

Pune to Goa, 1 to 4 October 2026

Goa, the lazy version

Two bases, quiet beaches, two lagoons, one all-night festival, and no alarm before 9.

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Canacona base

Priyanka's, near Palolem. Thursday to Saturday morning.

Morjim base

Suraj's, near Ashwem. Saturday afternoon to Sunday night.

The big night

Stomp at House of Chapora, Saturday 9 pm to 6 am.

Before you go



Blue: NH66 by scooter on Thursday and back on Saturday. Red dashed: cab from Margao to Mapusa. Red solid: scooter to Morjim.

Book before you leave Pune

- ☐ Priyanka: early bag drop Thursday, 10:15 am checkout Saturday.
- ☐ Margao scooters, Thursday 9:30 am to Saturday about 11:30 am.
- ☐ Pritam boat for Friday 4 pm, with a Butterfly landing. Agree the price for three.
- ☐ Cab from Margao to Mapusa, Saturday around noon.
- ☐ Mapusa scooters, Saturday 1:30 pm to Sunday about 8 pm.
- ☐ Suraj: late checkout Sunday till 7 pm, or a bag hold and shower.
- ☐ Saturday cabs: 7:45 pm to Vida Bela, and a fixed 6 am pickup from House of Chapora.

It's a long weekend. Friday is Gandhi Jayanti. The south stays calm; the north fills up on Saturday and Sunday, so the north days stay around Morjim, Ashwem and Arambol.

Friday is a dry day. No alcohol is sold anywhere on 2 October, shacks included. Bars may stop serving at midnight on Thursday, so ask.

The monsoon is just leaving. Expect humidity and the odd evening shower. Rain covers, grippy sandals for Cola and Arambol, and a dry bag for the boat.

Scooters. Two automatics, yellow and black plates only. Film a walk-around at pickup, fill up straight away, and get helmets for rider and pillion.

Nobody rides after drinking. Thursday's bars are a walk from Priyanka's. Saturday is cabs both ways. On Sunday, nobody rides until they've slept.

For Stomp. 21+ government ID (DigiLocker or physical), smart-casual clothes and closed shoes. Ask Stomp Media whether 9 pm is a hard entry cutoff.

