

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

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

Ans: Tourism activities have been allowed selectively in Andaman and 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 South Andaman (except Little Andaman). Hence, the major tourist destinations which are open are Port Blair, Swaraj Dweep & Shaheed Dweep.

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

Ans: The districts of North & Middle Andaman and Nicobar as well as Little Andaman Tehsil of South Andaman District are not opened for tourist. Hence, tourist attractions like Baratang (Limestone caves), Long Island, Diglipur etc. which lie in North & Middle Andaman 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

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. No institutional or home quarantine is required to be observed if the tourist has tested negative in RTPCR test at ICMR approved lab.

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

- Ans:
- i. If the tourist tests positive during stay in the Islands, he/she will need to undergo institutional isolation as per 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. (Presently Rs. 1000/- for isolation at ITI Dollygunj COVID Ward).
 - ii. If the patient wants to stay at hotels, he/she can stay in the hotels if **all** the conditions below are met:
 - a) Patients are not symptomatic and not more than 60 years old.

b) Request/undertaking is made by patient in writing.

c) If allowed by doctors.

iii. Hotels will make necessary arrangement to designate a part of their rooms for institutional isolation for this purpose.

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 tickets for the same can be purchased from the ticket counter of Directorate of Shipping Services at Phoenix Bay jetty. Private ferries to Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep have not yet been started.

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>

The detailed SOPs in this regard are available in the website www.andamantourism.gov.in may be referred.

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