**Beaches In Mumbai**

## 1. Juhu Beach: The most famous beach of Mumbai, ****Juhu Beach**** has a serenity that it gives to the city. Located in the suburbs this beach is the most crowded beach all day long. The 6km long beach is the longest in Mumbai. Indulgence in street food is also popular here. One can also spot the taking off of aircrafts as the airport is in the vicinity. If you want to get close to nature in the city this place offers you the solace you need. The Juhu ISCKON temple being in the vicinity makes it more connected to the city.

## 2. Gorai Beach: ****Gorai beach**** lies towards the north-east of the city adjoining the Gorai village. The beach is popular for its beautiful sunrises and sunsets. The local sea-food market is also famous next to this beach. One could drive here or could take a ferry from Borivali to reach here. Both options offer a different experience. The place is mostly vacant during the weekdays and is a famous picnic spot for the weekends.

## 3. Marve Beach: Away from the polluted city life and untouched by the industrial pollution, ****Marve beach**** is in Malad. The beach is comparatively small and narrow due to the fast sinking mud and swift currents, which also makes it dangerous to swim. The place though is a quiet affair and is an ideal place if you want to spend some moments either alone or with the loved one. The beach is lined up with amazing villa properties generally belonging to the elite class of Mumbai, one of the reasons why the beach has a high cleanliness quotient.

## 4. Madh Island Beach: ****Madh Island Beach**** is another renowned tourist spot of the city. The beach has the Malad Creek on the east and the Arabian Sea on the west giving it an amazing view. The beach is well connected through the roads and is also popular for hosting parties by the upper strata of the city. The place also has shacks and good food-joints and is an absolute delight to the sea-food lover.

## 5. Aksa Beach: ****Aksa beach**** lies somewhere between Borivali and Malad at about 10 km from the respective stations. The secluded beach is very famous amongst the young couples as it is untouched by the visitors. The beach is unsafe to indulge into waters but if you want to take a long stroll along the coastline this place is all yours. The swifting currents of water also leave the treasures of the sea like shells on the coast while taking all the water away. This place is truly a heaven.

## 6. Versova Beach: ****Versova beach**** is an extension of the Juhu Beach towards the Andheri suburbs and is less occupied as compared to the former beach. The beach is connected to the Versova village which is popular for its fish-market. The beach is beautiful view to see the fishermen at work and the horizon at the same time. It also draws a lot of crowd for ‘ganpati-visarjan’.

## 7. Girgaum Chowpatty Beach: ****Girgaum Chowpatty beach**** is situated in southern Mumbai being a part of the city life. The place is close to Charni Road Station and is popular for the road-side eateries. The place is mostly crowded in the evenings and holds a significant value for the immersion of the Lord Ganesha during the 10th day of the Ganesh chaturthi festival. The beach is surrounded by branded stores and is a window to the horizon between the sky-line of the city.

## 8. Dadar Chowpatty Beach: Again laying in South Mumbai, ****Dadar Chowpatty beach**** this beach is very close to Dadar Station. The beach is usually less crowded because the sand in the area is less making it difficult to sit and have a view of the Arabian Sea. The beach is ideally used jogging and watching sunsets though. One can have a mesmerising view of the Bandra- Worli Sealink. The residents in the area usually come for evening walks or just leisurely strolls to enjoy the cool breeze.

## 9. Uran Beach: Situated towards the end of Navi Mumbai, ****Uran beach**** falls between Panvel and Karjat. Away from the maddening city life this place is quite a break from the monotonous routine of the daily lives. The place gives a hypnotizing view of the sun, sea and the sand. One can also see the remains of Karanja fort and a distant view of South Mumbai making one lose him to the serene view this place has to offer.

## 10. Kalamb Beach: Far away from the Mumbai atmosphere is this silent ****Kalamb Beach**** near Nalaspora. The place is yet unexplored by the Mumbaikars but is a paradise within the city. The beach is ideal for lazing around. You can have a small nap on the hammocks here and when you wake up, you’ll feel like it is another month. The place also has some good food-joints around making the day worth.

**Odisha Beaches**

**1. Gahirmatha Beach** is a beach in the [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) state of [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha). The beach separates the [Bhitarkanika mangroves](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhitarkanika_mangroves) from the [Bay of Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_of_Bengal) and is the world's most important nesting beach for [Olive Ridley Sea Turtles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olive_Ridley). The beach is part of Gahirmatha Marine Wildlife Sanctuary, which also includes the adjacent portion of the Bay of Bengal.

**2. Gopalpur (Berhampur) odia**:ଗୋପାଳପୁର) is a town and a [Notified Area Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Notified_Area_Council) on the [Bay of Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_of_Bengal) coast in [Ganjam district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganjam_district) in the southern part of [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India). Once a commercial port, it is now a famous sea beach and tourist destination around 15 km from [Berhampur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berhampur). The reconstruction of the port is under development.

