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Lakshadweep

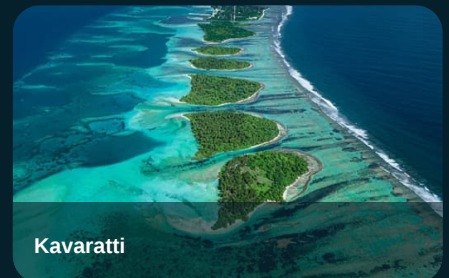
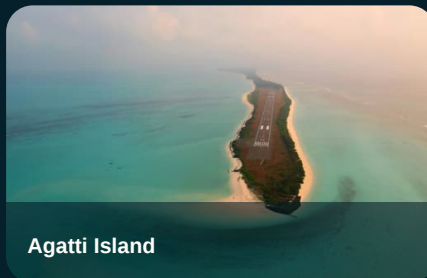
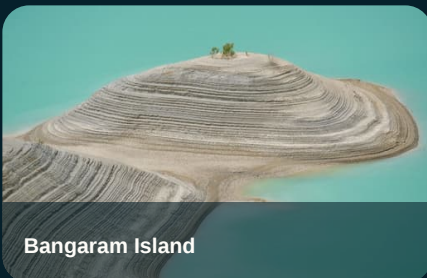
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Destination overview

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PACKAGE DURATION

4-6 Days

STARTING PRICE

From INR 35,000 per person

BEST TIME

Peak: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Nov, Dec | Shoulder: May, Oct | Avoid: Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

TRIP TYPES

beach, honeymoon

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Minicoy Island

ISLAND | FULL DAY

The southernmost inhabited island, curved around a large lagoon, with a culture and language closer to the Maldives than to the mainland. A tall lighthouse can be climbed for the view, and the island is known for its tuna fishery and its traditional rowing boats.



Water sports (snorkelling / scuba)

BEACH | HALF DAY

The main activity across the islands. Shallow, clear lagoon water makes snorkelling straightforward even for beginners, while dive centres run reef dives and introductory courses. Kayaking, glass-bottom boats and first-time sessions in the lagoon are usually available, though everything depends on sea conditions.



Lagoon cruises

BEACH | 2-3 HOURS

Boat outings across the sheltered water inside the reef, in traditional or motorised craft and

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DAY 4

Minicoy Island

Visit Minicoy Island.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Travel essentials

CURRENCY

The Indian rupee. There are very few ATMs and card acceptance is limited, so carry enough cash for the whole trip from the mainland.

LANGUAGE

Malayalam is spoken on most islands and Mahl on Minicoy. Hindi and English are understood by resort staff, permit officials and dive guides.

TIME DIFFERENCE

India uses one national time zone, so no clock change is required. Daylight hours vary by season and longitude.

WEATHER

Tropical and warm throughout. The calm, clear season runs roughly October to May, while the south-west monsoon from June closes water sports and disrupts

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Practical notes

- Every visitor, Indian citizens included, needs an entry permit before travel, and it is tied to a specific island and a confirmed stay, so start the paperwork early.
- Only a limited set of islands is open to tourists, and you cannot island-hop freely once you arrive.
- Access is by flight or ship to Agatti and then by boat, and every leg is weather-dependent, so keep a spare day in hand, particularly either side of the monsoon.
- Alcohol is restricted across the inhabited islands; do not plan on buying any, and check what applies to the island you are staying on.
- The inhabited islands are conservative and Muslim, so swimwear belongs on the resort beach or in the lagoon and covered clothing is expected in the villages.
- Carry reef-safe sunscreen, a rash guard and your own mask if you have one, as shops are minimal; the reef is protected, so never stand on or touch the coral.

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