**GOA - PEARL OF THE ORIENT – WINTER**

Goa, also known as the 'Pearl of the Orient', is located on the western coast of India in the coastal belt known as Konkan. By day its sun, sea and surf and by night its fun, fish and feni (the local firewater). The Goan beaches are, however, only a part of the attraction - the magnificent scenic beauty and the architectural splendours of its temples, churches and old houses have also made it a firm favourite with travelers, especially honeymooners, around the world. Walk hand-in-hand with your partner on the golden sands sipping on some fresh coconut water or soak up the sun and just laze on your hammocks and let the soothing music of the sea enchant you. While in your houseboat, enjoy the river breezes, lush greenery and scenic beauty as you relax in the comforts of this Paradise.

**Day 01**

Arrive Goa

Welcome to Goa, the Beach State of India. On arrival at Dabolim airport or Madgaon railway station, begin your tour of 'Goa - Pearl of the Orient'. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Hotel check-in time is 1400 hrs. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore and shop in the local market or just stroll on the beach, swim (weather permitting), or just laze around and chill out at the beach shacks.

**Day 02**

In Goa

The morning is at leisure to relax and enjoy the facilities within your hotel / resort. In the afternoon, proceed on a tour to Old Goa visiting the Basilica of Bom Jesus wherein the mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier lie; walk across to the magnificent Se Cathedral that houses the famous Golden Bell. Thereafter proceed to the temple of Mangeshi dedicated to Lord Shiva. Later, drive to Panjim for a boat cruise on Mandovi River. Dance to the rhythm of Goan and Portuguese music on board.

**Day 03**

In Goa

The full day is at leisure. Go around and shop in the traditional markets of the Goan towns and villages. These markets are mirrors of Goa’s ethnic culture & provide a glimpse of the typical Goan way of doing business.

**Day 04**

In Goa

The day is at leisure. Explore the less commercialized beaches or enjoy the in-house facilities of the hotel / resort.

**Day 05**

Depart Goa | Return home with happy memories
Today bid farewell to your 'Goa - Pearl of the Orient' tour as you get transferred to Dabolim airport or Madgaon railway station for your onward journey.