**3. Puri Beach** is a beach in the city of [Puri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puri) in the state of [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India). It is on the shore of the [Bay of Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_of_Bengal). It is known for being a tourist attraction and a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) [sacred place](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pilgrimage). The beach is the site of the annual Puri Beach Festival, which is co-sponsored by the [Indian Ministry of Tourism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Tourism_%28India%29), the city of Odisha, the [Development Commissioner of Handicrafts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Textiles_%28India%29), and the [Eastern Zonal Cultural Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Culture_%28India%29), [Kolkata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolkata).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puri_Beach#cite_note-3) The beach hosts [sand art](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sand_art_and_play) displays, including work by international award-winning local sand artist [Sudarshan Pattnaik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudarshan_Pattnaik).

**4. Talasari** Beach is a beach in the [Baleswar district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baleswar_district) of [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India). It lies on the north-eastern coast of India. The name Talasari is derived from the two words Tala (ତାଳ) (meaning Palm) and Sari/Sarani (ସାରି/ସାରଣୀ) (meaning row). The palm trees surrounding the place gives such a name to it.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talasari_Beach#cite_note-1) The word *Tala* also means rhythm, which is reflected in the sea waves lapping against the shore.

**5. Konark Beach** is situated in [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha) on the eastern coast of [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) and is considered to be India's finest beach. The [Ramchandi Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ramchandi_Temple&action=edit&redlink=1) is situated about 10 km along the beach. The sun temple also stands on this beach. This is a place of religious importance to [Hindus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindus).

# Goa Beaches

## 1. Querim Beach: Also known as **Keri Beach or** [Kerim Beach](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/querim-beach-and-tiracol-fort-sightseeing-1862.html)**,** it is the northern-most beach of Goa and located close to **Tiracol fort.** It has an Old Portuguese Fort and a 17th century church overlooking a peaceful **unexplored beach with calm shore.**The fort, now converted to a hotel, can be **reached by a ferry** which plies every half an hour. A picturesque scene not to be missed are the **fishing boats which line up on the beach at 6pm everyday** to go out in the sea and come back the next morning at 5am. The beach has **paragliding and other water sports**. However it is not safe for swimming especially near the Tiracol estuary (formed by the Tiracol river meeting the Arabian Sea). Kerim is located 58 km north of Panaji and can be reached from the Arambol Beach

## 2. Arambol Beach: A 16 km **long unexplored beach** surrounded by cliffs on two sides, with a Fresh Water lake and chirpy markets nearby, Arambol is considered to be one of the **best beaches in Goa.** This cove like beach is a **traditional fisherman village** with a distinct **bohemian feel** which attracts many international tourists and alternative travellers.

## 3. Mandrem Beach: Mandrem is of the **most beautiful beaches of North Goa.**The white sand is dotted by **Beach Shacks** and one can also go on **Dolphin spotting trips** or explore the **Mandrem Village.**

##  4. Morjim Beach: Morjim is one of **most secluded beaches in North Goa.** It is a great place to spot a large variety of birds and **Olive Ridley Turtles**, hillocks and good food. **Morjim is also known as mini-Russia** due to large concentration of Russian immigrants and considered to be **one of the top 10 beaches in Goa.**

## **5. **Chapora Beach**: Calm Shore**, **beautiful sea beach, water sports,** good food in the Beach shacks along the coast make it one of the most loved beaches of Goa. The white sand along with black lava rocksa and the Chapora fort overlooking the sea make for an endearing sight. One can also explore the Chapora village nearby [Chapora Beach](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/chapora-fort-and-beach-sightseeing-1843.html) is 24km north of Panaji.

## 6. Vagator Beach: Quiet and calm beach, Vagatos is one of the **best beaches of Goa.** It is beautifully set amidst the cliffs with soft and **white sand** and is **perfect for relaxing.** It has vast stretches of coconut trees and the Chapora fort as a nearby attraction.

## 7. Anjuna Beach: One of the **most popular sea beaches among foreigners in Goa** because of its **night parties**, **Curlies** and other good eating joints, peaceful seashore, western seafood with **chilled beer** and good music in nearby restaurants and flea markets.

## 8. Baga Beach: Most **popular beach of Goa for Indian tourists**, it offers something for everyone. It is a picturesque beach with parties, music, beach shacks, karaoke, good food, water sports, good accommodation facilities, and is easily the **most happening place in Goa.**

## 9. Calangute Beach: Just adjacent to Baga beach, the Calangute beach has Water Sports, markets, restaurants, good food, lots of accommodation options. It is a **crowded yet beautiful sea beach.**Calangute is famous for its nightlife and the famous pubs of Goa including the Tito’s and others on the Tito’s lane are located closeby.

