

Discovering Harita and the beaches of Gokarna Under the Stars

Get ready for an extraordinary journey with Krittika! We are heading to **Harita, Gokarna and Goa** for a curious venture! We will spend the night stargazing under pristine skies at Harita, making this a truly unforgettable experience for anyone fascinated by astronomy. We would further be visiting the beaches of Gokarna which are famous for their bioluminescence (which is albeit a rare phenomena). Thereafter, we will visit the Public Astronomy Observatory, Panaji, which is one of the best observatories in the country, and the incredible Goa Science Planetarium.

Important Information:

- We will depart from campus on **Friday, 23rd January 2026, at 8:30 PM**
- We will return **early in the morning at around 5AM on 27th January**
- The cost for this trip is Rs. 2800/-
- **UG freshies are not allowed!**

Itinerary:

- **23rd January 2026 (Friday):**
 - Depart from campus at **8:30 PM** (please have dinner beforehand)
- **24th January 2026 (Saturday):**
 - Have Lunch on the way and arrive in Harita in the afternoon (around 3:00 PM)
 - Rest for a couple of hours
 - Start Night Sky Observations from 7PM till around 6AM in the morning!
- **25th January 2026 (Sunday):**
 - Depart from Harita at 7AM
 - Arrive at Gokarna and Check in at the hotel(AC Rooms) at around 11AM
 - Spend the Entire Day exploring the surroundings/beaches or sleeping(your choice!)
 - Overnight stay at the Hotel

- **26th January 2026 (Monday):**
 - Depart from Gokarna at 6:30AM sharp
 - Reach Panaji at around 12:30PM and visit the Public Astronomy Observatory(which would be kept open exclusively for us on a national holiday!)
 - Thereafter, visit the Goa Science Centre and Planetarium
 - Depart from Panaji at 4:00PM
 - Arrive at the institute latest by 5:00AM on 27th January 2026

Things Included in the Trip:

- Travel (to and from Institute) in an **AC Bus**
- Stay in a **resort** with air conditioned rooms in Gokarna
- Stargazing at Harita
- Meals Included: 24th Dinner, 25th Breakfast, 26th Breakfast
(Kindly note that the costs of the remaining meals will have to be borne individually)

Things to Keep in Mind:

- A **Point of Contact (POC)** will be assigned to you. Feel free to reach out anytime.
- Carry **warm clothes**, as it will be cold at night.
- Keep some **cash** with you in case of poor internet connectivity.
- Bring any **medications** you require and notify us of any medical conditions in advance.
- Carry a **small first aid kit** with basic medicines.
- Bring **Odomos** and wear **full-sleeved clothing** to avoid insect bites
- Be ready to **depart on time** at each checkpoint to avoid delays.
- Fill in your **emergency contact carefully** (do not list someone who is traveling with you).

These instructions are in place to ensure that you have a smooth and enjoyable trip.

That's all! Feel free to reach out with any queries.

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