

See Goa from the River and the Sea ...as its meant to be



Overview

Sea Eagle Navigation was started in 2011 to bring to the forefront the untapped potential of Goa's hinterland backwaters and to help eco-tourists learn more about the biodiversity of the mangrove ecosystem of Goa. Through cruises and river tours, the Company endeavors to create an awareness of Goa's rich maritime history and the culture and lifestyles of river-dependent communities.

The Sea Eagle Navigation fleet has a custom-built 35ft. flagship craft aptly named 'Sea Eagle'. Inspired by the elegance of the White Bellied Sea Eagle that rules the skies and seas of this region, it been operating sea and river cruises since 2011. The second craft is 'Khandya', a 30 ft., 30 knots winching boat which has been modified and camouflage colored to stealthily glide through the mangrove forests. This craft is ideal for bird watching and crocodile spotting in Goa's undisturbed and unique mangrove ecosystem.

Both the crafts have highly trained crews who manage the vessels, the hospitality and conduct guided eco-tours in the backwaters of the Mandovi river in North Goa.

Mission Statement

To bring about awareness and appreciation for the hinterland backwaters of Goa and the Konkan region by providing an informative and sustainable model of cruise based eco-tourism that supports local communities as well as promotes conservation of marine habitats.

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Our Cruise - The River Mandovi

Travel down the mighty Mandovi river, also considered as Goa's lifeline. It languorously meanders across the state, weaving together an intricate pattern of biodiversely rich wetlands, marshes, paddy fields, and supports complex cultural and ecological systems.

The river originates from a cluster of 30 streams within the dense forests of the Western Ghats. Along its lenghty course, its cerulean blue waters crash from steep cliffs to form breathtaking falls like Dudhsagar.



The Mandovi flows into Goa from its northern edge, then gently caresses the Goan landscape at Kumbarjua, Divar and Chorao islands, before eventually pouring into the vast Arabian Sea. Like any great river, Mandovi's banks are home to Panaji, the capital city of

modern Goa, as well as to Old Goa, its ancient capital. The bustling Mormugao port is where the Mandovi joins the Zuari river and the narrow Kumbarjua Canal links the two major rivers. The biodiverse rich Mandovi and its many tributaries support a variety of flora and fauna across the lush Western Ghats. These diverse life forms range from the superlative tiger to the graceful dolphin, various migratory birds, marsh crocodiles, and rare and endemic

medicinal plants. The Mandovi sustains a variety of activities - agriculture farmlands, areca plantations, cashew plantations and several other agro and pisciculture ventures.

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Sea Eagle

- A custom-built 35 ft. craft designed for sea and river cruises.
- Designed and built to ensure safety, ruggedness and extreme stability at sea even in extreme conditions.
- Offers a practically vibration-free cruise.
- Fully furnished with fine fittings, crockery and an ice box, binoculars, fishing rods, field equipment, etc.
- The Sea Eagle craft also has an eco-friendly toilet.
- The capacity of the Sea Eagle is 18 persons and crew while the sea range is 500 kms. with a cruising speed of 35 knots (70 kms/hr).

Khandya

- A 30 ft., 30 knots winching boat.
- Camouflaged olive green to stealthily glide through narrow mangrove forests and rivulets of the Mandovi.
- Volvo engine kicks up a very low stern wave/wake so as not to disturb the tranquility of the backwaters.
- Powerful enough to cut through the waves at sea at 55 kms/hr.
 - Equipped with robust fittings, crockery and ice box. The equipment kit includes binoculars, spotting scopes, fishing rods and more.
 - The capacity of the Khandya is 14 persons and crew while the cruising speed is 30 knots (60 kms/hr).

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