## 10. Candolim Beach: This **laidback beach** hosts the **Sunburn Festival** in **December.** It has the [**Aguada fort**](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/fort-aguada-sightseeing-1856.html) overlooking the sea and the beach and is **one of the best and longest beaches in Goa.**

## 11. Sinquerim Beach: Small yet **popular and clean beach** with dolphin spotting trips, **shacks with good food** and chilled beer and the Sinquerim Fort overlooking the sea. It also has a lot of resorts like **Taj Vivanta and Taj Holiday** village resorts nearby.

## 12. Miramar Beach: What to Expect:Popular and **crowded beach**, frequented by locals from Panaji and nearby towns, **local street shops,** local restaurants. The main [churches of Goa](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/basilica-of-bom-jesus-sightseeing-1840.html) are located in Panajim.

## 13. Dona Paula Beach: One of the **best spots in Goa** which makes it slightly crowded. It has Water Sports, Harbour, Rocky shores and much more.

## 14. Siridao Beach: This one is a **shell collector’s paradise.** It is a rocky and sandy beach and it’s most famous attraction is the Chapel of Jesus Nazareth **Siridao Beach** is situated around 12 km south of Panaji

## 15. Bogmalo Beach: Perfect mix of natural beauty and commercial space, this beach has a lot of shops selling local handicrafts. It has **clean water ideal for swimming** with the **Goa institute of diving** located there. It is also **famous among BITS Pilani Goa Campus students** **Bogmalo Beach** is located 14 km south of Panaji

## **16. **Cansaulim Beach**: Beautiful white sand** and long stretch of **secluded beach**, make it the perfect place to spend time together with your partner **Cansaulim Beach** is located around25 km north of Margao.

## 17. Majorda Beach: This one is a calm unexplored**sea beach** with **long stretches of clean sand,** clean water ideal for swimming, lush green countryside, lovely bakeries. It is also houses **Martin’s Corner:** a restaurant famous for its **Goan dishes**, drinks and nice music. Don’t miss the **Goa Christmas Carnival** if you happen to be here in December.

## 18. Betalbatim Beach: Head to one of the offbeat beaches in Goa which has**Golden Sand,** Cold Pine trees, **unexplored serene stretches,** trips to spot dolphins, **good seafood** and laid-back evenings. **Betalbatim** is located10 km north of Margao

## 19. Colva Beach: One of the best beaches in South Goa, this beautiful beach is famous for its **romantic evenings**, great seafood and the **most happening nightlife in South Goa.** Another major attraction nearby is **Our Lady of Mercy Church** [Colva beach](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/colva-beach-sightseeing-1850.html) **is located**6km north of Margao.

## 20. Benaulim Beach: Rather unexplored beach, it offers **tranquil evenings**, good food, local markets, and is particularly famous for **bull-fighting events** and the **Church of St John the Baptist** **Benaulim** is located6 km south-west of Margao

## 21. Cavelossim Beach: **An aesthetic beach,** with white sand and black lava rocks, beach shacks, Goan dishes and Seafood, Water-sports, Local markets, Dolphin spotting trips etc. It has a lots of accommodation options and it is the **Channel V Indiafest venue in Goa** Where:**Cavelossim beach is located**15 km south of Margao.

## 22. Mobor Beach: On of the best beaches in Goa, it has **long stretch of clean sandy beach,** water sports, handicraft shops, good food, **resorts** and budget accommodation options. **Mobor Beach** is situated 17km south of Margao.

## 23. Betul Beach: This **quiet beach** is ideal for people looking for **solitude and some alone time. A** **small lagoon,**a river flowing nearby, a 17th century fort and a **Baradi Cross** church make it a picturesque venue. It is close to Mayfair Resort **Betul** Beach is located 18 km south of Margao.

## 24. Agonda Beach: **One of the best beaches in South Goa,** It is a **quiet beach ideal for chilling**, swimming, walking, eating and just generally doing nothing. [Agonda Beach](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/agonda-beach-sightseeing-1836.html) **is located** 37 km from Margao.

## 25. Palolem Beach: One of the **most stunning and beautiful beaches of India,** it boasts of **white sand,** **long stretch of serene beach, palm groves, shacks** and a lot more. There are nightlife opportunities around like the **Silent Noise Parties** which do not hamper the **tranquillity of the shore**, [Palolem](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/palolem-beach-sightseeing-1860.html) **is located** 38 km south of Margao. Palolem definitely ranks among the [best beach in Goa.](http://www.holidify.com/blog/best-beaches-in-goa/)

## 26. Butterfly Beach: One of the **best and most beautiful beaches in Goa,**it is the  **most secluded and unexplored beach.** It is a good place to spot fishes, crabs and even dolphins. It’s dotted with Palm trees, lots of greenery and of course butterflies. However, the **only way to reach Butterfly Beach is to take a boat from Palolem or Agonda**.

