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Hippie Invasion & Architecture
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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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.

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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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- 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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• "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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• "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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- 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
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- 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 (the 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
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- 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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