

## **ANDAMAN: UNDILUTED NATURE AT ITS BEST**

### **WHEN TO VISIT: OCTOBER TO MAY**

If endless white sandy beaches, crystal clear turquoise waters, pristine tropical rainforests and romantic sunsets are the words that aptly describe your dream holiday, there is no better destination than the Andaman Islands.

This breathtaking archipelago lies in the Bay of Bengal and consists of 572 Islands of which only 36 are inhabited. Virtually cut off for thousands of years from the continent, the history of these Islands has always been shrouded in mystery and legend. A treasure chest simply waiting to be discovered, the Andaman Islands will enthrall you and mesmerize you with its sheer beauty and uniqueness.

Experience a holiday like never before, rejuvenate in tranquil beaches and discover the Emerald Islands

### **Places of Importance**

The beautiful Emerald Isles have so much to offer. From places of historical importance to those of educational value, in the Andamans there is never a shortage of things to do. Marine parks, stunning beaches and beautiful snorkeling trips are just some of the adventures that await you.

Why stand in a long queue to buy a ferry ticket with beads of sweat glistening on your forehead? Why haggle with a taxi driver for hours and why experience less when you can explore and enjoy so much more?

### **Islands to visit**

The Andaman Islands consist of 572 islands, islets & rocks of which just 36 are inhabited till date. Port Blair the capital city and Havelock Island which is the tourist hub, rate as the most popular traveler choices.

However there are several other islands that intrigue travellers. From places of historical importance, to beautiful beaches, fantastic photo opportunities, great snorkeling excursions and remote destinations there is a whole lot of things that you can expect in these islands.

- **Port Blair**
- **Havelock Island**
- **Ross Island**
- **Barren Island**
- **South Button Island**
- **Baratang**

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## Island

- **Viper Island**
- **Neil Island**
- **Cinque Island**
- **Jolly Buoy Island**
- **Red Skin Island**
- **Long Island**
- **Rangat Island**
- **Diglipur area and Ross and Smith Islands**
- **Little Andaman Island**
- **North Passage Island**

## **General Information**

Administrative capital: Port Blair

Airports: Veer Savarkar Airport, Port Blair

Distances:

1255kms from Kolkata

1190kms from Chennai

1200kms from Vishakhapatnam

Currency: Indian Rupees

Altitude: Varies from sea level to 732 meters

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Highest peak: Saddle peak - 732 meters

Climate: Tropical climate throughout the year with average minimum temperature at 23°C and maximum at 32°C.

Humidity: Relatively high - 70% to 90%, with a gentle breeze blowing all the time. The weather is generally pleasant with average annual rainfall of 3000 mm in Port Blair.

Population: 450000 approx

Forest cover: 92% protected forest; 86% reserve forest

Clothing: Cottons throughout the year

Internet Access: Good in Port Blair, but very poor dial up connections on extremely slow speeds in most other important islands like Havelock and Neil.

Satellite internet is available in Havelock although expensive. Data cards (of a few companies) work in Port Blair, however do not work at all on other Islands. Most of the islands do not have internet access at all.

Mobile & Telephone Access: Mobile providers include BSNL, Vodafone and Airtel with Reliance functioning currently only in Port Blair with excellent connectivity. As you travel away from the city of Port Blair to outer city limits or other islands, connectivity may become weak.

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STD Code: 03192

Local Transport: Local bus services are not very well developed however dependable regular reliable ferries ply to all important islands. Auto rickshaws and taxis are easily available.