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Andaman and Nicobar Islands

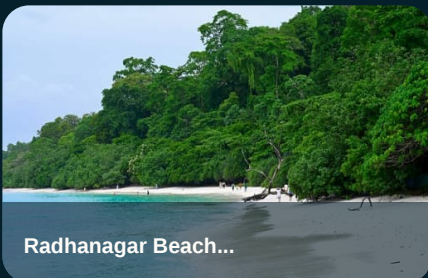
5-7 Days

From INR 21,000 per person

Best: Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov, Dec

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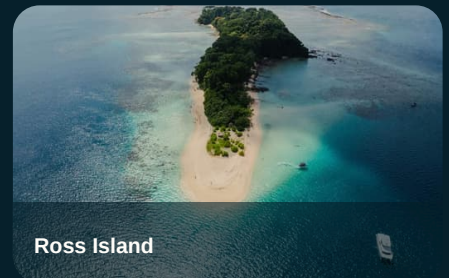
FEATURED IN THIS JOURNEY



Radhanagar Beach...



Cellular Jail (Port Blair)



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Destination overview

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PACKAGE DURATION

5-7 Days

STARTING PRICE

From INR 21,000 per person

BEST TIME

Peak: Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov, Dec | Shoulder: Apr, Oct |
 Avoid: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

TRIP TYPES

beach, honeymoon

8 APPROVED SUBLOCATIONS

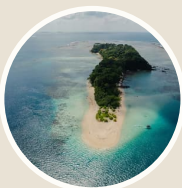
Places you'll visit


Radhanagar Beach (Havelock Island)
BEACH | HALF DAY

A long curve of pale sand on the western side of Swaraj Dweep, backed by dense forest and facing the open sea. Swimming is the main activity, along with walking the length of the bay and staying on for sunset, which is the beach's best-known moment. Lifeguards patrol the marked zones.


Cellular Jail (Port Blair)
HERITAGE SITE | 2-3 HOURS

The colonial-era prison built by the British to hold political prisoners in solitary confinement, its surviving wings radiating from a central watchtower. Visitors walk the cell blocks, the gallows and the museum galleries, and most stay on for the evening sound-and-light programme that narrates the penal settlement's history.


Ross Island
HERITAGE SITE | HALF DAY

A small island off Port Blair, now officially Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep, once the administrative headquarters of the penal settlement. Ruined churches, barracks and a bakery stand half-swallowed by banyan roots. Visitors arrive by boat, walk the trails and share the paths with deer and peacocks.



North Bay Island

ISLAND | HALF DAY

Reached by boat from Port Blair and known for its shallow reef, this is where many travellers try water activities for the first time - glass-bottom boat rides, snorkelling and introductory sea walks. There is little onshore beyond the activity jetty, so a visit is built entirely around the water.



Neil Island

ISLAND | FULL DAY

Officially Shaheed Dweep, a small, flat, farmed island with a slower rhythm than Havelock. Days are spent cycling or riding between its beaches, walking out to the natural rock bridge at low tide and snorkelling off the shallow coral shelves. Good for travellers wanting quiet rather than activity.



Chidiya Tapu

VIEWPOINT | 2-3 HOURS

A forested headland at the southern tip of South Andaman, named for its birdlife. Visitors come in the late afternoon for the sunset point looking across the water, and earlier in the day for birdwatching along the shoreline trail and on the small beach below the forest.



Baratang Limestone Caves

HERITAGE SITE | FULL DAY

A long day excursion north from Port Blair combining a road convoy, a vehicle ferry and a boat ride through mangrove creeks, then a walk to a chamber of limestone stalactites and stalagmites. The road crosses the Jarawa Tribal Reserve, where stopping and photography are prohibited.



Havelock scuba and snorkelling sites

BEACH | HALF DAY

The reefs off Swaraj Dweep are the Andamans' best-known diving grounds, with shallow sites suited to first-time divers and certification courses, plus boat access to Elephant Beach for snorkelling. Operators run dives through most of the year, though visibility and sea state vary a great deal with the season.

5 DAYS

Suggested day-by-day plan

01

DAY 1

Radhanagar Beach (Havelock Island) and Chidiya Tapu

Visit Radhanagar Beach (Havelock Island), Chidiya Tapu.

02

DAY 2

Cellular Jail (Port Blair) and Baratang Limestone Caves

Visit Cellular Jail (Port Blair), Baratang Limestone Caves.

03

DAY 3

Ross Island and Havelock scuba and snorkelling sites

Visit Ross Island, Havelock scuba and snorkelling sites.

04

DAY 4

North Bay Island

Visit North Bay Island.

05

DAY 5

Neil Island

Visit Neil Island.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Travel essentials

CURRENCY

The Indian rupee is used throughout. Port Blair has ATMs and accepts cards, but smaller islands, beach shacks and dive shops often work in cash only.

LANGUAGE

Hindi and Bengali are widely spoken thanks to the settler communities, alongside Tamil and Telugu. English works comfortably with hotels, dive schools and guides.

TIME DIFFERENCE

India uses one national time zone, so no clock change is required. Daylight hours vary by season and longitude.

WEATHER

Warm and humid all year. Dry skies and calm seas run from roughly November to April, while the monsoon from May to September brings heavy rain and rough crossings.

CONNECTIVITY

Port Blair has reliable mobile data and fibre-backed broadband. Coverage thins on Havelock and Neil and disappears on remote islands, so plan for stretches offline.

Food and culture

Seafood, coconut and rice define island meals, including fish curry, grilled catch, prawns and crab. Port Blair offers the widest choice, while smaller island menus may close early. The mixed Bengali, Tamil and Telugu settlement culture sits alongside protected indigenous communities whose areas remain closed to visitors.

AIR, RAIL AND ROAD

Getting there from India

AIR

Port Blair is the main air gateway, with direct or one-stop flights from several Indian cities. Island connections continue by scheduled ferry.

RAIL

Passenger ships operate from selected mainland ports on published schedules. They are slower than flying and should be planned as a separate sea journey, not a routine connection.

ROAD

Road travel is limited to connected islands. Ferries determine most inter-island movement, so keep transfer days flexible around weather and sailing schedules.

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Practical notes

- Inter-island ferries to Swaraj Dweep (Havelock) and Shaheed Dweep (Neil) fill up in peak season and are cancelled outright in rough seas - keep a spare day before your return flight.
- Carry original photo ID for every traveller, including children: it is checked at the airport, at the ferry jetties and at forest checkpoints.
- The Baratang road runs in a timed convoy through the Jarawa Tribal Reserve - stopping, photographing or interacting with tribal members is an offence, and the convoy leaves Port Blair before dawn.
- Mobile signal is patchy outside Port Blair and data can disappear on the smaller islands; download your maps and tickets before you sail.
- Reef-safe sunscreen, water shoes and a dry bag matter more than a big wardrobe here - coral cuts and sea urchins are the usual mishaps.
- If you plan to dive, leave a clear day between your last dive and your flight home; flying too soon after diving is a decompression risk.

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