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Curated Architectural tours and workshops

Curating Architectural tours need understanding of the subject and we are one of the unique Destination Management Companies operating in the B2B space who has an Architect at the helm of it. Study tours are a very integral and important part of the Architectural curriculum. Students travel in groups under the guidance of the faculties to different destinations to understand vernacular architecture, it's climatic response and cultural context. These tours are further layered with hands on workshops, lectures and interactions with acclaimed Architects and visits to their buildings.

Goa and Konkan are an amazing destination for Architecture aficionados and students. There is a lot to learn and understand here. The response to the tropical climate with local materials, influences of the colonial rule in town planning and aesthetics, the adaptations and evolution of the vernacular style. Goa is also blessed to have some of the most acclaimed Architects and their practices here, interactions and visits to their designed buildings will be experiences that guests and students cherish for a long time.

Let us Collaborate to develop itineraries and workshops for your guests and students. We could deliver impactful and attractive itineraries that are unique and specifically customized for each requirement. There are multiple possibilities of business from group tours for Architecture students and special interest tours. With our expertise on the subject and our local presence and experience, we invite you to explore the options of developing a new and niche segment which will bring growth and acclaim.

Brief

- Visits to old palatial Portuguese mansions
- Visits to contemporary iconic buildings
- Interactive sessions with Architects and practices
- Visits to buildings designed by local Architects
- Hands on workshops
- Settlement studies, village documentation
- Heritage walks and excursions to understand local art forms
- Talks with environmentalists, activists, and eminent citizens

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Sample Itinerary

THE BALCAO

“Balcao is the most important feature of the Goan house and resembles a porch and function as an outdoor living space with stone benches to sit down and catch the breeze while watching the world to go by.”

Day 01 | Arrive Goa

Arrival, assistance at point of travel, check in to hotel, depending on time of arrival visit

Panjim Church - 1541

The early church was completely re-built from its foundations in 1619 and this was even considered, taking account of the still negligible population of the area and the size of the new church, is a striking commentary on the religious climate of the time and the wealth available to the churches.



Bishops House

The official residence and office of the Bishop of the Catholic Church of Goa, there is a very interesting chapel within the house, the extension of this building was done by Ar. Dean Cruz



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Fontinhas Square

Fontinhas is an old Latin Quarter in the city. It maintains to this day its Portuguese influence, such as narrow streets, old villas. The quarter shows how Panaji was during the Portuguese rule of Goa. We shall have a heritage walk through these streets and later an interactive session with historians.



Later return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 02 | Goa

Breakfast at the hotel and proceed for visits to

Kala Academy - 1969 | Ar. Charles Correa

The relatively low rise mass is spread horizontally and organized around an innovative ground plan with an open 'street' going through the entire building, it makes an otherwise serious public institution seem less "institutional" and more relaxed and appropriate.



Panjim market - 2001

The market complex was built to organize the growing bazzars and the new design has managed to

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curb the encroachment of vendors on footpaths bringing them all intelligently under one roof



Later we shall return to resort for lunch, after lunch we shall proceed to visit

Reis Magos fort - 1493 | Restored by Ar. Gerard da Cunha

The Reis Magos fort rises like a sentinel on the banks of the Mandovi river protecting the capital. It began as an Adil Shahi armed outpost in 1493 and was conquered by the Portuguese in 1541. It was reopened in 2012 as a cultural centre.



Evening we shall also visit Siquirim fort to experience the sunset. Later return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 03 Goa

Breakfast at the hotel, Proceed for visit to

Goa Secretariat - 1993 - 2000 | Ar. Karan Grover

An experience to visit one of the most contemporary and important structures of Goa, besides the main Assembly block, the Assembly complex has a secretariat block, a VIP block and a central courtyard. The entire complex is spread over 54,250 sq meters atop the Porvorim hillock overlooking the River Mandovi.

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Goa village photography tour

A tour of some of the most scenic villages of Goa, through this tour we shall also take small pit stops for photography and sketching. The villages we shall cover during these tours are Pomburpa & Ecoxim, these villages are ideally located on the waterfront and the unique feature of the housing is that the entrances to these houses are from the waterfront.

Later we shall break for lunch at O coiquiro restaurant, which is an Old Portuguese house converted to a restaurant

Later proceed for half day interactive session with Architect Gerarad Da Cunha at the Houses of Goa Museum, visits to Nishas Play school and Mario Miranda's museum will be included in this session. In the evening return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 04 | Goa

Breakfast at the hotel, proceed for visits to

Old Goa Churches

Old Goa was the former colonial capital for the first 350 years of the Portuguese rule. Its Renaissance architecture is breath-taking and the UNESCO has declared it as a World Heritage Site. It is well known for its churches that remind of its former glory that once rivaled that of Rome, the visit to Old Goa churches shall include the cathedrals of St Francis of Assisi built in 1661 and Basilica of Bom Jesus 1605 among others.



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Later we shall drive to Ponda to have authentic Goan lunch cooked in earthen pots at a spice plantation. After lunch proceed to visit Quepem town to experience an old Portuguese mansion

Palacio de Deao - 1780

A Palatial house, it occupies 11,000 sq ft of floor area. It is built in an unusual style of architecture and has an interesting blend of Hindu and Portuguese cultures. This house is of historical importance because the founder of Quepem town built it.



Later return to hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

Day 05 | Goa - Next destination

Early breakfast at the hotel, check out and visit

Laguna Anjuna - 2003 | Ar. Dean Dcruz

The resort is built in thick laterite stone with pillars and domes, the guest cottages are built around full-grown trees creating intimate courtyards. The use of locally available materials and traditional workmanship is worth studying. The roof is made of terracotta tiles. Porches and balconies are inspired by the Goan balcaon-style seats.



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Later lunch at local restaurant and time for some last-minute shopping, later transfer to airport / railway station in time for your journey to next destination.

Services will Include

- 04 nights' accommodation at a choice of resort as per the budget preferred on sharing basis
- All meals starting from breakfast on the day of arrival and ending with lunch on the day of departure
- All co-ordination with local village offices to have a smooth settlement study
- Air-conditioned buses as per above mentioned itinerary
- All applicable taxes, toll, parking charges, drivers' fees etc
- Use of conference hall for presentations or studies in the evenings

Extra services that can be arranged

- Travel insurance
- DJ nights or special entertainment events
- Hands on workshops and discussions with Architects, Artisans, Designers etc

We can further customize this itinerary to suite the requirement of the guest. Do get in touch with us for any special interest Architecture tours or students group travel

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