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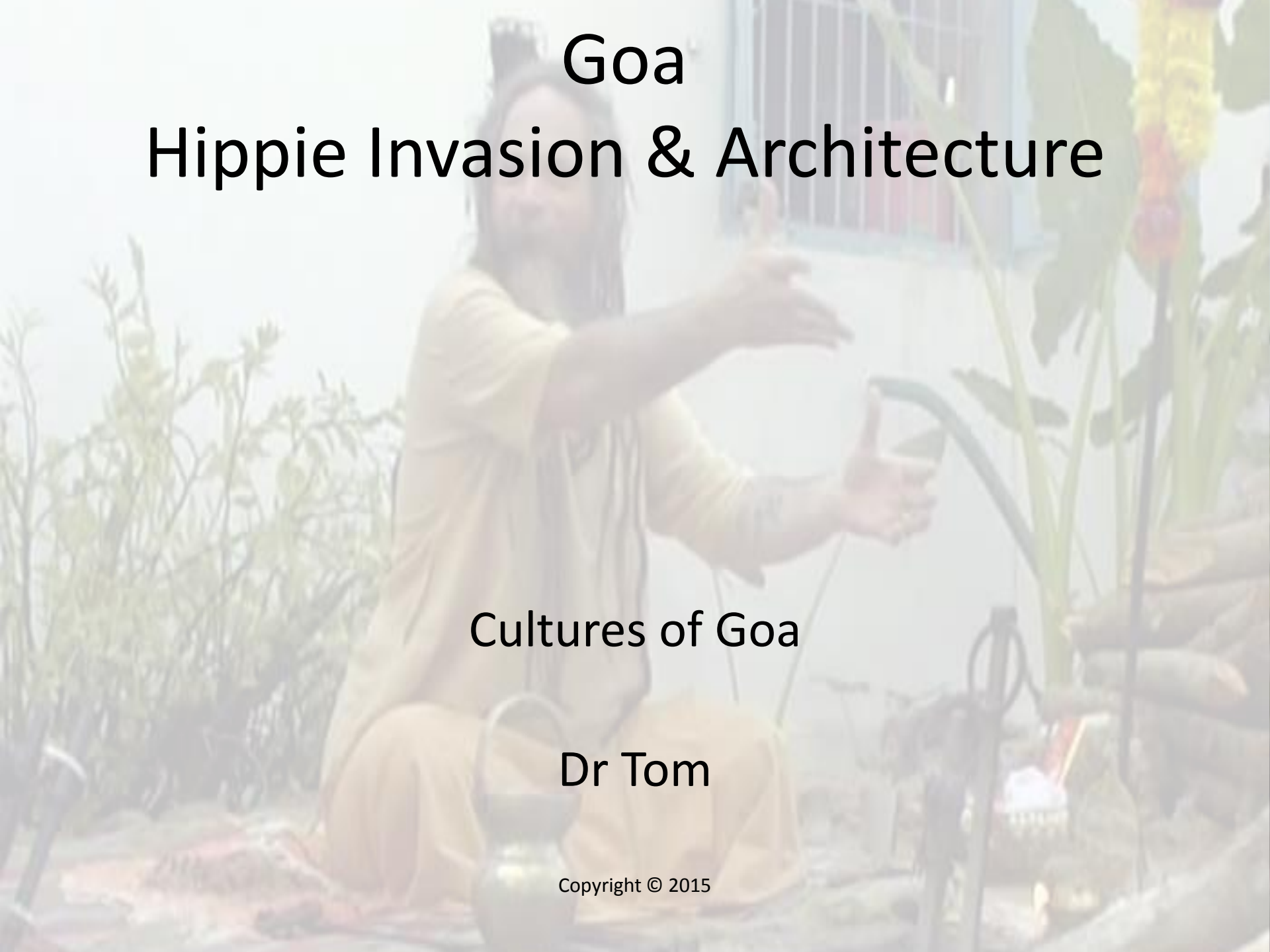

Cultures of Goa

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The Beginnings

Go far – too far you cannot, still the farther
The more experience finds you: and go sparing:-
One meal a week will serve you, and one suit,
Through all your travels; for you will find it certain,
The poorer and baser you appear,
The more you look through still.

