, a traditional Goan folk dance troupe will perform a few sequences.

After the guests have been treated to snacks, music and dance performances, the guests will be escorted into the Grand dining hall where dinner will be served. The buffet style menu will include a fusion of traditional Goan and continental cuisine, cooked in the household itself in order to give the guests a home cooked meal experience. The dishes will be served in antique fine China dinner sets from the house collection. After serving their hearts content, the guests will return to the seating arrangement where the band will continue to scintillate them with their tunes. The Dance group will perform a few more dance sequences as well.

After dinner, the guests will once again be escorted into another section of the interior of the house for dessert. Once again keeping to the theme of the event, the deserts will also be traditional and prepared by the hosts. The evening will then be brought to a closing with a small vote of thanks and farewell bid by the family.

The guests are free to roam the house property and click pictures during the duration of the Gala Dinner.



Goa Chitra



Baywatch Beach Resort

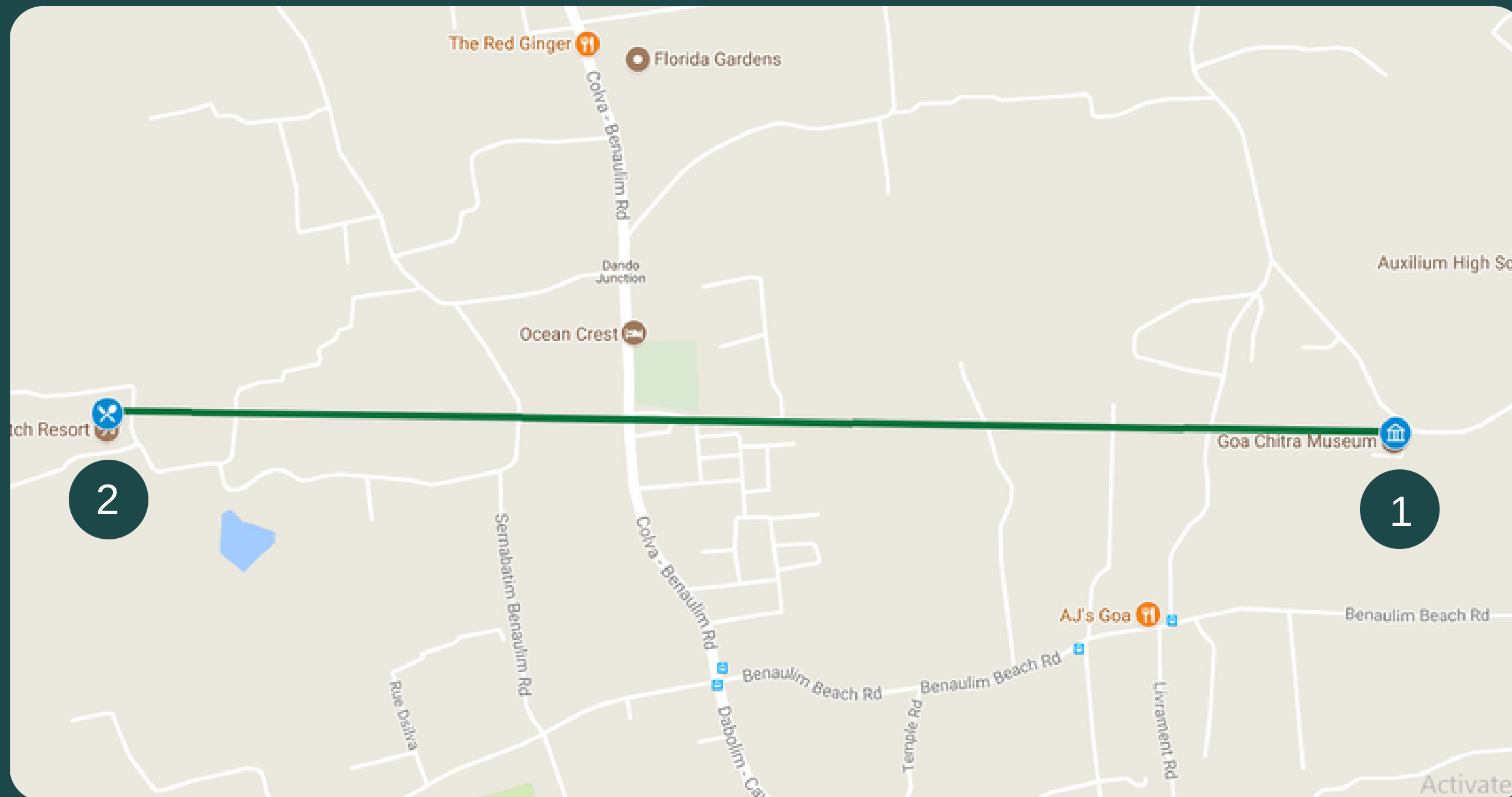
GOA CHITRA & BEACH TOUR (🕒: 8 HRS) 📷 🍴

Goa Chitra is a tribute by its founder to his ancestors and to their way of life using age-old wisdom passed down through generations. It is an unique collection and display of traditional farming implements and other ancient tools of trade set up against the backdrop of a traditional organic farm.

Beginning with the original 200 privately collected items, the collections have now grown to more than 4000 objects on display. The museum nevertheless preserves its universality in its collections of artifacts in representing the culture of ancient Goa

Reutilization and recycling of materials like wood work, doors, windows, pillars, railings and other materials and elements from over 300 demolished traditional houses that have been recovered by the designer contribute to the contemporary outlook of the structure with its blend of traditional elements and modern technologies. Enjoy a performance by a traditional folk dance troupe.

After departing from Goa Chitra, travel to Baywatch Beach resort, Discover sugar sand beach of Sernabatim in Colva coastline and its glistening waters with Baywatch Resort. Nestled in Goa's most serene locale where every guest is welcomed in true Goan hospitality style. Enjoy a drink by the poolside along with snacks, the pool will also be open to guests who want to take a dip to cool off.



