

FAQ on Tourism in Andaman & Nicobar Islands in wake of COVID-19

Welcome to Andamans. Your safety is our prime concern. For safe and responsible tourism, we have designed rigorous protocols which are regularly updated. Please read below to get answers to your most frequent queries.

Q 1. Is Andaman & Nicobar Islands open for tourist?

Ans: Tourism activities have been allowed in Andaman & Nicobar Islands w.e.f 27/09/2020 i.e World Tourism Day.

Q.2. Which tourist destinations are open for tourist?

Ans: Tourism activities are allowed in

- 1) South Andaman (except Little Andaman). Hence, the major tourist destinations which are open in South Andaman District are Port Blair, Swaraj Dweep & Shaheed Dweep.
- 2) North & Middle Andaman District now has been opened w.e.f. 23/02/2021. Hence, tourist attractions like Baratang (Limestone caves), Long Island, and Rose & Smith Island etc. which lie in North & Middle Andaman are now open for tourists.

Q.3. Which tourist destinations are not open for tourist?

Ans: The district of Nicobar as well as Little Andaman Tehsil of South Andaman District are not open for tourist.

Q.4. What activities are allowed in Andaman?

Ans: Vide Order No.536 dt.26/09/2020, and Order No.682 dt.18/11/2020 following activities have been allowed, in principle:-

1. Beaches.
2. Light & Sound Show at Cellular Jail.
3. Light & Sound Show at Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Island.
4. Museums.
5. Boat rides
6. Snorkelling
7. Scuba Diving
8. Sea-walk
9. Sea-kart
10. Para- sailing
11. Jet-ski
12. Swimming Pools

SOP's have been prescribed for these activities, which, need to be followed scrupulously considering COVID-19 pandemic.

Q.5. What are the COVID-19/testing/quarantine protocols for incoming tourist?

- Ans:
1. The tourists need to carry COVID-19 negative report from mainland based ICMR approved lab using Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RTPCR). However, the sample for RTPCR test should have been taken within 48 hours prior to starting the journey from the origin station. (For e.g. if the tourist takes a flight from Delhi at 0600 hrs. on 1st January 2021, the sample for RTPCR test should have been taken not before 0600 hrs. on 30th December, 2020).
 2. RTPCR for kids above 1 year is compulsory.
 3. No institutional or home quarantine is required to be observed if the tourist has tested negative in RTPCR test at ICMR approved lab.
 4. Random Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) may be conducted on arrival at Veer Savarkar International Airport, if necessary.

Q.6. What happens if the tourist tests positive on arrival or during stay?

Ans: If the tourist tests positive during arrival or stay in the Islands, he/she will need to undergo institutional isolation as per the existing health protocols. The cost of such isolation for govt. facility will be paid by the tourist as fixed by the administration from time to time.

Q.7. Are inter-Island ferries to Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep operating? How can I get the tickets?

Ans: Govt. ferries to Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep are operating. The tourists shall approach the office of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman for reservation. Private ferries to Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep have also been started. The tickets for the same can be purchased online from the concerned ferry operators well in advance.

Q.8. Where can I get the tickets for the ferries operating to NSCB Island, North Bay and Jolly Buoy?

Ans: Tickets can be obtained for the ferries operating to NSCB Islands, North Bay and Jolly Buoy from the single window counter established in the Directorate of IP&T.

Q.9. From where can I get the tickets for Light & Sound show of Cellular Jail and NSCB Island?

Ans: The tickets can be booked online on website of tourism department - <https://www.andamantourism.gov.in/etourist>

Q.10. In the wake of the recent surge in the Covid cases in the country is there any new restriction /lockdown in Andaman.

Ans: Fortunately, Andaman & Nicobar has one of the lowest COVID positive cases in the country to ensure that it remains so, movement of

individuals from 10.00 PM to 5.00 AM is prohibited except for when the individuals is travelling to a destination and has valid tickets to show