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THE ULTIMATE ANDAMAN SAFARI

09 February – 15 February, 2025 | 6N/7D

New Destination Launch Offer

Starting at INR 1,35,000

14 Guided Dives

Eligibility - Open Water Certified SCUBA diver

(No minimum dives required)

No. of spots available : 10

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The Destination

Andaman Sea, India

The Andaman Sea or Burma Sea is a body of water to the southeast of the Bay of Bengal. It is south of Burma, west of Thailand and east of the Andaman Islands, India and part of the Indian Ocean. The average depth of the sea is about 1,000 meters. The coastal areas of the Andaman Sea have mangrove forests and seagrass meadows. The mangrove roots trap soil and sediment. They provide shelter and are a nursery for numerous fish species.

It is rich in coral reefs and home to many marine species, some of them vulnerable – including dugong, the Irrawaddy Dolphin, and four species of sea turtles, leatherback turtle, hawksbill turtle, green turtle, and Olive Ridley turtle. Barren Island₁ is located to the east of the Andaman Island group and is the only active volcano in the Indian subcontinent.



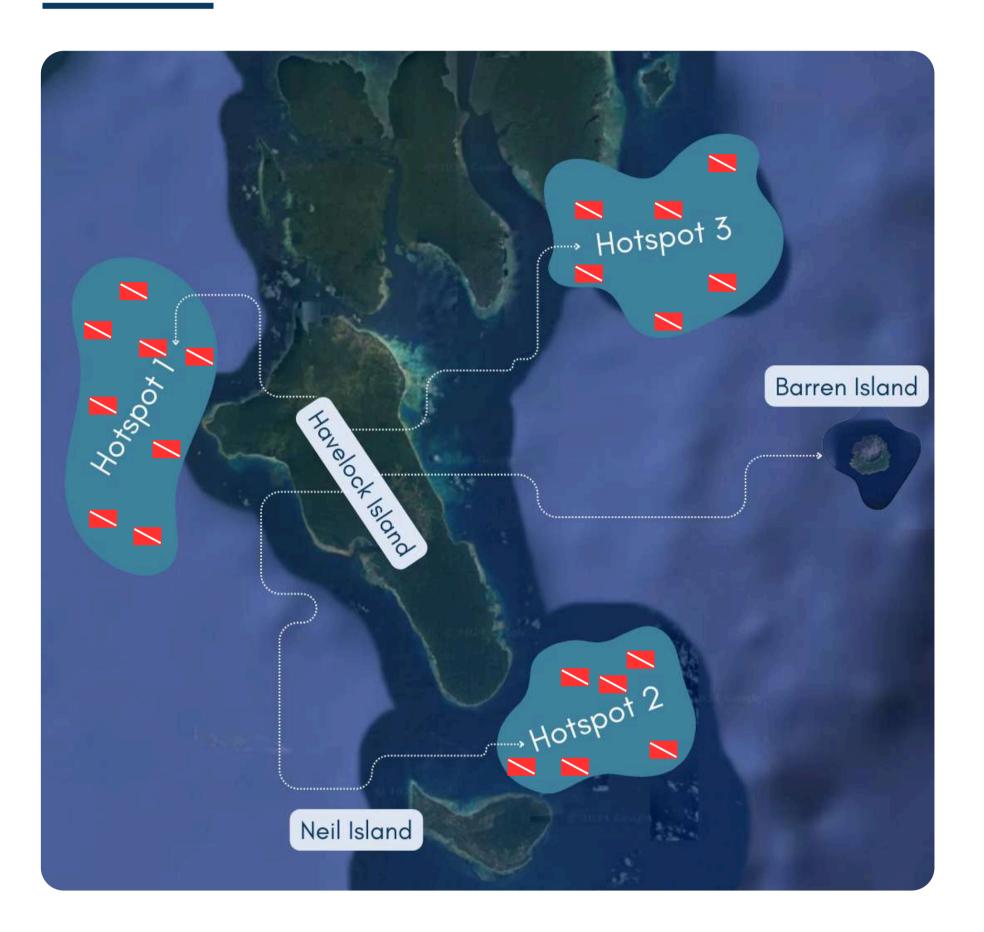






Dive Hotspots

The Ultimate Andaman Safari



Why is this trip The Ultimate Andaman Safari?

The trip covers all the top dive sites across the 3 diving hotspots (as shown in the map above) around Andaman Islands. All premium dive sites present in the Andaman Sea, India are accessible from Havelock Island. Divers enjoy magnificent drift, reef, and wreck diving at these sites. Special permits are required to access the dive sites at Barren Island**. January – April is the best time to dive at these hotspots.