## 27. Patnem Beach: **A quieter alternate to Palolem beach,** this is among the most beautiful and serene beaches in South Goa [Patnem Beach](http://www.holidify.com/places/goa/patnem-beach-sightseeing-1861.html) **is located** 39 km south of Margao

## 28. Talpona Beach: **An Isolated beach with a calm and serene coastline, golden sand, fishermen village and a couple of beach shacks** **Talpona** is located 44 km south of Margao.

## 29. Galgibaga Beach: On of the offbeat beaches of Goa, this 1.5 km **long sandy beach** has a calm and serene environment. The **swaying Palms and Casuarinas** make it a**philosopher’s retreat.** Considered to be one of India’s cleanest beaches and silver sands.

## 30. Polem Beach: **Southernmost beach in Goa,** this is a**secluded beach with stretches of white sands and rocks, unspoilt and clean water -ideal for swimming and sunbathing.** Migratory birds and dolphins could also be spotted sometimes

## 31. Kakolem Beach: One of the most isolated beaches of Goa also known as the ‘Tiger Beach’ and is located south of Cabo de rama beach. It is difficult to reach this beach by foot as it will require to climb up many steps and pass through narrow paths. It is easier to get here by a boat or a motor boat.

## 32. Ashwem Beach: Situated in south of the famous Arambol Beach, Ashwem Beach is another example of an isolated beach in Goa. I have personally been here and it is beautiful. Mostly, there are rocks and the stretch of the coast is quite long.

## 33. Velsao Beach: The Velsao Beach is very close to the Dabolim airport making it convenient to visit on the day when you are leaving provided that you don’t get lost in its serenity and beauty. The Velsao Beach is famous for its white shells founds all over the sea shore as well as the star fish.

## 34. Hollant Beach: Hollant beach is located 7 km from Bogmalo beach of Vasco city. Due to no currents, the beaches are shallow and it is one of the best place to go swimming. One can travel here only on personal vehicle as no transport leads here and this is a reason why it is one of the most isolated beaches.

# Kerala Beaches

# Kollam Beach: Situated in Kollam city, Kollam beach is amongst the most famous beaches in Kerala. Also known as Mahatma Gandhi Beach, it offers a panoramic view of the Arabian Sea. The 144ft tall lighthouse is the landmark of this gorgeous beach that swells with pride during the evening hours. Watching the sunset and visiting the marine aquarium are the two major activities that one can indulge in on the beach. There are some great hotels and resorts in Kollam beach that adds happy memories to your perfect holiday here.

# Alappuzha Beach: A popular beach in Kerala, Alappuzha beach is also one of the most scenic beaches in the state. This palm-fringed beach has gained a lot of fame amongst the European tourists, who can be seen here in high numbers. Standing on one end of the beach, the lighthouse adds to the beauty of the place. The sunsets are absolutely stunning and are an absolute must see.

# Bekal Beach: Bekal is a quieter and less crowded beach in Kasargod, Kerala. It is most famous for offering the best view of the Bekal Fort, which is the largest and most well-preserved fort in Kerala. The beach is situated near the border of Karnataka and about 60kms from Kannaur. At a short walk from the beach towards its northern side, there is an estuary, where one can witness the backwaters in Kerala joining the sea. Whether you are looking to spend quality time with your family or remain alone, Bekal beach can be the best bet.

# Beypore Beach: Well the beach is popular as the Beypore port, that served as an international trade center. The beach is situated in Kozhikode and is a perfect place for a hangout. A pristine beach, it is perfect for spending some cozy time with a loved one. Beypore is quite famous for its shipbuilding industry and since you are going to this gorgeous place make sure to buy a small ship souvenir from here.

# Chavakkad Beach: The swaying coconut trees, the glittery sand and miles and miles of tranquility, Chavakkad Beach in Thrissur district is nothing less than a paradise for nature lovers. The beach is at a short distance of 5kms from Guruvayoor Temple (Sri Krishna Temple). The highlight of the beach is the estuary, where a river merges into the sea. Although Chavakkad is a popular beach in Thrissur, it exudes serenity and offers an isolated place for those who want to escape from the clamour of the city.

# Cherai Beach: Along with being a coconut tree fringed beach, Cherai beach in Kochi is also known for the multi-hued seashells. A picturesque beach, Cherai remains crowded year round. The major attraction of the beach is the point where the backwater meets the sea. The tides are usually low here, thus creating a wonderful opportunity for swimming for beginners as well. It is a fun place to go with family and friends and of course splashing water on each other is the the best activity to take up here.

# Chowara Beach: Set in the beautiful village of Chowara, this beach is known for its pristine beauty and quaint charm. The village is located at a distance of about 10kms from Kovalam and is a perfect [honeymoon getaway in India](https://www.tourmyindia.com/packages-tour-india/honeymoon-tour-packages/index.html). Since, it is away from the main city, you can expect some quiet time amidst the beauty of nature here.