-Francis Beaumont, English dramatic poet (1585-1615)
and John Fletcher, English dramatist (1576-1625)

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The Beginnings

Escapin' through the lily fields
I came across an empty space
It trembled and exploded
Left a bus stop in its place
The bus came by and I got on
That's when it all began
There was cowboy Neal
At the wheel
Of a bus to never-ever land.

Anon

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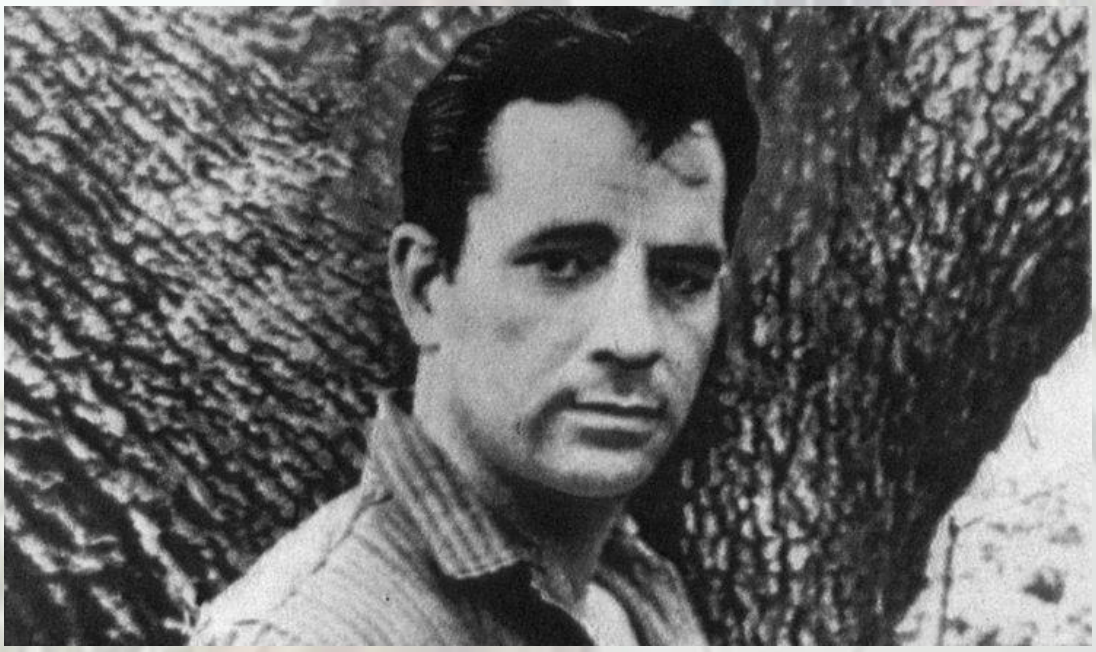

The Beginnings

- Jack Kerouac, father of the Beats and grandfather of the hippies, published "On the Road" in 1957, inspiring a generation to hit the road on a journey of self-discovery

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- Beat poet Allen Ginsberg moved to Varanasi, India, in 1962, heralding the wonders of Eastern philosophy and calling it "my promised land" and "a new earth."

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- In the mid-1960s, the Beatles became interested in Indian culture after using drugs in an effort to expand their consciousness
- 1966 Harrison visited India for six weeks for sitar lessons

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- 1968 The Beatles traveled to Rishkesh in Northern India to Attend Advanced Transcendental Meditation Instruction from the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

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The Beginnings

- Yertward Mazamanian ,widely known as "Eight Finger Eddie", an American popularized Goa as a hippie destination from the mid-1960s with Psychedelic trance Music and Culture (Psyculture)

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The Beginnings

- "I abhor work, begrudging every moment I've wasted as a wage earner. My aim in life is to get through life doing what I want to do.“

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The Beginnings

- "I was the first freak in Goa. I turned up and liked it so much, I just wanted to stay. And then others started coming. In those days, they came overland from Europe in camper vans and no one had any money..."

