

Blue Flag beaches

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About Blue Flag beaches:

- With the new additions, the number of beaches certified under the Blue Flag Certification is **twelve**.
- **The other Indian beaches in the blue list are** Shivrajpur-Gujarat, Ghoghla-Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri-Karnataka, Kappad-Kerala, Rushikonda- Andhra Pradesh, Golden-Odisha, Radhanagar- Andaman and Nicobar, Kovalam in Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry beaches.

Blue Flag' certification

- The Blue Flag programme was **started in France in 1985 and in areas out of Europe in 2001**. It promotes sustainable development in freshwater and marine areas through **four main criteria**: water quality, environmental management, environmental education and safety.
- It can be obtained by a **beach, marina, or sustainable boating tourism operator**, and serves as an eco-label.
- The certification is awarded by the **Denmark-based non-profit Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)**. It is awarded annually to beaches and marinas in FEE member countries.
- **Forty-eight countries** currently participate in the program, and 5042 beaches, marinas, and boats have this certification.

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