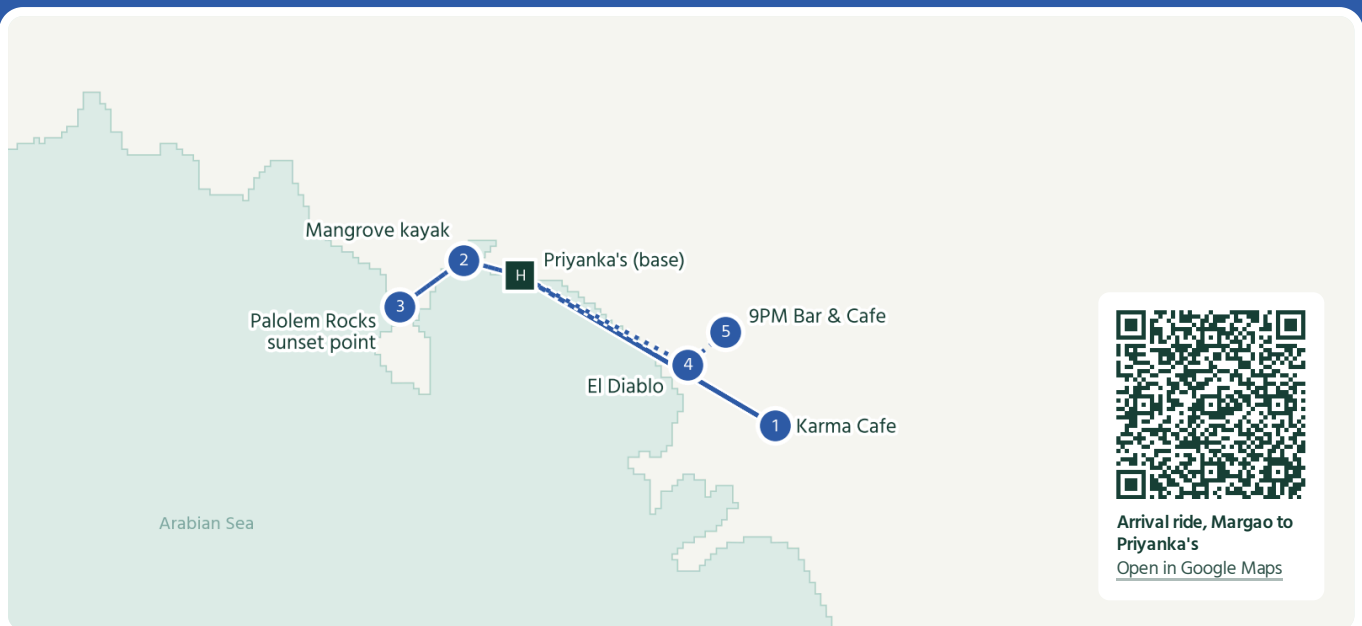
Nights

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| Thursday | El Diablo for food and beer, then 9PM Bar & Cafe till 2 am. All walkable. |
| Friday | Dry day. Dinner at Tantra, a late walk on Palolem beach, early night. |
| Saturday | Vida Bela, then Stomp until 6 am. Cabs both ways. |
| Sunday | Sunset at Lucky Star, dinner in Mapusa, 10 pm bus. |

Every stop was checked on Google Maps for location, hours and recent reviews. Crowd tags come from review counts and what reviewers say, so read them as tendencies. Underlined names open the Maps listing, where you'll find photos.

Land, nap, Palolem after dark

Scooters from Margao, a long nap, mangroves at golden hour, then the south's one party night.



Solid lines are scooter rides; dotted lines are the night walk between bars. Lines show the order of stops, not exact roads; the QR code gives turn-by-turn directions.

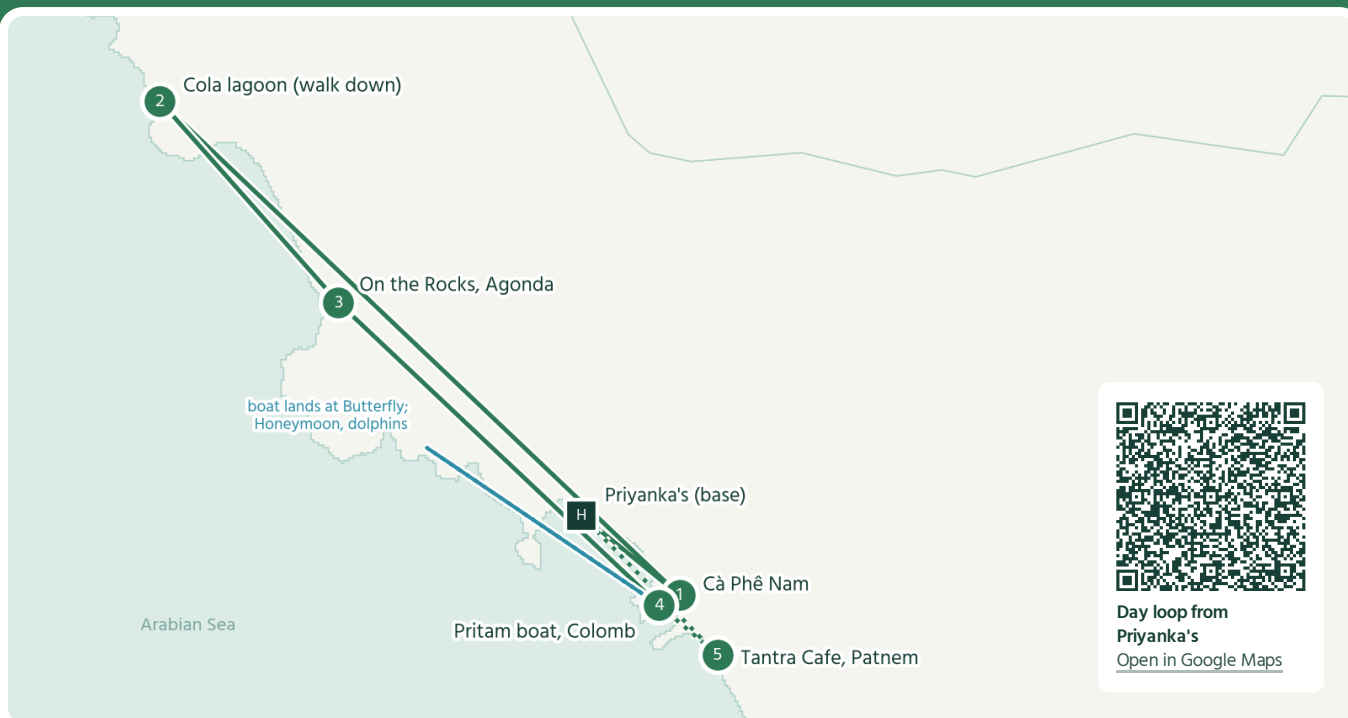
- 8:30 am**
 - Arrive at Madgaon bus stand**
Reviewers mention breakfast stalls right opposite the stand.
- 9:30 am**
 - Rent two scooters in Margao**