** Day trip to Barren Island¹is not included in the package price and is subject to approval by the Government Forest department based on weather conditions and permits allowed for the season.

The dive plan/dive sites are subject to change based on local regulations, diver experience, weather, and logistics and are completely at the discretion of the boat captain & dive guide. Safety always comes first!

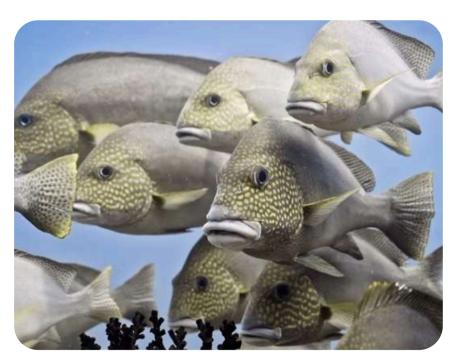
Hotspot 1 highlights SS Inchkeith Wreck, The Wall

Diverse dive sites such as **SS Inchkeith Wreck** (*cargo ship sank in* 1955 at the mouth of the inlet near Duncan Island), **The Wall** (*lies at* the channel between Havelock and Peel island offering varied marine life at different depths), **White House Rock, Red Lighthouse, Aquarium, Nemo Reef, Turtle Beach**, form part of this dive hotspot. Divers can expect to encounter the following marine life – schools of barracudas, jacks, and tunas, groupers, hawksbill turtles, octopus, white tip reef sharks, sting rays, and a whole host of reef fish.













Hotspot 2 highlights

Dixon's Pinnacle, Sea Fan City

Dixon's Pinnacles is the star dive site of this hotspot with 3 big pinnacles covered by soft, dense, and diverse coral reefs. Top of the pinnacle offers hunting action by schools of jacks and snappers. This dive site is also a macro heaven with everything from mantis shrimps to nudibranch eggs. The symbiotic relationship of marine life is on full display at several cleaning stations visited by turtles, rays, groupers, puffer fish, among others. Other dive sites in this hotspot are **Sea Fan City** (4 meters – 5 meters big gorgonians) and **The Junction**.











Hotspot 3 highlights

Jackson's Bar, Johnny's Gorge

The all star hotspot boasts of dive sites such as **Jackson's Bar**, **Johnny's Gorge, Broken Ledge, Minerva Ledge, and Pilot Reef**. Jackson's Bar starts at 25m and drops up to 37m and offers blue spotted stingrays in hundreds, large beds of garden eels, along with schools of tropical fish. Johnny's Gorge in addition has white tip reef sharks and offers occasional encounters with a guitar shark or a dolphin pod. Other potential marine life encounters include marble rays, nurse sharks, yellowfin tuna, giant moray eels, and shoals of reef fish.













Barren Island

A unique dive spot like no other

The only active volcano in the Indian subcontinent is located on Barren Island¹ in the Andaman Sea. The island's volcanic history has left behind some stunning rock formations, both above and below the water. It is a protected area under Barren Island¹ Wild Life Sanctuary. The waters surrounding Barren Island¹ are reputed to be among the world's unique scuba diving destinations. Major attractions here are the crystal clear visibility, fast growing pristine coral gardens, white tip and black tip reef sharks, barracudas, snappers, turtles, octopuses.







Price of Barren Island¹day trip (includes 3 dives) is not included in the package price as it is subject to approval by the Government Forest department based on weather conditions and permits are given at the start of the season (in December).





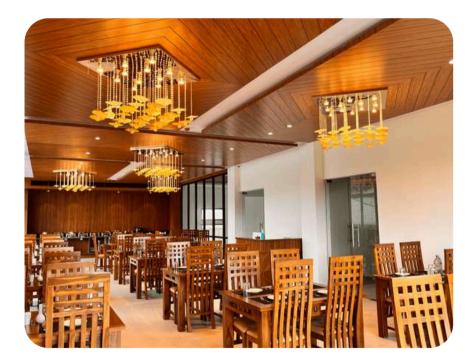
Your comfort spot in between dives

Keeping your comfort in mind, we have carefully chosen our stay. Experience serenity at this cozy and peaceful resort with charming wooden cottages built as per modern design.