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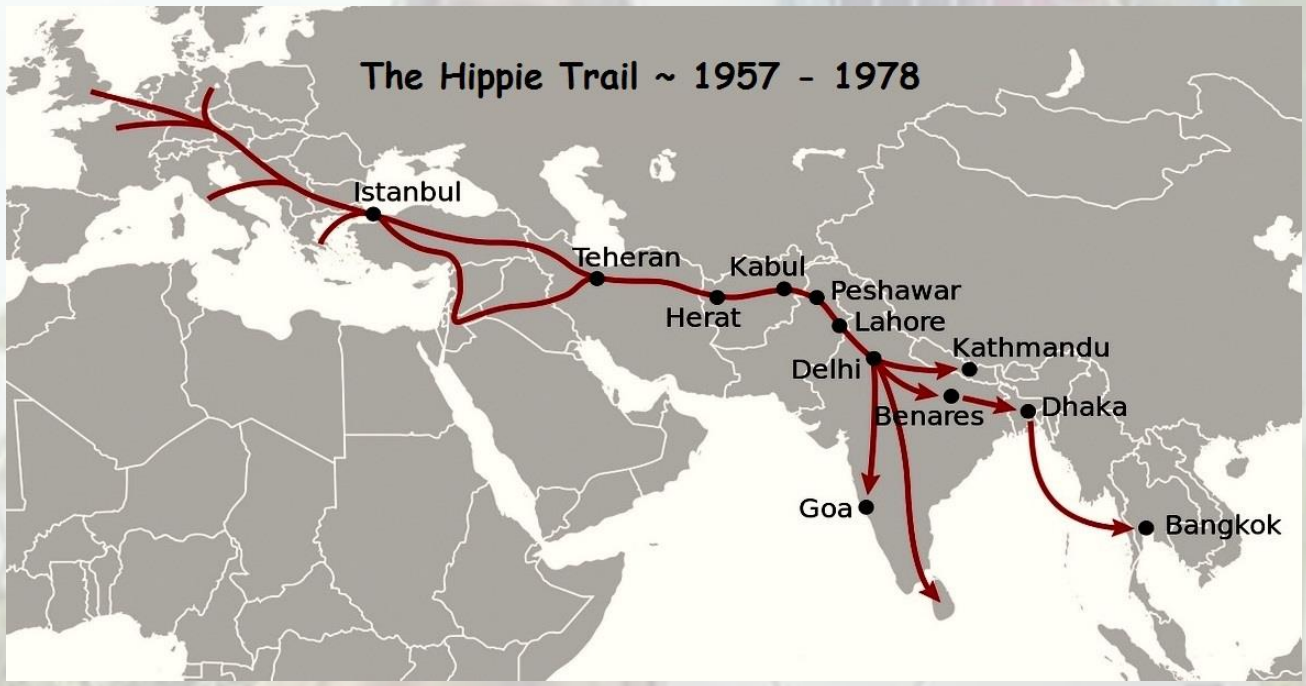

The Hippie Trail

- Began in England and Other Western European Cities
- First Stop Istanbul
- 1968 ticket to Goa was $45