# Kappad beach: Here’s how one recognizes the beach better as… it is the same beach where Vasco Da Gama first landed in India. Kappakkadavu or Kappad beach is one beautiful beach set in the famed city of Calicut or Kozhikode. Today Kappad is amongst the favourite beaches for locals and tourists due to its immaculate and scenic beauty. An old temple situated on the rocks (believed to have been built several decades ago) is one of the major attractions on the beach.

# Kanwatheertha Beach: It wouldn’t be incorrect if we say that Kanwatheertha beach is the pride of Kerala tourism. This scenic beach is situated in Kasargod district and only a short distance of 5kms from Manjeshwar. Kanwatheertha is popular amongst tourists as it is an isolatedbeach and is reckoned as a Virgin Territory, where one can experience the authentic hospitality of Kerala.

# Kappil Beach: An isolated beach, Kappil beach is idyllic for a quiet and calm time in solace. Situated in Thiruvananthapuram district in Kerala, this pristine beach is adorned with rustic charm. It can be a perfect haunt for couples, poets and thinkers, who are always in search of isolated places to spend time. However, its fame is increasing and lots of tourists nowadays head to this beach in order to find respite from the noise of the maddening cities. So, before this beach also gets commercialized, one must visit it!

# Kizhunna Beach: The twin beaches in Kannur town in Kozhikhode district are amongst the most beautiful beaches in Kerala. Popularly known as the Kizhunna Ezhara beach, these are idyllic places to relax your tensed mind. The areas of the beach are protected by coves, so tourist can have plenty of good time here. Since, not many people know about this beach the ambiance here remains unspoilt.

# Kolavi Palam Beach: The golden sand, swaying palms and the azure water…this descriptionmakes it look like any other beach in Kerala, well in reality it is not! It has a different charm as it is one of the most isolated beaches in Kerala. Less human interruption has kept Kolavipalam immaculate and tranquil, which are of course the pivotal features of this beach. If you seek a private time amidst nature, Kolavipalam is the place for you. The beach is also home to Olive Ridley turtles that can be spotted commonly here. Kolavipalam beach is situated in Payyoli in Kozhikode district.

# Kozhikode Beach: Reckoned to offer some of the best sunset views in Kerala, Kozhikode beach is one of its kinds. The two piers that stand in the middle of the sea, the lighthouse erected on the shore, Marine Water Aquarium and Lions Park are the tourist attractions on the beach. Apart from that, the sunrise and sunset are definitely something that you must not miss out here. The evenings are the most magical parts here, when most of us would like to spend time with someone special.

# Kuzhupilly Beach: Located near Vypeen in Ernakulam district, Kuzhupilly beach is the centre of fun and excitement. It is one of the most happening beaches in Kerala, where one or the other event takes place throughout the year. An added charm to the beach is it proximity to the backwaters and the paddy fields that runs parallel to it. The coconut fringed beach and the silvery sand along the shore makes it a great place to take a walk upon. Evenings are quiet happening in Kuzhupilly when a large crowd gathers near the beach to make merry.

# Lighthouse Beach: This falcate shaped beach is amongst the most attractive beaches in Kerala. A perfect place to enjoy nature’s bliss, this beach in Kerala is replete with leisure hotels; so if you are seeking a perfect holiday in Kerala, staying in one of these nearby hotels can do the trick for you! A walk on the silvery sands in the evening is one of the best things that you can think of doing here; however, sunbathing, snorkeling, catamaran rides, sunset viewing, cycling on the beach, swimming are also some good options.

# Meenkunnu Beach: Not so far from the town of Kannur, Meenkunnu beach is a great getaway after a hectic week. Less crowded and beautiful, I mean what more do you want on a lazy weekend? It is also an excellent place to go surfing in India. The rustic surrounding is a major factor why one may want to come here; expect some great photography outcome that will look good on your facebook and instagram wall.

# Muzhappilangad Beach: It is one of the few drive-in beaches in India. The long coastline can be driven through which multiplies the fun of being here. The beach is situated between Kannur and Thalassery, where activities like paragliding, parasailing, microlite flights, power boating and catamaran ride are also possible. The beach is also swimmers’ delight; in simple words, Muzhappilangad beach is one place where all the action happens in Kerala.

# Munambam Beach: A long beach, situated near Vypeen Island in Ernakulam district, Munambam beach is worth paying a visit in Kerala. Also known as Murizis Golden Beach, it has facilities for kite flying as well. Along with spending a beautiful evening here, one has the chance to spend nights at nearby villages where homestays are available.

# Neendakara Beach: The magnificent Neendkara beach is situated about 8kms from Kollam. Neendakara is one clean and beautiful beach, which is evidently the reason why large numbers of tourists visit it. One can witness the beautiful sight of Lake Ashtamudi joining the Arabian Sea here. Sunset is the most eventful time, when many gather here to watch some of the best sunsets in Kerala.