Yellow and black plates only. Film a walk-around video and fill up straight away.
- 10:00 am**
 - Ride NH66 to Palolem**
About 40 km, 1 to 1¼ hours with backpacks. One chai stop at Cuncolim or Chaudi.
- 11:15 am**
 - Drop bags at Priyanka's**
Ask ahead about an early check-in.
- 11:45 am**
 - Karma Cafe**
Calm brunch in Colomb: smoothie bowls, breakfast burritos, good coffee. Then sleep until 4. Moderate
541 reviews
- 4:30 pm**
 - Mangrove kayak, Palolem backwaters**
About 300 m from base. Eagles, kites and the Balancing Rock. One reviewer paid about ₹150–200 each after negotiating. The path to the jetty is slippery. Quiet
131 reviews
- 5:45 pm**
 - Palolem Rocks sunset point**
Rocky headland at the north end that reviewers call peaceful and almost private. Sunset is about 6:20; head back before dark and watch the tide. Quiet
111 reviews
- 8:00 pm**
 - El Diablo**
Small bar on the main road with craft beer, cocktails, bar food and classic rock. Moderate
234 reviews
- 10:00 pm**
 - 9PM Bar & Cafe**
The late bar: DJ nights with reggae, dub and techno, and a separate smoking zone. Open till 2 am. Busy
late crowd