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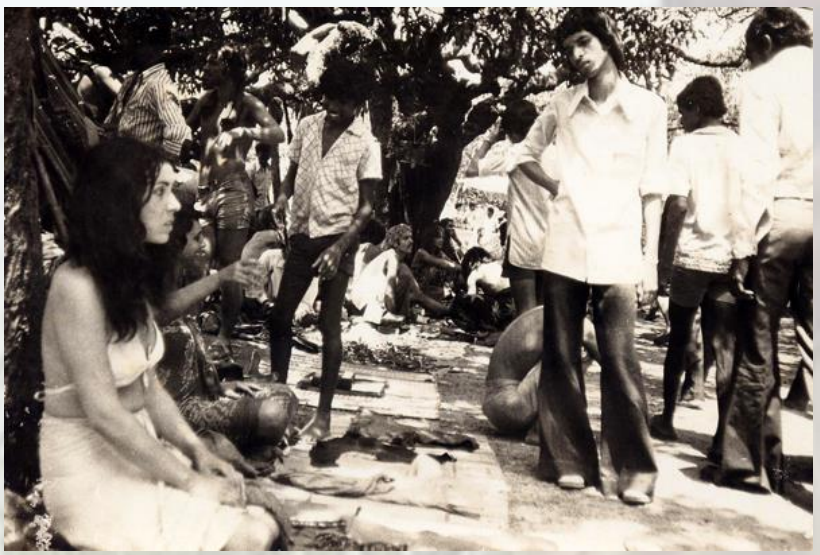

The Hippie Trail

- A tourist attraction since the 13th century, when the Mughal Sultanate used Goa as a summer getaway
- The British made a beeline for the beaches in the 18th century
- The Indian army drove the Portuguese away from Goa in 1961

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The Hippie Trail

- That’s when the Hippie culture started to blossom,
- Hippies adopted Indian religious ideas and cultural beliefs
- Best solution for blossoming hippies was to make the holy pilgrimage to India.

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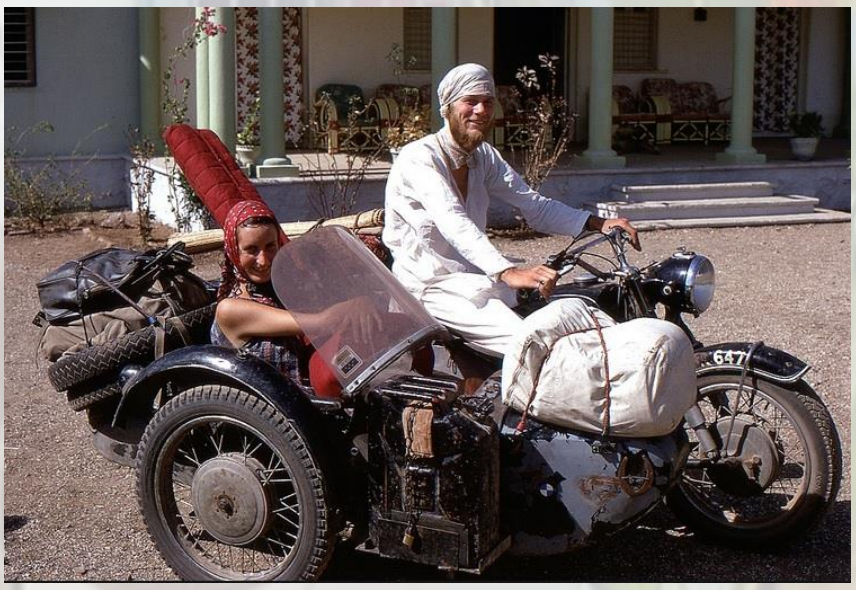

The Hippie Trail

- Hippies (Freaks) also Backpacked, Hitchhiked, Took Bikes, VWs and Modified Datsuns
- Borders were Easy to Cross Before the Political Turmoil of the Late 70’s

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And They Came

- Long Hairs were Escaping the Damp Conformity of the UK
- They were Followed by their Kindred Spirits from Italy, France, Germany, the US, and Canada
- They preferred a humble life of solitude and sheer merriment, but ran out of money fueling their drug habit

