

# Things to do at the villa / in Chorao

- Just laze around the house (you have been working too hard in life, you have come away from family and children, tired of those demanding bosses, fed up of those polluted and fast pace cities?? – its time to take a break from it all – **JUST RELAX!!!**.)
- Spend time **beside the pool**, have a few beers and chill out.
- **Read a book** from the villa library. Get some **local feni** and try that out on a sunny afternoon.
- **Walk around the island** in the evenings – meet the villagers and unknown people (something you will not be able to do in Bombay or London).
- **You love photography?** take a walk around the island for bird watching (remember you will be living in the Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary). Also behind the villa, on the hill or in the fields if you are lucky you may spot peacocks, kingfisher birds, cranes and other migratory bird species.

- Walk up to the hill top hiking for pure photography thrills at '**Krist Rei Statue of Christ the King**'. Legend has it that a stolen statue of Christ the King mysteriously appeared overnight on this hilltop in Chorao; a worthwhile hike for aerial views of Goa's skyline. You have beautiful views from the top of all the rivulets, Old Goa, Divar Island, Panjim, etc. This is the only point one can stand and see 3 talukas of Goa (Tiswadi, Bicholim & Bardez).

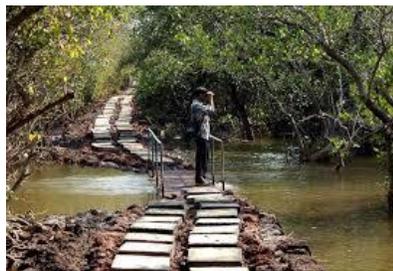


<http://the-shooting-star.com/2014/09/02/offbeat-go-a-12-mind-blowing-experiences/>

- **Play games.** The villa is stocked with games – packs of cards, 4 in a row, snakes & ladders, chess, etc. Besides the indoor games if you are in a party play group games, get outdoors, etc. How long has it been since you have played 'hide & seek'? get the kid out of you and enjoy with your family & friends.
- **Devki Krishna Bhumika Mallinath Temple.** This is a place where Hindu deities have been brought back after 3-400 years when Portuguese left. If you are into history and religious scriptures then this could be a good place to visit.

<http://www.goaholidayhomes.com/information/devki-krishna-bhumika-mallinath-temple.html>

- Visit the **Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary.**



You are living on the island in the acclaimed bird sanctuary on the west coast of India.

[http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g303877-d1234175-Reviews-Dr\\_Salim\\_Ali\\_Bird\\_Sanctuary-Panaji\\_Goa.html](http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g303877-d1234175-Reviews-Dr_Salim_Ali_Bird_Sanctuary-Panaji_Goa.html)

<http://www.goatourism.gov.in/destinations/sanctuaries/162-dr-salim-ali-bird-sanctuary>

- **COMPRO.** You can visit the place locally called COMPRO which was destroyed. But have never been there myself. This is the Chapel of St Jerome (Jeronimo) on the island of Chorao. The circular plan chapel was attached to the 16th century Chorao Seminary, the ruins of which have almost completely vanished. It is nicknamed 'Compro' after the circular vessel made of a copper alloy and used to bake the popular 'sannas', rice cakes leavened with toddy. The early chronicler Cottineau de Klogen described the hermitage of St Jeronimo as a *tholos* "with an elegant dome and Greek pillars supporting the building, giving the whole the appearance from afar of a truly Greek setting".

<http://vivachorao.com/the-island-of-chorao/>

<http://goastreet.com/7-strange-structures-in-go/>

<http://saligaoserenade.com/2008/08/saligaos-connection-with-the-seminary-of-chorao/>

- **The CROCODILE DUNDEE Trip.** Want to have a look at some crocodiles along the river banks between the neighboring islands? Go and check out this Crocodile Dundee trip that runs on Sundays and Thursday by boat through the rivers. The price per person is Rs. 1,400/-. The price includes Beers, Soft Drinks, Mineral Water, Snacks, Fresh Fruits and free transport to the Boat. Mode of payment will be before the Tour direct to organisers.



Contact: John's Boat Tours ☎ +91 832 6520190 📠 +91 9822182814 +91 9822156543.

- **WILD OTTERS RESEARCH CENTRE in Chorao Island**

Otters research centre of India is just 150 mtrs away from Casa Bottu.

<https://india.mongabay.com/2019/03/how-the-elusive-otter-has-made-its-home-in-goas-mangroves/>

<https://curlytales.com/goa-otter-island/>

Spend a day by booking in advance on an excursion or just plan information on these unique animals living on the island.