



The Vintage Life

Relive Goa's Portuguese history at one of the most stylish residential areas in the state.

Tucked away in the charming town of Assagao in North Goa is a historic 200-year-old Indo-Portuguese mansion that has been restored and thrown open to travellers seeking a refuge in nature.

The Villa, spread over one-and-a-half acres of manicured gardens, has two options up for rental—a restored mansion, The Villa Goa and a renovated villa, Villa Jardim. It is owned and run by Mark Bell, a Briton who travelled the world but decided to build his dream

home in Goa. Located close to Anjuna and Vagator, it gives you ample opportunity to divide time between sunning on the beach and enjoying the exclusivity of the luxurious villa. (The host rents out the villa to only one group or family at a time, giving the occupants exclusive access to the entire property.)

For some quiet time, take a walk through the verdant garden with its palm trees and shrubs and relax with the sounds of nature.



From above: Outdoor dining area; one of the bedrooms at the villa. Opposite: Palms and manicured shrubs envelop Villa Jardim; the open courtyard of the house.

Choose from a 200-year-old restored mansion or a renovated villa for a romantic escape or a family vacation in the quiet of a lesser-known Goan village.

EXPERIENCE

Set around the traditional open courtyard, the rooms and dining areas of The Villa Goa honour the rich legacy of their former Portuguese occupants. Dine by a burbling fountain in the courtyard as the in-house European chef serves up your favourite dishes. The villa also has Gregory Bazire—who has collaborated with several Michelin-starred restaurants across the world—on board on special occasions to offer a memorable dining experience to guests. Meanwhile, the two-bedroom Villa Jardim has a sub-tropical jungle garden in its backyard. Follow the garden path to find a small chapel, nestled in greens, where you can have healing massages and spa treatments. Book this Home at: airbnb.co.in/users/show/2481046



HOW TO REACH

Drive down from Goa International Airport (40kms) or hire a ride from Mapusa (6kms).

ACTIVITIES

- Meditate at Swan Yoga Retreat.
- Take a dip in the healing waters of Dossa-zor spring.
- Visit another local landmark, the Ghatyeshwar Temple.



BEACHES

- Anjuna • Vagator • Ozran
- Coco • Kegdole • Candolim
- Calangute • Sinquerim