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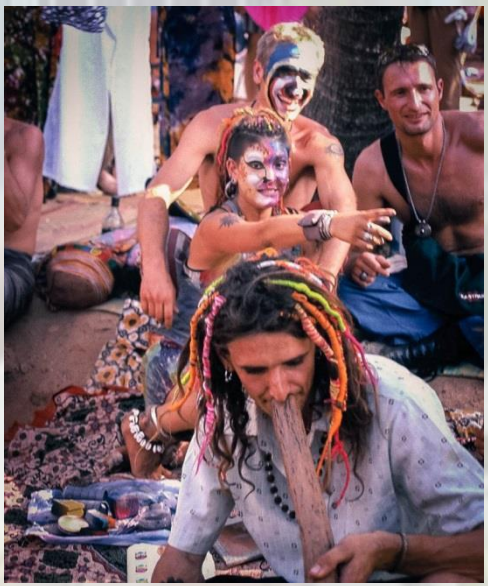

And They Came

- The Portuguese were Driven Out in 1961 and the Hippies Replaced Them
- Fascinated by the culture of the India, Spread by George Harrison
- Buddhism & Jainism could easily be adopted by anti-capitalism Westerners

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And They Came

- The Hindu gods were like Psychedelic Overlords
- The Jains respect all life and believe everything has a soul
- Some sects of Jains even Walked around Naked or Sky Clad

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Goa Gil

- From the Hippie and Acid Rock Scene in San Francisco
- Became Fascinated with the Sadhus, wandering holy men living off the forest, covering themselves with ash, and drinking the "elixir of the gods."

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Goa Gil

- Himself became a Sadhu (Ascetic Holy Man), Baba Mangalanand
- Proliferated the Psychedelic trance Music and Culture (Psyculture)

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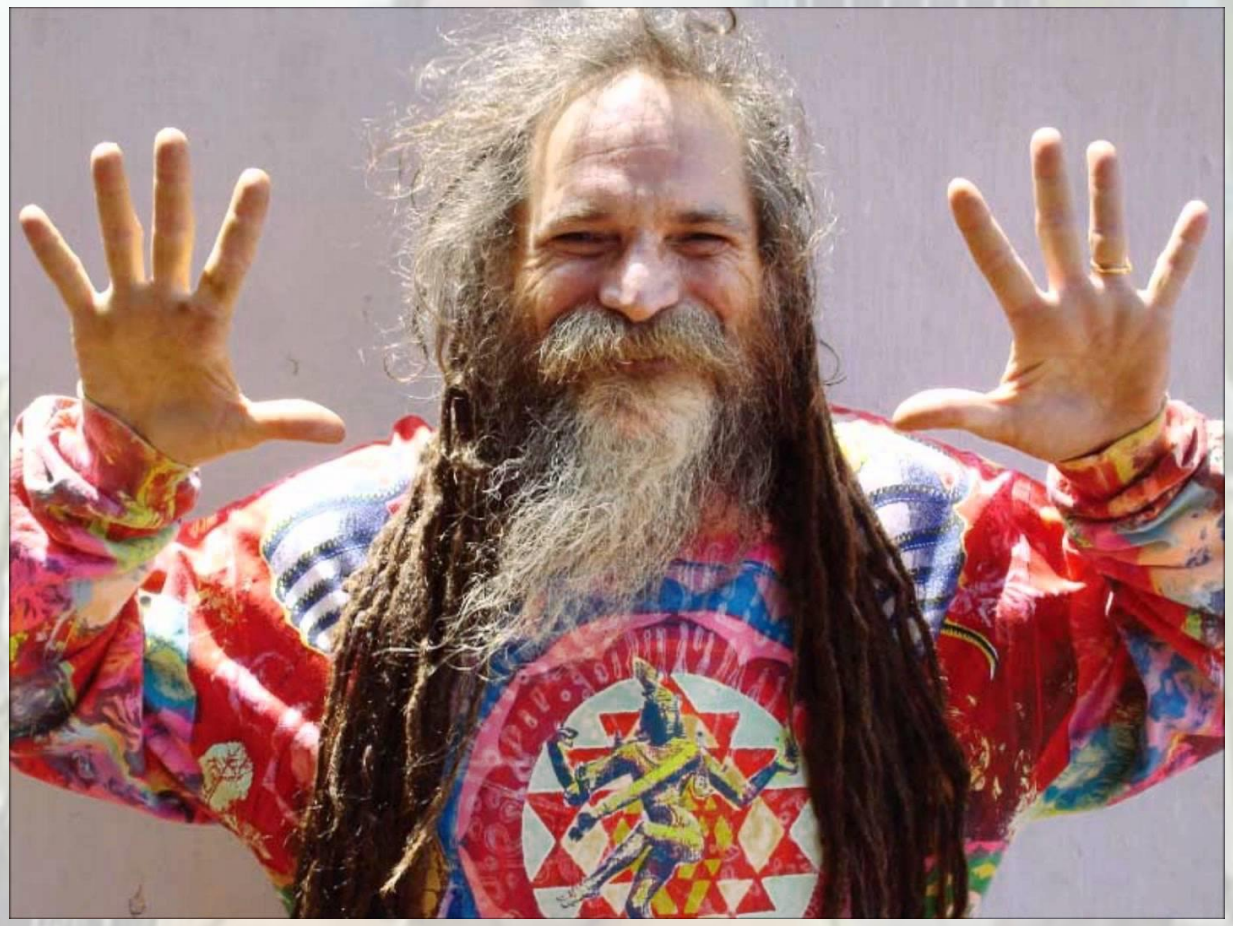