# Padinjarekkara Beach: Famed for the marvelous view of the confluence of Bharathapuzha, Tirur River and the Arabian Sea, Padinjarekkara beach is situated near Ponnani in Malappuram district. This white sand beach is a perfect place for bird watching in India as many migratory birds can be spotted here. Water scooters or speed boats and floating coffee shops are the highlight of this beach.

# Papanasham Beach: It is Varkala’s most popular beach and is also believed to be holy. Papanasham beach is an action packed beach where activities like parasailing, scuba diving and paragliding, angling and deep-sea fishing can be done. The beach is an important tourist spot in Kerala and is often reckoned asa Hindu pilgrimage. It is believed that a dip in the water of the beach can wash away one’s sin completely. An utterly beautiful beach, Papanasham is definitely a must visit in Kerala.

# Payyambalam Beach: This beach is one of the most popular beaches in Kerala. Payyambalam beach is situated at a short distance from Kannur and is great place for a family holiday. The mother and child sculpture on the beach is amongst the main attractions of the place. There is also a garden, which is situated at the edge of the beach, from where one can enjoy the majestic view of the sunset. Parasailing and other water sports can be enjoyed on Payyambalam beach.

# Poovar Beach: Unspoilt and pristine is how one can define Poovar beach. Situated at a distance of about 28kms from Thiruvananthapuram, Poovar beach is amongst the finest places that Kerala has to offer. On one side, the azure water takes up the territory; on the other side of the beach is covered with forests that mainly comprise spice plantations, coconut and banana groves. Poovar is ideal for the tortured souls because the tranquility of the place gives them peace of mind and solace, while the magical beauty captivates their hearts.

# Samudra Beach: Samudra is amongst the three important beaches in Kovalam that along with two other beaches makes the famous crescent of Kovalam. Being a popular beach in Kovalam, Samudra beach remains crowded through the year. A stroll on the beach is ideal and if you are an absolute sun lover you can enjoy sunbathing here as well.

# Shankhumugham Beach: An important beach in Thiruvananthapuram, Shankhumugham beach is situated about 8kms from the city of Trivandrum. The beach is famed for its sunset and to see it many throng here in the evening. Apart from the sunset, Shankhumugham beach is considered important as the annual Bali Tarpanam (Prayers for the dead) is held here. The Aaraat (festival procession) of the Padmanabhaswamy temple also takes place here each year; this famous festival concludes after taking a dip in the water of Shankhumugham beach.

# Thaikadappuram Beach: Situated in the beautiful town near Nileshwar in Kasargod district, Thaikadappuram Beach is a gorgeous beach that is known for offering a wonderful view of the sunset. The scenic setting makes it a delightful place for tourists and locals. The Olive Ridley Turtles that lay eggs here in the monsoon are also one of the main attractions of this beach. Quiet and beautiful, Thaikadappuram beach is apt for those who are looking for some solace.

# Thalikulam Snehatheeram Beach: Referred to as ‘Love Shore’, Snehatheeram beach is an ideal picnic spot. Situated in Thalikulam, which is 25kms from Thrissur, this beach has an open auditorium, open beach, water sports and a lot more. It is reckoned to be one of the most scenic beaches in Kerala and an idyllic place for family hangouts and picnics.

# Thikkoti Lighthouse: Famed due to its lighthouse, Thikkoti Lighthouse beach is yet another great place to be at! Situated in Thikkoti village in Kozhikode district, the beach is an everyday haunt of locals and visitors, who like to either sit by the sea or take a stroll along the shore. The beach is also a haven for migratory birds as well, so one can expect to see various bird species here as well. The famous lighthouse is obviously the main attraction here and makes for some lovely pictures.

# Thirumullavaram beach: Located in an isolated place near Kollam city, Thirumullavaram beach is perfect for a beach holiday in India. Uninterrupted from the bustles of the city, this beach is replete with nature and offers its visitors once in a lifetime experience. On a low tide day one can witness Sunday Rock situated in the middle of the city. It is a shallow beach and therefore it makes for a great place for children to swim. The Mahavishnu Temple situated near the beach is yet another attraction here.

# Thiruvambady Beach: If you are seeking a lazy beach holiday, Thiruvambady beach near Varkala is exactly what you are looking for. A long stretch of golden sand shore that is fringed with coconut trees waits to offer you an unmatched vacation in Kerala. There are a number of beach resorts that add to the perfectness of your holiday at Thiruvambady with their hospitality and services.

# Vakkad Beach: This beach in Ponnani in Malappuram district is one special beach, where Tirur apuzha or River can be seen meeting the sea. The boat cruise through Ettrikadavu is an experience that you can never forget. The beach is scenic and is usually visited by bird lovers as one has the opportunity to see a large number of migratory birds here.