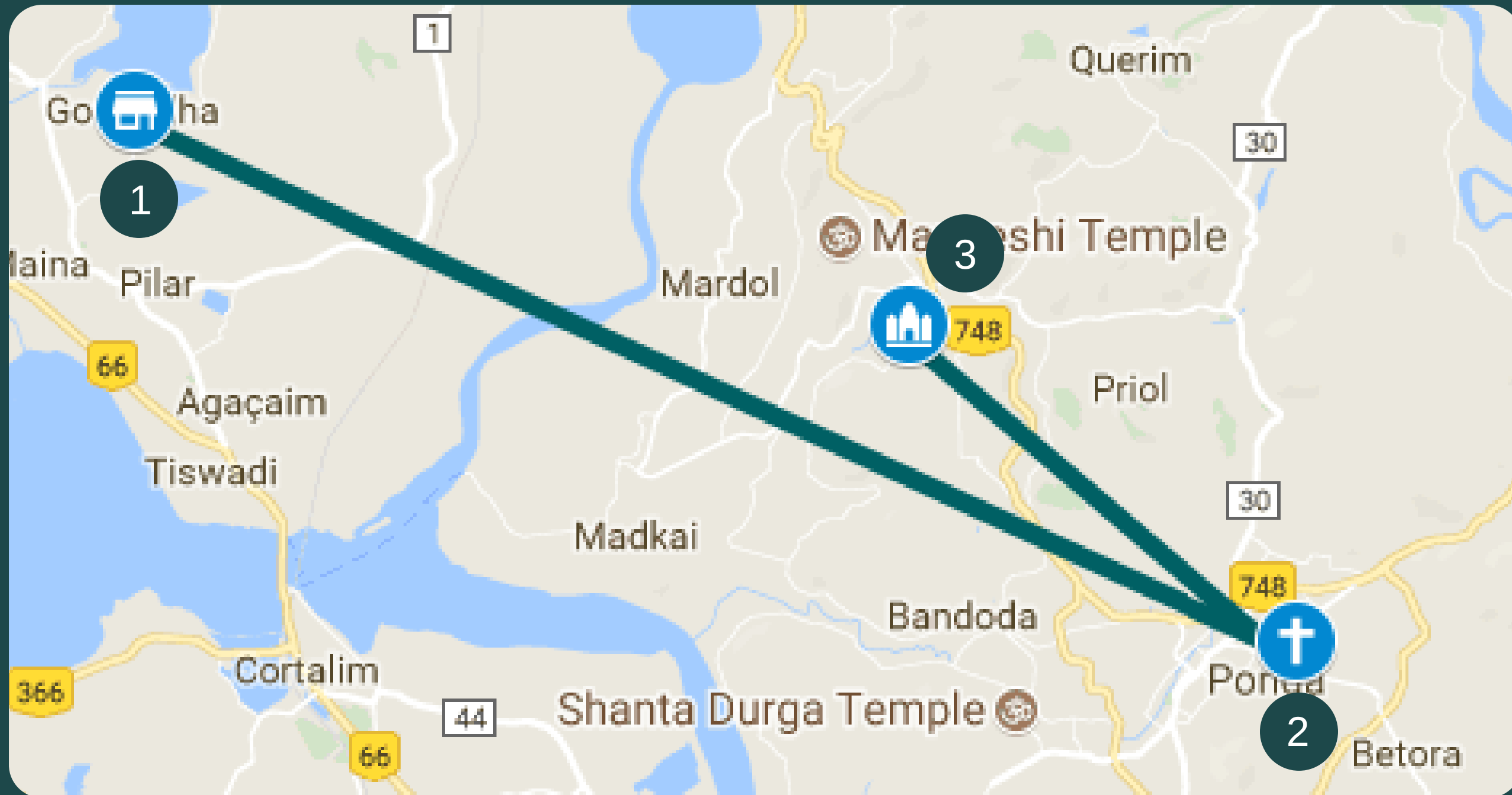


SECRETS OF GOA TOUR (🕒: 6 HRS) 📷 🍴 MIN PAX : 10

Travel through an interior village to the 13th century capital of Kadambas at Goa Velha, to visit the pickles and masala factory, a cottage industry using the nearly forgotten old grandmother's recipe who have kept these secret recipes alive so that our generation and the next can taste these mouthwatering products for posterity.

Later travel a rural village road to St. Anne's Church, a world heritage site to view its interior and exterior which is a mixture of Portuguese and Indian architecture.

Depart and journey the Old King's way via the outskirts of Old Goa to a local Hindu village temple, view the temple's simple yet traditional Goan Architecture. Arrive at the house of our host the renown Mr. Kanta Gaude, where you will be pampered and helped to dress in our customary Hindu aristocratic dresses. The witness the internationally acclaimed Goan Hindu dances, view the live on the spot handicrafts demonstration and savor a ethnic Hindu lunch/dinner cooked in the Goan tradition by the ladies of the house.





