

# Marine Research Experience: Conservation Workshops & Snorkel

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Destination  
**Andaman**



Duration  
**6 Nights 7 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 31,200 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Port Blair · 2N

↙ Havelock Island · 3N

↙ Neil Island · 1N

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## Overview

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A 6-night / 7-day Andaman tour package focused on hands-on marine conservation, citizen-science reef surveys, and guided snorkeling. Ideal for nature enthusiasts, students, and eco-travelers seeking an immersive Andaman Adventure tour package that blends learning with leisure. This Andaman Adventure package covers Port Blair, Havelock Island (Swaraj Dweep), and Neil Island (Shaheed Dweep) and is optimized as a 6 and 7 Andaman Adventure tour package for travelers who want active participation in marine research alongside classic island sightseeing.

### Highlights:

- Hands-on Conservation Workshops with marine biologists
- Guided Snorkeling Sessions at prime reef sites
- Citizen Science Reef Surveys and coral health monitoring
- Visits to Radhanagar Beach, Elephant Beach, Cellular Jail, and Neil Island's coral trails
- Comfortable stays in eco-friendly accommodations and all inter-island transfers

Tip: Carry reef-safe sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, and a waterproof phone case. Snorkeling activities are seasonal – check availability during monsoon months.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 6 nights accommodation in eco-friendly hotels/resorts (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 lunches included during island activity days
- ✓ All inter-island ferry transfers (Port Blair "Havelock" Neil)
- ✓ Dedicated marine biologist-led Conservation Workshops and citizen-science sessions
- ✓ Guided snorkeling trips with equipment (mask, snorkel, fins) and life jackets
- ✓ Boat transfers for snorkeling and island transfers
- ✓ Permits and park fees where applicable
- ✓ Local guide and workshop materials, species ID guides and data sheets
- ✓ First-aid kit and basic safety gear
- ✓ Note: Accommodation upgrades, scuba dives, and private transfers are available at extra cost.

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Return air/rail travel to Port Blair
- ✗ GST and government taxes if applicable
- ✗ Scuba diving (Open Water / Advanced) and certified dive packages
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, phone calls, laundry
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Any meals not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Important: Passport/ID and inter-island permit requirements must be met by travelers prior to departure.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival & Orientation — Port Blair**

Arrive at Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair. Transfer to your hotel and attend an introductory marine research orientation in the late afternoon. The session covers the week's conservation goals, safety briefing, basic snorkel skills, and introduction to citizen-science survey methods. Evening free to relax. Optional visit to Corbyn's Cove Beach for a short walk or swim.

Important: Inter-island ferry timings will be confirmed on arrival; carry a printed ID for permits.

Day

2

### **Heritage & Conservation Workshop — Port Blair**

Morning visit to the historic Cellular Jail and the Light & Sound Show briefing (show in evening optional). After lunch, participate in a full-day Conservation Workshop led by marine scientists: coral ecology basics, reef threats, data recording protocols, and practice sessions with snorkel gear in a controlled setting.

Note: The hands-on workshop includes classroom and pool-based sessions to build confidence before open-water snorkels.

Day

3

### **Transfer to Havelock & Evening Briefing**

Early morning ferry transfer to Havelock Island (Swaraj Dweep). Check-in at your eco-resort. Afternoon short field trip to Kalapathar Beach for a coastal survey and initial reef observation from shore. Evening briefing for next day's full snorkel and reef-monitoring activities. Free time to enjoy Radhanagar Beach sunset.

Tip: Ferry crossings depend on sea conditions; seats are reserved in advance.

Day

4

### **Elephant Beach Snorkel & Reef Survey**

Full-day boat trip to Elephant Beach for guided snorkeling and a structured reef survey. Activities include: safety briefing, buddy pair snorkels, species identification (fish, corals, invertebrates), substrate health scoring, and data logging for citizen-science databases. Light lunch on the beach; return to Havelock in late afternoon. Evening discussion of findings with expert feedback.

Important: Snorkeling level suited for beginners and intermediate participants. Waterproof cameras recommended for documentation.