Backup: Cuba Palolem is open till 1 am. A few reviewers mention slow long-weekend service and surprise prices at billing, so confirm prices when you order.

Cola lagoon and the dolphin boat

A short trek down to Cola's lagoon, lunch on a rock above Agonda, and Butterfly by boat at sunset.

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Solid lines are scooter rides; the blue dashed loop is the boat trip. Lines show the order of stops, not exact roads; the QR code gives turn-by-turn directions.

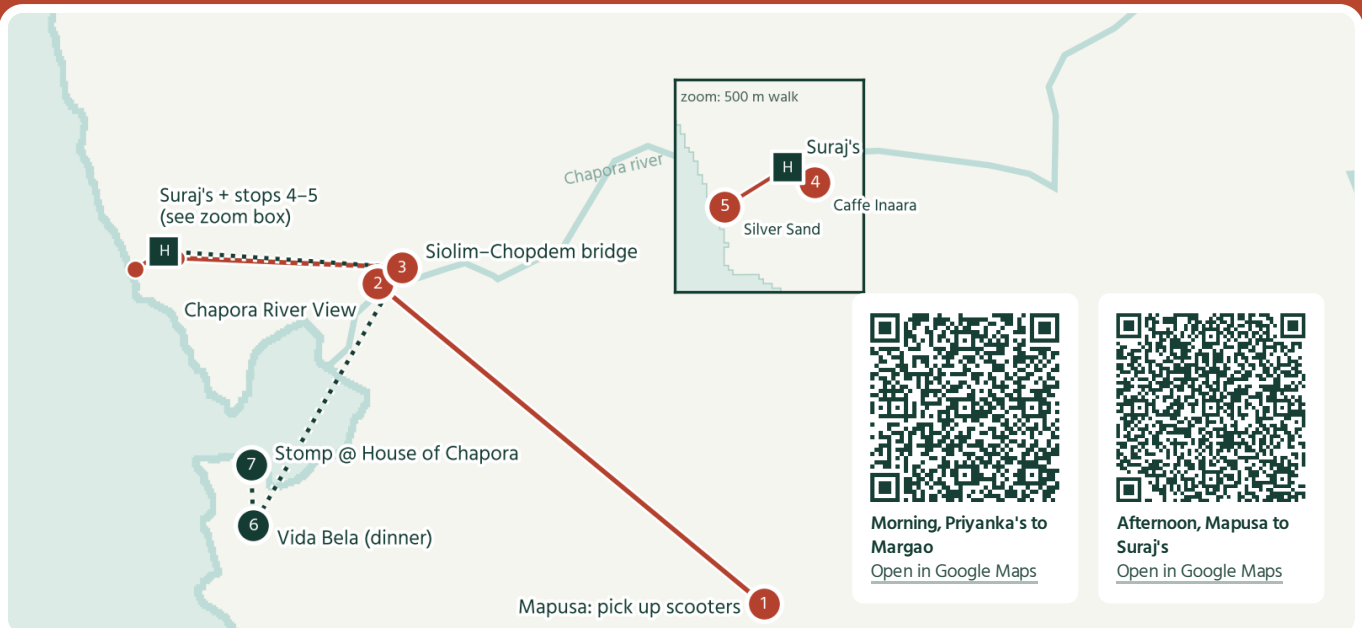
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| 9:45 am | Cà Phê Nam
Vietnamese phin coffee and croissants to start. Carry water and snacks for Cola. | Quiet
175 reviews |
| 10:30 am | Ride to Cola via Agonda
About 25 km, 45–50 minutes. Park at the paid lot at the top; the last stretch is roughly 3 km of bumpy track. | |
| 11:30 am | Cola lagoon
Walk down (one group took about 40 minutes; jeeps also run) to a freshwater lagoon between palms and the sea. Kayaks are about ₹200–250 each and the lagoon is shallow. Reviewers warn the sea current is strong, so swim in the lagoon only. | Quiet
347 reviews |
| 2:00 pm | Late lunch at On the Rocks, Agonda
On the way back. Family-run café on a rock, 20–30 steps up. Falafel plates, noodles, grilled fish. | Moderate
559 reviews |
| 3:30 pm | Ride to Colomb
About 8 km, 15–20 minutes. | |
| 4:00 pm | Boat to Butterfly and Honeymoon
Ask to land at <u>Butterfly Beach</u> for 20–30 minutes. Honeymoon is boat-only. Evenings are good for dolphins, and you get the sunset from the water. Agree the price up front. | Quiet
5.0, 202 reviews |
| 7:30 pm | Tantra Cafe, Patnem
Beachfront, chilled playlists, candle-lit tables. It's a dry day, so mocktails. Pack tonight. | Quiet
154 reviews |

If the sea is too rough for boats, walk to Butterfly instead at 3:30. The trail is off the Agonda–Palolem road, on your way back. Reviewers mention a ₹100 bike entry and a forest road to parking, or a 30–35 minute trek.

South to north, then Stomp

The one real wake-up (after a dry night), a river stop on the way in, then the big night.