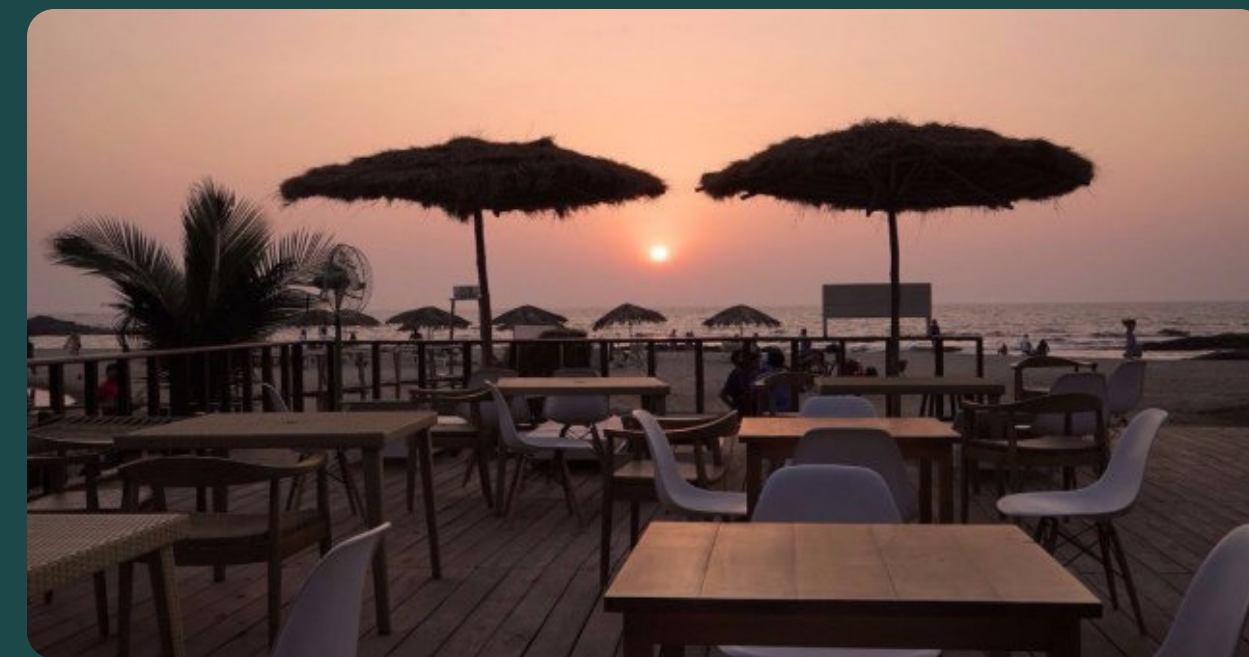
MUSEUMS OF GOA TOUR (🕒: 6 HRS) 📷 🍴

Travel to MOG. envisioned less as a repository of objects and more as a laboratory of ideas, MOG welcomes multidisciplinary art forms – painting, sculpture, photography, design, moving image, music, theater, poetry, installation, and others – to have constant dialogue with one other. Contemporary art is a universal language of sharing and communication today. Through MOG, Goa is positioned in a global conversation, and is placed on the international art map.

Later travel to the capital city of Panaji, to The Indian Customs and Central Excise Museum which is the first of its kind in the country. This museum has been established to promote appreciation of the evolution of the Indian Customs and Central Excise from ancient times, its modernization and relevance today for revenue generation, protection, culture and natural heritage, protecting the county from illicit trade, including narcotics and psychotropic substances.

After departing from the customs museum head to the State Museum of Goa. The museum aims at centralizing and preserving antiquities, art objects and objects of cultural importance, throwing light on the ancient historical and cultural traditions of Goa and exhibiting them thematically, so as to depict different aspects of the Goan History and Culture. later walk across a foot bridge to the Latin quarters of Panaji, an untouched Indo Portuguese styled locale. Dine at "Panjim Inn" which provides old world Goan hospitality for the discerning traveller with a desire to experience Goa's History, Culture, Cuisine and Art. In-house to the heritage hostelries is Gallery Gitanjali, a contemporary art gallery and completing the experience is The Verandah Restaurant, which takes you on a sussegado journey down memory lane to explore Goa's cuisine. The Panjim Inn, Goa's first Heritage Hotel, is a 130 year old Family mansion.





FORTS OF GOA TOUR (🕒: 6 HRS) 🍴 📷

Travel to the Aguada fort, this fort was constructed in 1612 to guard against the Dutch and the Marathas. It was a reference point for the vessels coming from Europe at that time. This old Portuguese fort stands on the beach south of Candolim, at the shore of the Mandovi River. It was initially tasked with defense of shipping and the nearby Bardez sub district.

