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Ultimate Coral Quest: 8 Nights of Diving & Island Research

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Destination
Andaman

Duration
8 Nights 9 Days

Starting from
Rs. 67,300 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

Port Blair · 2N

Havelock · 4N

Neil Island · 1N

Port Blair · 1N

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Overview

an immersive Andaman tour package crafted for divers, marine enthusiasts and island explorers. This Andaman Adventure tour package blends expert-led scuba diving, hands-on coral reef research experiences, and relaxed island time across Port Blair, Havelock (Swaraj Dweep) and Neil Island (Shaheed Dweep). Ideal for those searching for an Andaman Adventure package or specifically an 8 and 9 Andaman Adventure tour package itinerary, this program emphasizes conservation, skill-building, and unforgettable underwater encounters.

Highlights:
• 4 days of guided diving & reef research workshops (certified & introductory options)
• Radhanagar Beach (Havelock) — sunset & beach time
• Cellular Jail & Light and Sound Show — Port Blair cultural evening
• Neil Island's coral gardens & relaxed beaches
• Daily transfers via comfortable ferries + select boat dives

Important notes: Participants must declare recent medical history and any medications; diving requires basic fitness. Some dive sites require certification and pre-booking.

What's Included

- Accommodation for 8 nights in select 3 -/4 hotels or island cottages (twin/ double sharing basis)
- Daily meals as specified (BD: Breakfast & Dinner; plus Lunch on diving days where indicated)
- All inter-island ferry transfers on scheduled routes (seat-class)
- Guided activities: 4 days of boat dives/snorkel sessions, dive instructors/guides, and research workshop facilitation
- Dive equipment rental (BCD, regulator, wetsuit, tanks) for certified divers; introductory gear for discovery dives
- Permits & park entry fees where applicable
- Airport transfers on arrival & departure in Port Blair
- Certificates for diving and research participation
- Local taxes (unless otherwise specified)
- Tip: Carry waterproof field notebooks and spare camera storage for research imaging.

Not Included

- Airfare to/from Port Blair
- Mandatory dive insurance or medicals (arranged separately)
- Costs for dive certification courses (PADI/SSI) if pursuing full certification — ask for add-on pricing
- Optional activities not listed (e.g., heli-tour, private charters)
- Personal expenses, tips/gratuities and alcoholic beverages
- Government Goods & Services Tax (GST) if applicable
- Any increase in ferry or fuel surcharge beyond quotation
- Note: Minimum age for diving is generally 12 for supervised discovery dives and 10–12 for shallow snorkel programs; check pre-trip medical form for restrictions.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival, Welcome & Orientation in Port Blair

Arrive at Veer Savarkar International Airport (Port Blair). Meet-and-greet followed by hotel transfer and check-in. Afternoon orientation covering safety, diving schedule, research goals, and gear briefing. Visit the Cellular Jail in the evening and attend the famous Light and Sound Show — an evocative account of India's freedom struggle. Brief welcome dinner with the team and fellow participants.

Meals included: Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: initial briefing, medical checks, and equipment sizing.

Day 2

Transfer to Havelock (Swaraj Dweep) & Beach Intro

Early morning ferry to Havelock. Check-in followed by beach orientation and safety drills. Afternoon relaxation at Radhanagar Beach (often listed among Asia's best beaches) with sunset time for beach reconnaissance and light snorkeling near shore.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: surface-supplied snorkeling assessments and environmental briefing for coral monitoring protocols.

Day 3

Introductory Dives & Coral Reef Workshop

Start the hands-on portion with two guided dives (or a single long dive for certified divers) at world-class sites near Havelock. Morning: skills review and two shallow dives focusing on reef identification and health assessment techniques. Afternoon workshop on coral taxonomy, data recording, and photography for research logs.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: reef assessments, species ID, transect techniques, and underwater photo documentation.

Day
4

Advanced Dives: Deep Reef & Nocturnal Survey

Two morning dives targeting deeper reef zones and overhang sites to observe reef zonation and larger reef fauna. Return for midday rest. In the evening, optional guided night snorkel or nocturnal biological survey to observe night-active reef creatures and coral polyps.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: deeper reef ecology, behavior observations, night survey techniques (optional night dive/snorkel).

Day
5

Citizen Science Day & Community Visit

Half-day dedicated to data consolidation and citizen science activities: uploading logs, mapping sightings, and preparing short presentations. Afternoon visit to a local fishing village or marine NGO to learn about community conservation efforts and sustainable livelihood initiatives.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: community engagement, data management, and collaborative conservation planning.

Day
6

Specialty Dives & Underwater Photography Session

Two specialty dives focusing on macro biodiversity and underwater photography/composition. In-water assist by an instructor to capture reef species for research archives. Post-dive editing and cataloguing session where participants tag and annotate images with species and GPS-linked site data.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: macro surveys, image-based species validation and database curation.

Day
7

Transfer to Neil Island (Shaheed Dweep) & Relaxation

Morning ferry to Neil Island. Check-in and a relaxed day exploring Bharatpur Beach and Laxmanpur/Howrah Bridge for sunset. Easy snorkeling access and coral viewing from shallow shore areas.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: shallow coastal reef observations and tartan-scale shore transects.

Day
8

Return to Port Blair via Havelock / Free Time

Morning transfer back to Havelock if required for connecting ferry to Port Blair. Alternatively, direct ferry to Port Blair depending on schedule. Afternoon free for souvenir shopping or optional visit to Ross Island (time permitting) — an evocative colonial-era site close to Port Blair.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner.

Research/Diving focus: final data audit, group debrief and preparation of a participant action plan for post-trip conservation involvement.

Day
9

Final Presentations, Certification & Departure

Morning session: participants present findings, photo highlights and receive certificates for completed dives and research modules. Final check-out and transfer to Veer Savarkar International Airport for onward flights.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Important: Ensure at least 3 hours buffer before your flight for island-to-airport transfers and permit formalities.

Frequently Asked Questions

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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