- Psychotropic of Dance Music still played in the Bars
- *"Since the beginning of time mankind has used music and dance to commune with the Spirit of Nature and the Spirit of the Universe..."*

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And Now

- All that remains are the stories of these hippies who once inhabited the Goan shores
- Dreadlock-bearing trance-loving acid-taking hemp-wearing white people take their place
- Not hippies at all, but a new hybrid of hippie and punk that seem to have lost the qualities of free love and justice

Goa - Architecture

St. Francis of Assisi Church

- A Rich Mix of Indian and Portuguese Architecture
- Magnificent Churches, Mansions, and Public Buildings

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- Vincento Joao de Figueiredo House Goa (17th Century)

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- Under Law only Church Buildings could be Painted White (thumbing their nose at authorities)
- Notice Large Covered Porch – shows Wealth & Status

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- Salvador Da Costa Mansion Goa (19th Century)
- Indian style, has a low pitched roof
- Wide Verandas with European Accoutrements such as Gothic- style windows

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- Loutolim Goa (19th century)
- Striking Verandas with exuberant palm groves

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- Goan Balcony - Introduced by the Portuguese
- Large Staircase shows Status

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- Nagoa, Goa (19th Century) - Traditional Hindu house
- Nacre, the mother-of-pearl shell, was preferred over glass, for a warm translucent look

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- Casa Robello, Goa (16th Century)
- Characteristic Balconies/Verandas
- Brightly Colored Stained Glass Windows

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- Fontainhas Goa (19th Century)
- Covered Porch Bordered by Ornamental Columns

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- Houses of Rich Landlords had High Plinths (he lower square slab at the base of a column) with Grand Staircases leading to the Front door or Covered Porches

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- Mattancherry or Dutch Palace
- Built in 1557 by the Portuguese for Raja Veera Kerala Varma of Kochi, Renovated in 1663 by the Dutch

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- Bhagavathi temple in its central courtyard (right)
- Built in the typical Kerala style of Palace known as Nalukettu

Goa - Architecture

- Bolgatty Palace was built by the Dutch in 1744 (Cochin)
- One of the oldest existing Dutch palaces outside the Netherlands
- Notice differences from the Portuguese Buildings - Plain Columns & Porch

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- Goa Medical College - 1842
- It is one of the oldest medical colleges in Asia teaching medicine.

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- Portuguese Covered Porch and Stairs
- Stained Glass Windows

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- Balcony House
- Elaborate Covered Porch & Balconies
- Showing off the Wealth & Status of the Owner

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