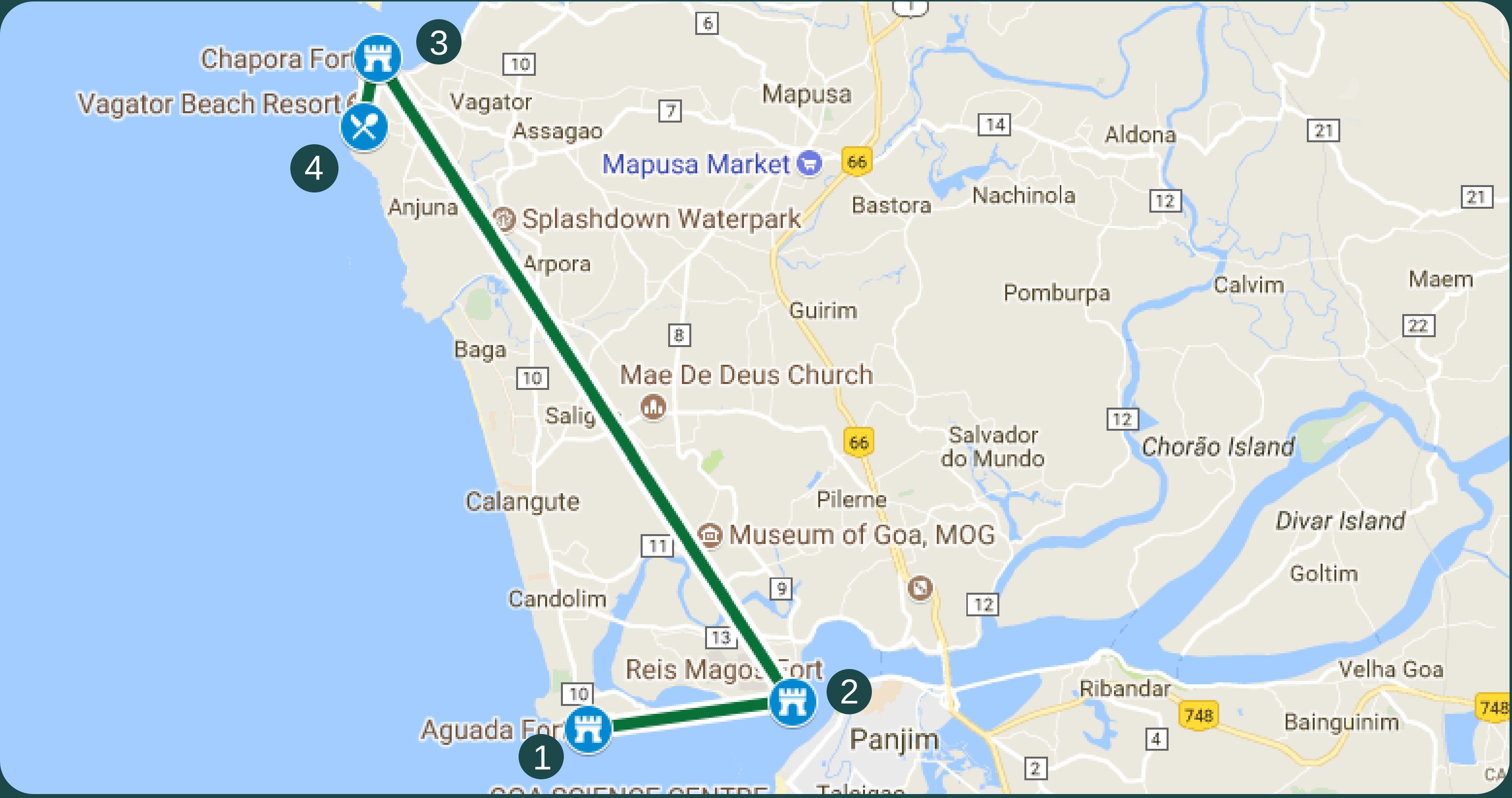
A freshwater spring within the fort provided water supply to the ships that used to stop by. This is how the fort got its name: Aguada, meaning Water. Crews of passing ships would often visit to replenish their fresh water stores. On the fort stands a four-storey Portuguese lighthouse, erected in 1864 and the oldest of its kind in Asia. Built in 1612, it was once the grandstand of 79 cannons.

Fort Aguada was the most prized and crucial fort of Portuguese. The fort is so large that it envelops the entire peninsula at the south western tip of Bardez. Built on the mouth of river Mandovi, it was strategically located and was the chief defence of Portuguese against the Dutch and Marathas.

Later we travel to Chapora Fort, Chapora Fort, located in Bardez, Goa, rises high above the Chapora River. Before the Portuguese arrived in Goa in 1510, this location was the site of another fort. The fort changed hands several times after Portuguese acquired Bardez. Trying to end the Portuguese rule in Goa, Prince Akbar joined his father's enemies, the Marathas in 1683 and made this place his base camp. It became the northern outpost of the Old Conquests. After the Portuguese recovered from an encounter with the Marathas, they strengthened their northern defences and provided shelter to the people there. We then depart to Reis Magos Fort.