- Swimming pool
- Free Wifi
- In-house restaurant with carefully curated menu
- 5 mins walking distance to the beach and dive center













Accommodation

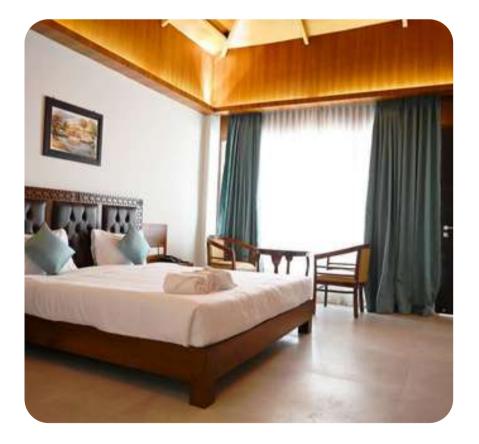
Modern chalet style accommodation

Expect a blend of traditional wooden cottages with modern aesthetics, providing a comfortable and pleasant stay. All rooms feature a balcony.

- Air-conditioning, fan, and fresh towels
- Spacious attached bathroom with warm/cold showers
- Tea, coffee and a bottle of water are complimentary
- Has an electric kettle, a wardrobe & a flat-screen TV
- Customized for divers with lots of storage space









Offer Price: 135,000



Prices are per person & excluding taxes (5% GST, TCS as Applicable)

Tentative Itinerary

The Ultimate Andaman Experience



Day 1 (09 Feb 2025)

- Transfer from Port Blair (airport / hotel) to jetty by 1pm.
- Ferry transfer to Havelock (ferry departure time is 2pm).
- Check-in at the resort; welcome drinks, and lunch



Day 2 (10 Feb 2025)

- General diving rules / safety briefing
- Equipment check and course registration (optional)
- 3 dives at dive sites located in Hotspot 1/2/3



Day 3 - 5 (11 Feb - 13 Feb, 2025)

 3 dives at dive sites located in Hotspot 1/2/3 (Day trip to Barren Island¹ + 3 dives** at dive sites around Barren Island)¹



Day 6 (14 Feb 2025)

- 2 dives at dive sites located in Hotspot 1/2/3
- Sunset kayaking (Havelock <> Mangroves) with a chance to see bioluminescence.



Day 7 (15 Feb 2025)

- Breakfast followed by check-out.
- Transfer to jetty and ferry transfer to Port Blair. Ferry departures available from Havelock 8am and 12pm

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Inclusions

14 Guided Dives :



With a PADI 5 star IDC dive center; covering iconic premium dive sites near Havelock & Neil Islands, in the Andaman Sea.



Accommodation at Havelock Island :

6 nights resort accommodation in Havelock on double occupancy basis.



Meals:

Buffet breakfast and lunch, tea, coffee, mineral water for the 6 nights stay in Havelock.



All Transfers :

Private minivan & boat transfers (Airport / Hotel Port Blair <-> Havelock).



Sunset Kayaking :

1.5 hour guided kayaking program along lush mangrove forests & vibrant coral reefs.

Exclusions

- Flights
- 5% GST
- Dive equipment
- Dive insurance
- Anything not mentioned under Inclusions

Payment Terms

- INR 20,000 to be paid for spot reservation at this link <u>https://rzp.io/l/andamans</u>
- Balance to be paid 60 Days before the trip starting date
- Bookings are Non-refundable & Non-transferrable

Barren Island T&C

1. Day trip to Barren Island is subject to approval by the Government Forest department based on weather conditions and permits allowed for the season.

2. Government authorities grant or deny permission to allow permits for Barren Island at the start of the season in December.

3. After permission is granted, limited permits are issued for each season.

4. The trip package price does not include the trip to Barren Island. The price for a trip to Barren island and 3 dives will be confirmed after all necessary permissions and permits are obtained. Tentative price range is INR 37,000 – INR 45,000.

> Got a question? Please write to us at bookings@oceaon.com We are also available on WhatsApp <u>+918297670739</u>

The Dive Center

PADI 5 Star IDC Center

State-of-the-art IDC Center :

PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Resort. The team has an in-house PADI Course Director and a private beach for training sessions



Dedicated Fleet of Dive Boats :

Customized dive boats with dual engines and a rooftop to ferry divers at 25 knots to both nearby and far-off premium dive sites



Top Quality Equipment :

In-house Aqualung regulator and Bauer compressor certified technicians regularly service the equipment

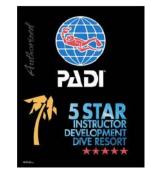


Excellent Safety Record :

Divers to guide ratio of 4:1 is always maintained. All in-house boats are equipped with first aid kit, oxygen, and stretcher