# Valiathura Beach: Valiathura beach is situated near the famous Shankhumugham beach and is yet another scenic beach in South Coast of Kerala. It is considered as a Fishermen beach as one can find several fishing boats, fishes (for selling) and other fishing relating items here. The best sight here is during monsoon is the unique type of race in which the fishermen take their cataramans to Valiathura Pier and throw them and after doing so; they themselves jump into the water and swim up to it.

# Vallikunnu Beach: A perfect place to unwind Vallikunnu beach is absolutely a place for those seeking peace of mind. Situated in Malappuram district, this unspoiled beach attracts a lot of tourists. Activities like swimming, playing volleyball and taking a short brisk walk are some of the few things that can keep you busy here.

**Trivandram Beaches**

### Kovalam Beach: Kovalam is also known as the Paradise of the South and the name of Kovalam is derived from coconut trees lining up on the sea shore. The lighthouse offers an amazing view of the moon-shaped beach and the Vizhinjam mosque. To the north of Kovalam lies the Samudra where time seems to have frozen. Hawah in the center is the hub of activities with the fishermen setting out to the sea. The rocky foreland blends with the calm blue bay to convert the bay into a unique aquarelle on moonlit nights..

#### Lighthouse Beach: Lighthouse Beach is the southernmost, beach and is the most popular of the three.This is the largest beach in Kovalam and is called the Light House Beach for its 30-meter high lighthouse. Many hotels, restaurants, lodges and shops are located here. It is frequented by outsiders who stay and enjoy Kovalam. Lighthouse beach got its name from the old Vizhinjam lighthouse, which stands tall on a rocky headland.

#### Hawah Beach : Hawah was India’s first topless beach in India and is still among one of the beaches in India where top-less sunbathing is tolerated and well appreciated by the locals.Currently Topfree bathing and parading is banned now except in private coves owned by resorts.The tourism department provides a vigilant life guard service on both Lighthouse and Hawa beach. There are strong currents, so it is wise to follow their instructions.

#### Samudra Beach: Samudra Beach is to the north of the Ashok Beach, and can be accessed only by taking a detour past Kovalam Junction. It is an awesome sight to watch the waves crash on the rocks below as you walk along the stretch of sea wall here.Long walks by the coastline, sunbathing, surfing, beach volleyball and swimming are some of the activities that can be enjoyed at the beach

### Shanghumugham Beach: Shanghumugham Beach is located at a distance of 8kms from the city and is the most adjacent beach to the Thiruvananthapuram airport. The matsya kanyaka which is a gigantic 35mt long sculpture of a mermaid and a restaurant shaped like a star fish are the most well known attractions in Shanghumugham Beach.

### Varkala Beach: Varkala Beach is well known for the view of the dramatic sunsets from the its backdrop of red laterite cliffs overlooking the Papanasam Beach and the Arabian Sea. Varkala isn’t the quietest beach, but you have shacks and peaceful spots in the vicinity where you can find the solitude. The beach also has some natural springs and streams which according to locals have holy properties to purge bodies of sin and impurities. Varkala Beach is also famous for the Sivagiri Mutt and the Janardhana Swami temple which is more than 2,000 years old. Kovalam is at a distance of 50 kilometers from Trivandrum city.

**Poovar Beach:** Poovar is an isolated but spectacular beach as well as an estuary. Poovar is an island estuary away from the hustle and bustle of the city, with its green coconut palms and unique backwaters as well as a lake. You can enjoy a backwater boat cruise along the coconut tree lined shores of emerald green backwaters and you have arrived at the Poovar has a golden sanded beach unlike Kovalam and the deep blue sea and breathtaking sunsets amidst the fishing villages and boats lining the seashore makes it truly unique.

**Vizhinjam Beach:** Vizhinjam which has been earmarked for one of the largest ports in India and is being developed into Vizhinjam International Seaport which is an an International Deep Water Container Transshipment Terminal . It has a beach, lighthouse and a marine aquarium which houses a rich treasure of marine wealth along with a rock cut temple at Vizhinjam.

**Nellikunnu Beach:** Nellikunnu Beach is situated between Vilinjam and Chowara and is a small beach with private beach facing cottages at resorts like Tapovan Heritage Home, Kovalam quaintly called Eagles Nest. In the private resorts near Nellikunnu beach you can relax in truly splendid settings relishing the breathtaking view of the lush green, palm fringed surroundings of coconut trees.

**Chowara Beach:** Chowara Beach is at a distance of 10 kilometres from Kovalam and Coconut trees dot the sandy shores and the golden sands are an ideal place to relax and enjoy with family. A lesser known seaside destination, the Chowara Beach also has an ayurveda resort in the vicinity.

