

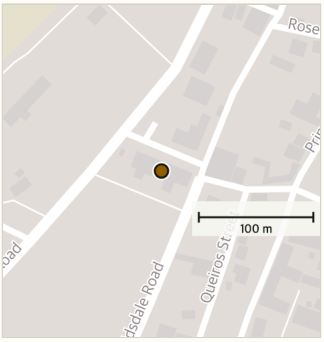

CHURCH

St. Francis CSI Church

Vasco da Gama was buried here for fourteen years; the empty slab remains.

ADDRESS Saint Francis Church Road, Fort Kochi

ABOUT

St. Francis Church, on Saint Francis Church Road in Fort Kochi, is among the oldest European churches in India. The Portuguese built the first one here in wood and mud in 1503. In 1506 the Raja of Cochin let the Portuguese viceroy Francisco de Almeida rebuild it in stone. You walk in from the road and see Portuguese tombs on one wall and Dutch ones on the other. Hand-pulled cloth punkah fans still hang overhead. The gravestones were moved from the floor to the walls to protect their lettering.

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