Predating Fort Aguada by half a century, a second, smaller fort that crowns the headland jutting into the narrowest stretch of the Mandovi, almost facing the capital city Panjim, is the Reis Magos Fort. This Fort, surrounded by sturdy laterite walls studded with typically Portuguese turrets, was erected in 1551 to protect the narrowest point at the mouth of the Mandovi estuary. It was enlarged subsequently on different occasions and finally re-erected in 1707. The fort formerly accommodated viceroys and other dignitaries newly arrived from, or en route to, Lisbon, and in the early eighteenth century proved a linchpin in the wars against the Hindu Marathas, who were never able to take it. The bastion was used as a prison. Though far inferior in size to the fortress of Mormugao, yet standing on an eminence, it commands a splendid view all around. It is in a good state of preservation and is defended by 33 guns and accommodation for a small garrison. Towards the east, at a little distance from it, flows a spring with abundance of excellent water, while at its base rises the church of the Reis Magos, ascended by a beautiful flight of stairs.

Dine at Antares, an architectural showpiece with awe-inspiring views of the Indian Ocean and the perfect spot for guests to watch the sunset in the afternoon and experience casual dining. Chef Sarah Todd has created a 250 seat Australian themed restaurant at the top to experience casual dining. The cuisine is quite simple really; fresh ingredients, exotic flavours, classic cooking techniques with an injection of flavor through a charcoal grill.



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