Partners





Equipment & Courses

Equipment Rental	Total Price (6N/7D)
Full Set (Dive Computer, BCD, Regulator, Fins, Wetsuit, Mask & Snorkel)	INR 8,000
Dive Computer	INR 3,000
BCD	INR 1,800
Regulator	INR 1,800
Snorkel Set (Fins, Mask & Snorkel)	INR 1,200
12L Enriched Air (Nitrox)	INR 600 Per Tank

PADI Courses	Price
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Advance Open Water	INR 24,000
Enriched Air (Nitrox)	INR 9,000
Deep Diver Specialty	INR 21,000
Wreck Diver Specialty	INR 21,000
Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty	INR 13,000
Navigation Specialty	INR 13,000

About Oceaon

Welcome to Oceaon, where passion converges with purpose beneath the waves. Committed to the protection and conservation of the Earth's most invaluable resource—the Ocean we aspire to inspire change by raising awareness and promoting education about the enchanting marine world.

At Oceaon, we meticulously plan and execute dive trips to captivating destinations globally. Our scuba diving courses accommodate all skill levels. Through our vertical, Mad Over Maldives, we've successfully organized over 100 trips to date.

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Founder's note



Hello, I am Nishi and I'm a SCUBA diver, freediver, and entrepreneur. I used to be a data scientist but the call of Mother Ocean is bigger than us all. Few <u>key life events</u> and hours

Nishi Srivastava

Founder – Oceaon & Mad Over Maldives, Rescue Diver, Shark Enthusiast, Artist, Minimalist



of introspection led me to quit the corporate world and I <u>found myself</u> sitting on the beach with a life jacket (yes, I did not know how to swim back then)! Over the last few years I've been grateful to have the opportunity to launch and grow our Maldives vertical, <u>Mad over Maldives</u>. Me and my team are humbled by the love and support we've received from our wonderful customers. Oceaon is now expanding boundaries and I am elated to host you in iconic dive destinations across the world.

What makes us Excellent?



Prioritizing your well-being, we adhere to the highest safety standards, ensuring a secure and worry-free diving experience

Experienced Team

Dive into the depths with confidence, guided by our team of seasoned professionals who bring years of expertise and a passion for marine exploration



Our carefully selected accommodations offer a perfect blend of luxury and relaxation



From itinerary planning to personalized services, we pride ourselves on the little things that make a big difference, ensuring your journey is seamless and memorable

Crafted by Experts

Explore truly unique destinations and witness world's most remarkable marine life

2,114+ Happy Travelers **110+** Trips done

Terms & Conditions

- Spot reservation fee is INR 20,000 per person.
- This trip is open to Open Water certified SCUBA divers.
- Diver to guide ratio is 4:1.
- Dive insurance is mandatory for this trip
- Seats are subject to availability and allocated on a first come, firstserve (FCFS) basis.
- Spot confirmation will be sent via email after booking.
- We retain the right to cancel or alter dives in the interest of the safety of all passengers, crews, and the vessel. The final call for a dive will be made by the cruise director.
- Dive cancellations due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances may occur without prior announcement. In the event that a dive is cancelled for any reason, we will try our best to reschedule it for the next available day. However, if rescheduling is not possible, no refund will be provided.
- Marine life is wild and unpredictable. We do not promise or guarantee any specific wildlife sightings.
- We reserve the right to cancel your booking without prior notice.
- We shall not be held liable for any claims arising from missed international and domestic flights, due to delay/cancellation or any other factors beyond our control.
- We do not guarantee same gender room sharing arrangements.
- All expenses arising due to any damages to resort property or availing services other than Trip Inclusions will be borne by the respective Traveller.
- All Travellers are individually responsible to ensure they are medically fit to dive and have consulted a physician where necessary. All Travellers will be asked to fill a standard Diver Medical Form before commencing the first dive.

By participating in Oceaon's Ultimate Andaman Safari – 25 , 2025; you acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions. Please ensure you are familiar with and agree to these terms before confirming your participation.

Join Our Tribe

Happy Faces from our Past Trips













JOIN THE OCEAON COMMUNITY

and gain early access to trip launches, special announcements, and enjoy member-only benefits like complimentary dive insurance & Nitrox, discounts on equipment rentals and courses, plus much more!

ANDAMAN 2025

For all your attention

THANK YOU

We can't wait to host you and explore the stunning depths of the Andaman Sea, India, together.

BOOK YOUR SPOT

Got a question? Please write to us at bookings@oceaon.com WhatsApp : <u>+918297670739</u> Call : +91 8447367821 (Nishi) +91 7678035865 (Tisha)

