

PANAJI situated on the south bank of the Mandovi River, is the smallest state capital of India and the most picturesque city of Goa. Whilst it is loud, fast and colourful (like all Indian cities) there is nonetheless an aura of calm, probably due as much to the famous 'laid-back' Goan character as to the quiet, Mandovi River. To the west lies the Arabian Sea and the beaches of Miramar and Campal and, to the east, the newly developed area of Patto just beyond the Ourem Creek.

On the southeast side the city is bounded by a long escarpment with the big villas of Altinho and the white-washed houses of the Fountainhas Quarter. The centre is focused on the two main parks (Azad Maidan and The Municipal Gardens), the Secretariat and the Church of Mary Immaculate. The modern commercial area, to the west, spreads out in an irregular grid pattern. East of the centre is the old town with its narrow winding streets and distinctly Portuguese flavour.



PLACES OF INTEREST IN PANAJI:

On the southeast side of the Municipal Gardens is the India Tourist Office and, directly opposite the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (1619), sometimes called 'Panaji Church'. 500m north, on the bank of the Mandovi, is the Secretariat, previously the 'Idalcao' Palace of Yusuf Adil Shah, and now Goa's seat of Government. The statue of Abade Faria, a hypnotist, stands nearby. To the west are numerous piers with boats for tours of the estuary. On the other side of the road, behind the Hotel Mandovi is the Dom Laurencio Chapel. Further along the riverside road is the Menezes Braganza Institute and the Library. Just past the main Market and

the Medical School are the well-groomed Campal Gardens and the less salubrious Campal Beach. Just beyond are the Kala Academy and the football/cricket pitches. Immediately east, across a small stream is the old Museum of Goa (recently transferred to the new State Museum Complex at Patto). A turning to the right up 18th June Road, opposite the Hotel Fidalgo leads to the Boca de Vaca Spring and the Mahalaxmi Temple. An alley behind leads to some steps up the hill and to the Bishop's Palace. On the other side of the hill a road leads down to the Maruti Temple. Beyond the water-tank and yoga centre is Mala, part of the Fountainhas Quarter, a picturesque old Portuguese area that stretches almost to the waterfront.

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