Day

5

### **Advanced Monitoring & Free Time – Havelock**

Morning dedicated to advanced reef monitoring techniques: transect setup, photo-quadrat method, and coral bleaching assessment. Participants will compile their day's data into a shared report. Afternoon free for optional activities: scuba diving (additional cost), kayaking, or relaxing at Radhanagar Beach. Evening community presentation where participants present observations.

Note: Scuba dives must be booked in advance and are subject to certification and fee.

Day

6

### **Transfer to Neil Island – Coral Walk & Beach Survey**

Morning ferry to Neil Island (Shaheed Dweep). On arrival, conduct a guided coral reef walk (at low tide) and shore-based beach survey focused on microplastics and coastal biodiversity. Late afternoon visit to Bharatpur Beach for snorkeling (time permitting) or relaxed beach time. Farewell bonfire and reflection on conservation learnings.

Tip: Low-tide walks are best done with a guide – wear water shoes and avoid standing on corals.

Day

7

### **Return to Port Blair & Departure**

Early ferry back to Port Blair. Time-permitting, stop at Ross Island or local markets for souvenirs before transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Note: Check-out times and ferry schedules will determine exact timing. Book evening flights only after confirming ferry departure.

## **🔍 Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **🔍 What are the must-visit islands in Andaman?**

Must-visit islands in the Andaman include Havelock Island for its stunning beaches and water sports, Neil Island for its serene beauty and coral reefs, Ross Island for historical ruins, and North Bay Island for vibrant marine life. Each offers unique experiences for every traveler!

### **🔍 What are the top activities to do in Andaman?**

In Andaman, top activities include snorkeling at Havelock Island, exploring the pristine beaches of Neil Island, visiting the historic Cellular Jail, indulging in scuba diving at North Bay, and taking a guided tour of the lush forests in Baratang. Enjoy water sports and relax in the tranquil surroundings!

## ❓ How do I reach Andaman from the mainland?

You can reach Andaman from the mainland via flights or ferries. Direct flights are available from major cities like Chennai and Kolkata to Port Blair, the capital. Alternatively, you can take a ferry from these cities, which offers a scenic journey across the sea, though it takes longer.

## ❓ Is it safe to travel to Andaman?

Yes, it is generally safe to travel to the Andaman Islands. The region is known for its stunning beaches, rich marine life, and welcoming locals. However, it's essential to follow local guidelines, respect nature, and stay informed about weather conditions. Enjoy your trip!

## ❓ What is the best time to visit Andaman?

The best time to visit the Andaman Islands is from October to May. This period offers pleasant weather, clear skies, and calm seas, ideal for water sports and exploring stunning beaches. Avoid the monsoon months from June to September, as heavy rains can disrupt travel plans.

## ❓ What is the local cuisine like in Andaman?

Andaman's local cuisine is a delicious blend of seafood, tropical fruits, and spices. Fresh fish, crabs, and lobsters are staples, often prepared with coconut and local herbs. Popular dishes include curry, prawns, and traditional meals wrapped in banana leaves, reflecting the islands' rich cultural diversity.

## ❓ Are there any specific travel permits required for Andaman?

Yes, certain areas in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands require special travel permits. Indian citizens need a Protected Area Permit (PAP) to visit restricted zones like North Sentinel Island, while international tourists require a specific permit for all areas. Always check the latest guidelines before planning your trip.

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**Anjali Mehta**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Exploring Andaman's History

Visiting the Cellular Jail was a poignant experience. The guides shared amazing stories of history, which enriched our trip.



**Pooja Singh**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Paradise Found in Andaman**

Simply amazing! The Andaman Islands felt like paradise. The itinerary was well planned and allowed us to explore many beautiful spots without rushing.



**Minal Patil**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Incredible Islands and Friendly Locals**

Every island was incredible, and the locals were wonderfully friendly and welcoming. A heartwarming trip!



**Nikhil Rathi**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Magical Andaman Nights**

The nights in Andaman were magical! Dining under the stars with the sound of waves was unforgettable. A must-visit!



**Ravi Kumar**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Nature Lovers' Paradise**

For nature lovers, there's no better destination than Andaman. The rich biodiversity and stunning landscapes are captivating.

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