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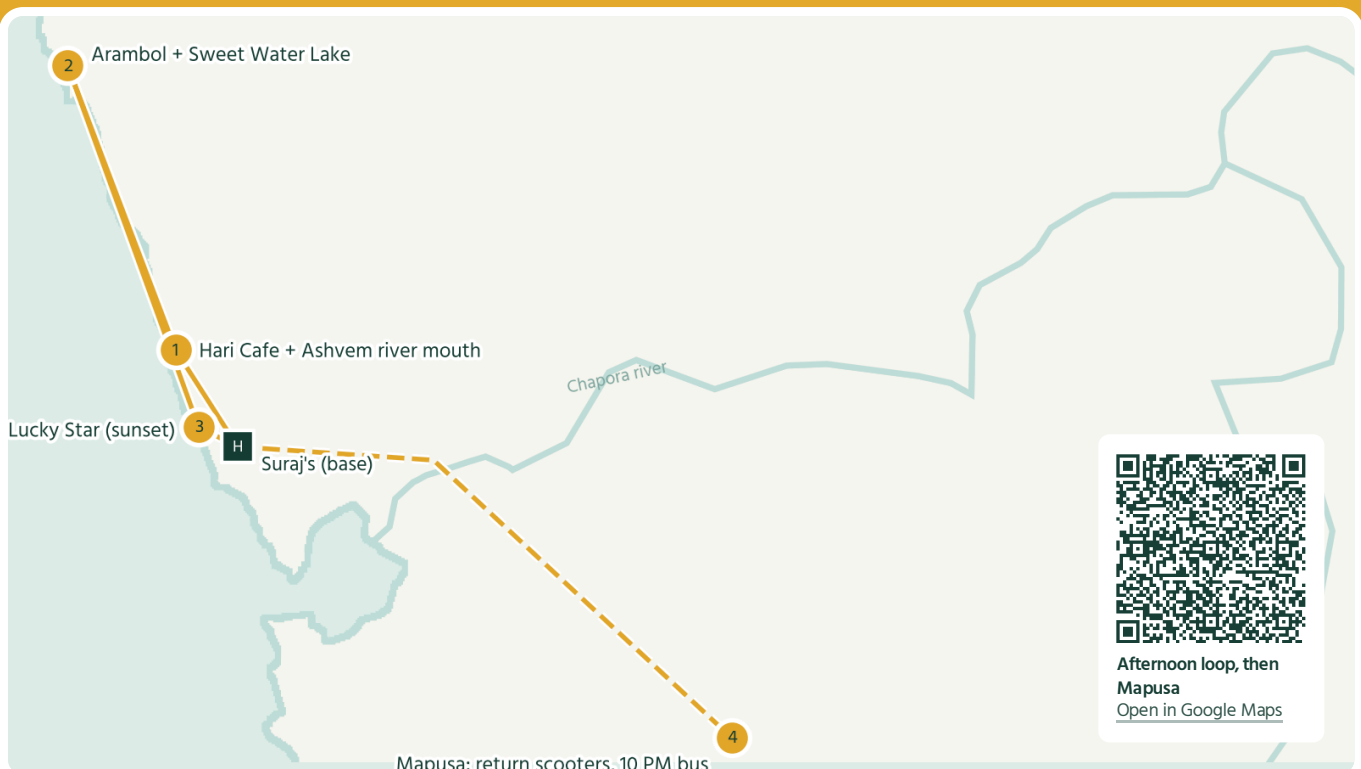


Red lines are scooter rides; dark dotted lines are cabs via the Siolim bridge. Lines show the order of stops, not exact roads; the QR code gives turn-by-turn directions.

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| 9:30 am | Quick breakfast near base, check out | |
| | Bags packed the night before. | |
| 10:15 am | Ride NH66 back to Margao | |
| | About an hour with backpacks. Return scooters around 11:30 and match fuel and condition to Thursday's video. | |
| 12:00 pm | Cab from Margao to Mapusa | |
| | About 1 to 1¼ hours. Nap. | |
| 1:30 pm | Rent scooters near <u>Mapusa bus stand</u> | |
| | Confirm a Sunday return around 8 pm. | |
| 2:00 pm | <u>Chapora River View</u> and <u>Siolim bridge</u> | Quiet
92 reviews |
| | On the way to Morjim. A quiet riverside road with fishermen, and the bridge from the Singham car scene. Park at either end rather than on the bridge. | |
| 2:30 pm | <u>Caffe Inaara</u> | Busy
2,365 reviews |
| | Big menu, about 200 m from Suraj's, open till 4 am. | |
| 3:15 pm | Check in at <u>Suraj's</u> and nap | |
| | Reconfirm Sunday's late checkout. | |
| 5:15 pm | <u>Silver Sand beach shack</u> | Moderate
1,042 reviews |
| | Walk over. Reviewers describe clean water, a gentle slope for swimming, free sea-facing tables and almost no crowd. | |
| 7:45 pm | Cab to <u>Vida Bela, Chapora</u> | Quiet
152 reviews |
| | About 25–35 minutes via the Siolim bridge. Calamari, steaks, butter-garlic prawns, about 1 km from the venue. | |
| 9:00 pm | <u>Stomp at House of Chapora</u> | Busy
festival night |
| | ID, smart-casual clothes, closed shoes. Your pre-booked cab picks you up at 6 am. | |

Recovery coast

Wake at noon, brunch by a river mouth, the walk to Arambol's lake, one last sunset.