**Azhimala Beach:** Azhimala is a quiet beach near Kovalam known for ayurvedic resorts and a temple in the name of Azhimala, the deity is Lord Siva located very near to the beach . The beach is well known for the view of setting sun from this calm shore and Since the name came to be Azhimala, Azhi means ‘the sea’ and Mala ‘the hill’.

**Puthenthope Beach:** Puthenthope beach is located about 19 km from the city centre with two man made hills. The beach is not very well known and is quiet and secluded. It is fast gaining popularity.

**Chennai (Tamilnadu) Beaches**

## 1. Covelong Beach: ****Covelong**** or the *****Kovalam Beach***** is situated on the East Coast Road on the way to Mahabalipuram. Covelong is one of the most serene beaches of the state and is famous for its fishing activities. The beach attracts tourists to indulge into water sports such as mid-sea dive, surfing and swimming among others. A major attraction on the beach is a catholic church. The sands and the waters magnetize the people to come

## 2. Marina Beach: ****Marina beach**** lies at the Coramandal coast in Chennai and stretches for a length of 13 km making it the second longest urban beach of the world. It has very calm and fresh surroundings. Apart from being the best urban beach of the country the place is famous for its cleanliness. The rows of palm trees parallel to the shore line of the beach makes careless strolls exhilarating and rejuvenating. The stretch is a jogger’s love and along the beach are statues that can be seen while exploring the shoreline.

## 3. Kanyakumari Beach: The rocky surface of the ****Kanyakumari Beach**** might make it hazardous for swimming and bathing but its multi-coloured sand makes it popular amongst the people. If you want to enjoy the music of the rappelling waves and sit by the shore to watch the waters crashing and withdrawing back, Kanyakumari Beach is the place you must seek. While the sunrise and sunsets are a splendid sight, people like careless strolls along the shore. The light house on the beach offers a panoramic view of the beach that forces you to adhere to the shore.

## 4. Rameshwaram Beach: ****Rameshwaram beach**** is usually draws the pilgrims as Rameshwaram is one of the four [major pilgrimage destinations](http://www.transindiatravels.com/tamil-nadu/rameswaram/tourist-places-to-visit-in-rameswaram/) of the Hindus. The place has a charisma that draws tourists to come and spend some time here. The waters here on the coastline are shallow and hence make it apt for bathing and taking walks along the shore line. This beach is also famous for the longest bridge that has ever been constructed over the sea. The beach here is serene and has an aura to catch anyone’s attention.

## 5. Elliot Beach: Gaining the reputation of being the cleanliest beach of Chennai, ****Elliot Beach**** lies towards the southern end of Chennai. It is a serene beach with tranquil waters and a charm that will connect you with nature at the first sight. A location so poised where the coastal line stretches along the Bay of Bengal and offers the most splendid sunrises and sunsets. If you want to take a carefree walk along the shore or just enjoy the ocean waves splashing on your feet while gazing the horizon, Elliot Beach is the place where you can find your solace.

## 6. Mahabalipuram Beach: Lying in the historic town of ****Mahabalipuram**** or *****Mamallapuram*****, the beach is southwards to Chennai. Though there are not many activities to indulge in while at this beach, with the beauty that encompasses the beach makes each moment spent here worthwhile. With the historic monuments in the background the beach speaks volumes about the history of India.

## 7. Silver Beach: The ****Silver beach**** extends for about 57 km along the Bay of Bengal on the south-eastern coast of India. Apart from being the second longest beach on the coast of Coromandel it is hushed from the hustle-bustle of the city. The quiet secluded beach of Tamil Nadu is famous for its water sports. It is separated by the backwaters on the southern end making it appear to be a separate island increasing its beauty multiple times.

## 8. Golden Beach: ****Golden Beach**** is one of the private properties in Chennai and is a part of the Marina Beach. This beach is a beach-cum-amusement-park in Chennai and hence is one of the favourite destinations for the people. It is also ideal for swimming and relaxing after the exciting yet tiring rides of the amusement park. This is also the sole beach resorts in Chennai and hence is visited by the tourists and the locals often.

## 9. Dhanushkodi Beach: ****Dhanushkodi**** is one of the most important beaches in the Indian Mythology as it is believed that the Ram-setu or the Adam’s Bridge was constructed at this particular place by Lord Rama to connect to Sri Lanka. Due to its mythological importance people often come here. Also at this place one can see the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean combining to form one. Since the waters are tranquil and shallow one can also witness coral reefs here.

## 10. Muttukadu Beach: At a small distance from Chennai is the ****Muttukadu Beach**** that is a part of the small town called Muttukadu. The coastline of the city is shared with Bay of Bengal and hence the waters on the beach are calm and shallow. The beach is secluded and is a paradise for the peace lovers that want to be undisturbed by the city affairs. Spending some lone time on the beach is what magnetizes people.