

Scenic Goa

Gurgaon Explorer

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My daughter Akanksha and me went for a week holiday to our all time favorite destination Goa Lemon Tree Amarante Beach Resort and surely Life was Bliss! Located on Candolim Beach in North Goa, the resort stretches from the main road right up to the beachfront. Designed to evoke the poetry and romance of 15th century Portugal, it is visually stunning with medieval oil paintings, artifacts, tile work and stained glass set amidst a lush green environment and calm water bodies. One can take a lime and lemony fresh pick from the rooms this Lemon Tree Amarante Beach Resort Goa has on offer from Plaza rooms, Pavilion rooms with a balcony, Garden rooms with a garden, a Terrace studio room with a large private terrace and heritage rooms to heritage studio rooms. The Heritage suite (it's cheaper during off-season!) is housed in a century Old Portuguese mansion, and has been restored to its original glory and appointed with all modern amenities truly the suite is the star of the show with a king bed and an attached private swimming pool and with impeccable housekeeping we had a great time. For breakfast we dined at the "Citrus Cafe" which makes a refreshing choice indeed. It offers a daily breakfast buffet from 7.00 am to 9.45 am, complimentary for all resident guests.

Eating In & Out Republic Of Noodles

The Lemon tree Amarante Beach resort's restaurant "Republic of Noodles" is pretty much the only restaurant in the country for authentic South East Asian Street food in a fine dining setting, and happily the food, ambience and service all combine to make a visit to this restaurant a captivating experience. A good selection of beverages completes a memorable meal. A good idea is also to sip any of their eclectic infused teas along with your meal. From the best choice of ingredients (absolutely fresh) to precision preparation and careful presentation, Chef Yuh Ing obviously labours with love, creating and reinventing gourmet south East Asian street delights running the gamut from "Malaysian Popiah", 'Indonesian Bamee Goreng' to 'Fiery Sri Lankan fish curry'

Sunny Side Up

Located at 360 degree beach Resort at Main Candolim beach, off the approach road "Sunny side up" is a balmy strip of food fun. Nothing quite beats the romance of sea-view dining. Red Checked table cloths and bistro style chairs lend a relaxed air of casual dining. The ambience plays a very large part in the success of this restaurant. Service is top-notch and it is comforting to know that some establishments still place great emphasis on ensuring the guest is comfortable without being obtrusive. Customers vary from romancing couples, kitty parties in the evenings to garrulous extended families on the weekends. Live band in the evening is a slice of heaven. The tantalizing multi-cuisine menu matches up to the ambience. Sea foods holds the reins with amazing selections try the Pomfret masala and tandoori Jhingra. A refreshing change from the usual staple at a Goan restaurant, this restaurant is a joy to the adventurous palate. A refreshing and light dessert to try is the Badami Kulfi; it is decadent to the core. The Long Island Tea and Pina Colada are the hot-seller beverage.

Snip Spa

Health and fitness is also an agenda in Goa. The Hotels Spa "Snip" is absolutely amazing and has branches in Calangute and Panjim as well. Go for the Firming & Shaping Luxury Wrap: Indulge yourself in the luxury of this treatment and wake up to a fresher you. This 120 - minute treatment gives you the pleasure of being pampered through use of a wrap rich in multiple seaweeds and an intensive massage leaving you totally relaxed and de-

stressed.
Bon voyage!

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