

THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS

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ABOUT ANDAMAN ISLANDS

Situated 1400 km from mainland India and 1000 km from Thailand, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are one of the most remote spots on the planet! The original inhabitants are various aboriginal tribes who exist more-or-less out of the mainstream. There are some tribes who have had no contact whatsoever with the rest of the world. Of nearly 600 islands, only 9 are open to foreign tourists, and all of these are in the Andamans.

HISTORY OF THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS...

The islands exist in India's popular consciousness mainly because they were used as a penal colony by the British rulers to imprison rebels and freedom fighters, in addition to hardened criminals. Most of the inhabitants of these islands are in fact migrants from the mainland, some of them descended from the prisoners.

During World War II, the Andamans were the only part of India briefly occupied by the Japanese. While notionally handed over to Subhash Chandra Bose's Free India, in practice the Japanese held the reins of power. The territory was run brutally – suspected resistance members were tortured and executed, and when food started to run out towards the end of the war, people were deported to uninhabited islands to fend for themselves as best they could.

DISCOVER THE INCREDIBLE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SMELLS OF INDIA DURING YOUR ANDAMAN ISLANDS DIVING INTERNSHIP

DIVING ON ANDAMAN ISLANDS

THE REEFS TEEM WITH FISH AND A KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOURS IN STUNNING CORAL GARDENS. THE ANDAMANS IS ONE OF THOSE FEW REMAINING DREAM DIVE DESTINATIONS - The Andaman Islands have remained a remote, relatively unspoilt part of the globe. Strong government protection laws have kept the Andamans as a relatively pristine diving environment and one that is still seemingly undiscovered. Much of the Andamans is untouched and unseen. A Japanese flotilla sunk in the Second World War still lies somewhere in the waters of Andamans undisturbed.

Diving around the Andaman's is limited to mainly Havelock and we've barely scratched the surface, new dive sites are being discovered all the time and we find new fish previously not seen before in the Andaman islands every season, it's a great place to dive, so join us and our team of professional staff in discovering the treasures hidden beneath the sea.

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OUR IDC CENTRE

OUR PADI IDC PARTNERS IN THE ANDAMANS, INDIA - TEMPLE ADVENTURES - Currently Dive-Careers is conducting Instructor Development programmes in the Andaman Islands at alternate locations

That means as a developing dive destination with few PADI 5 Star IDC centers we are catering to the growing number of divers seeking dive professional education in the Andaman Islands but running the IDC programme on demand.

Recently we have run an IDC programme and the PADI Instructor Exam in Port Blair, the main center of the Andaman islands. There we had access to great conference facilities, really helpful and eager dive center staff and the perfect water training location of North Bay.

We look forward to soon running more programmes at Port Blair and maybe even soon on some nearby islands

OUR DIVING RESORT

OUR DIVE RESORT IN THE ANDAMANS, INDIA - TEMPLE ADVENTURES - Located in Pondicherry, a range of courses are taught - right from the Open Water Course for non-divers to Instructor Courses for those who would like to join the diving world in a serious way, and even Technical Diving Courses for those rare few who dare to go deeper.

Temple Adventures can make your diving experience personalised and therefore much more enjoyable. The Instructors here can conduct their courses in German, French, English, Spanish, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi and more!

This PADI Dive Centre is also the Scuba Pro reseller in India, so you can buy and tweak your scuba gear right here in Pondicherry. As an authorised Scubapro Service Centre, you can bring in your worn-out gear for them to replace and repair, and they will be glad to give you some tips and tricks on how to preserve and take care of it. Its Team also consists of some of the best chefs in Pondicherry who would be happy to cook you a great meal after a long day of diving, at their very own Diver Restaurant.

Temple Adventures looks forward to seeing you!

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ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS DURING YOUR DIVING INTERNSHIP IN THE ANDAMANS, INDIA - During your Diving Internship India in The Andamans there is basic accommodation with half board available at Temple Adventures dive center for 7000INR per 2 weeks

GETTING TO ANDAMAN ISLANDS

GETTING TO YOUR ANDAMANS DIVING INTERNSHIP - THE BEST WAY TO GET TO THE ANDAMANS IS TO FLY EITHER FROM CHENNAI OR CALCUTTA TO PORT BLAIR AIRPORT IN THE ANDAMANS - Port Blair is connected to Chennai, Kolkata and lots of different cities within the country.

Jet and Air India are the most important flight operators for the Andamans. throughout the tourist seasons discounted airfares are provided by the airlines. the price of the tickets is usually cheap, particularly if reserved earlier.

TRAVEL & VISA INFORMATION...

Non-Indians need a Restricted Area Permit to visit the islands, but these are now issued on arrival at the Port Blair airport. If you plan to arrive by sea, you'll need to arrange your permit before arrival, either in Chennai or when applying for your Indian visa. Visitors usually receive a 30 day permit, although some travellers arriving without a confirmed flight back have only received a 15 day permit. Ask for the full 30 days in your application; if you write in your return flight date, your permit will be issued to end on that date, which will cause unnecessary pain if you choose to extend your stay or, worse yet, get unexpectedly delayed by weather.

Permits can be extended by 15 days in Port Blair, for a maximum single stay of 45 days, although this extension is granted only in, to quote the local police guidelines, "deserving cases". You must then leave the islands and can return after 72 hours. The permit is checked when arriving at most islands, checking into hotels and booking ferries, and must be surrendered when you leave the islands, so don't lose it.

Indian nationals do not require a permit to visit the Andamans. However, permits are required to visit Nicobar Islands and other tribal areas, which are rarely given. Application on a prescribed form may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Andaman District, Port Blair.

For India, a 30 day visa upon arrival is now available for nationals of many countries. To confirm visa requirements as a foreign national, please check: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>