Solid lines are the afternoon loop; the dashed line is the last ride to Mapusa with backpacks. Lines show the order of stops, not exact roads; the QR code gives turn-by-turn directions.

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| 12:30 pm | <p><u>Hari Cafe, Ashwem</u></p> <p>Sea-facing café with a sand floor, run by a couple. Sourdough, pancakes, croissant sandwiches.</p> | <p>Quiet</p> <p>81 reviews</p> |
| 1:45 pm | <p><u>Ashvem river-mouth viewpoint</u></p> <p>A few minutes away, where the river meets the sea.</p> | <p>Quiet</p> <p>29 reviews</p> |
| 2:15 pm | <p><u>Arambol and Sweet Water Lake</u></p> <p>About 25 minutes north. Walk the beach and rocky headland from Arambol's north end, 1–2 km with some scrambling. Recent reviewers call the lake crowded and mention danger signs, so enjoy the view and swim at the beach.</p> | <p>Busy</p> <p>1,400 reviews</p> |
| 5:30 pm | <p><u>Lucky Star beach shack</u></p> <p>The best sunset on the stretch, say reviewers. Pick your fish from the day's catch and confirm prices when ordering.</p> | <p>Moderate</p> <p>379 reviews</p> |
| 7:00 pm | <p>Shower and bags at Suraj's</p> <p>The whole point of the late checkout.</p> | |
| 7:30 pm | <p>Ride to Mapusa via the Siolim bridge</p> <p>About 30 minutes, river views at dusk. Return scooters, then dinner.</p> | |
| 9:30 pm | <p>Board the 10 pm Atmaram bus</p> <p>Confirm the exact boarding point; some operators board at their office near the stand.</p> | |

If you have energy left

Quiet spots that fit around the plan. All have few reviews, which usually means few people.

Colomb sunset point

South

A small hike from Palolem's south end to rocks and a hill view. One reviewer spotted dolphins. Wear shoes: there's broken glass on the sand.

Swap for Thursday's sunset

Quiet

Chapoli viewpoint

South

Dam and forest view behind Rajbag, described as peaceful and secluded. The road is narrow and very steep in places.

Friday, if you skip Cola

Quiet

Agonda rock sunset point

South

Short trail behind the fishing boats. Reviewers say go at low tide, not alone, and not at night.

Friday, after lunch

Quiet

Prana, Mandrem

North

Waist-deep backwater with no waves. Sunbeds are for hotel guests, and you can ask to remove the service charge.

Sunday, for a real swim

Moderate

Chapora–Morjim sunset viewpoint

North

Riverbank on the Siolim side where the river meets the sea. Park facing the water and watch for free.

Sunday, on the way to Mapusa

Quiet

Morjim Hill View Deck

North

Steps up to a view of the river and mangroves. A bit neglected and shadeless, but empty.

Sunday, if you wake early

Quiet

Left out, and why

Kakolem and Cabo de Rama would add another 30 km of riding on Friday on top of Cola. Keri, Tiracol and the Arambol banyan tree mean more riding and an uphill trail on hangover day. Leopard Valley has mixed reviews, and one reviewer paid a ₹900 entry that wasn't redeemable. Anand in Vagator has nearly 9,800 reviews and hour-long waits, a bad bet before a 9 pm entry.

Numbers

Pritam boat trip	+91 72769 61566
El Diablo	+91 98235 75495
Caffe Inaara	+91 97174 30037
House of Chapora	+91 98342 28035
Morjim bike rental and taxi	+91 77983 49472

Sagar Boating, backup	+91 96731 68832
9PM Bar & Cafe	+91 76205 27579
Vida Bela	+91 98923 52494
Lucky Star	+91 77980 67859
Prana Mandrem	+91 74477 48006

Hours, prices and sea conditions change. Confirm boats, rentals and venue timings a day ahead.