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Tirupati darshan, Jagannath Puri and trip to Goa: 3 charming holiday sites by  
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If you are wearied of your mundane existence, then why not take a trip to Goa this summer! Goa is one of the biggest tourist destinations in India and certainly the best beach spot in the country. The beaches of Goa are extremely resplendent and offer all types of activities including banana boating and snorkeling. Some of the notable beaches of the state are the Anjuna beach, Baga beach, Calangute beach, Miramar beach, Candolim beach and Dona Paula beach. You will definitely have an exciting and fun-filled time at these fabulous beaches. You may find some of the beaches overcrowded but then if you want to feel the spirit of real Goa, then you need to endure some crowd. Party goes on till late hours on these beaches.

During your trip to Goa, you will also come across some captivating churches like the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Se Cathedral and Church of Our Lady of the Rosary. Some of the other popular tourist spots of Goa are the Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Dudhsagar Falls and Braganza House. Though Goa can be visited throughout the year, if you wish to be a part of the winter carnival, then you should visit this state during December-January. But as said before, Goa is a round-the-year destination boasting of a very friendly climate.

Goa's rich culture and elegant forts (like the Aguada Fort) will definitely touch your heart. Goa's nightlife is also fantastic and so are the cuisines. Your trip to Goa will surely be a memorable one.

**Visit to Tirupati:** If you are looking for a pilgrim destination, then you can head to Tirupati. It is a quaint, little town in South India in the state of Andhra Pradesh and is visited by tourists from around the world. Both Indians and foreigners head for a Tirupati darshan to soak in the spiritual pleasure of visiting this religious city.

Tirupati, being a pilgrim destination, can be visited round the year but the best time to visit the place is during the Brahmotsavam festival in September when revelries are at their peak. At the shrine of Lord Venateswara, you can have a Tirupati darshan. There are hundreds of temples scattered throughout the town. You will surely experience spiritual ecstasy in this part of the world. Tirupati also houses a thriving cottage industry. The food is good and hygienic and the hotels are excellent. Your time in Tirupati will surely be a fulfilling one.

**Visit to Jagannath Puri:** If you are looking for a combination of seaside vacation and a spiritual holiday, then you should head to Jagannath Puri. Situated in the state of Orissa, Puri is a perfect blend of spiritualism and joie de vivre. On one hand, you have the beach where you can swim, bathe and play games. And on the other hand, you have majestic temples dedicated to Lord Jagannath. Konark Temple, Sun Temple and Temple of Lord Jagannath are some of the more notable temples. Jagannath Puri truly promises a memorable and ecstatic vacation.

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