

# ANDAMAN - INDIA



A special place in this world, awesome top water action and awesome fish are waiting there for you, among a magnificent culture and friendly people.

Spectacular locations, well-equipped boats, state-of-the-art equipment, delicious food and pleasurable company, will make your angling holiday an experience you will never forget.

With shimmering turquoise waters fringed by primeval jungle, fantastic diving, and sugar-white sun-toasted beaches melting under flame-and-purple sunsets, the far-flung Andaman Islands are the perfect Indian escape.

To provide our guests with a world-class fishing experience offered through our modern fishing lodges, dedicated boats, superb locations, the latest tackle, equipment and hospitable service.



# TARGET SPECIES



Best known for explosive surface action with heavy chugging poppers and high octane vertical jigging, the Giant Trevally and Dog-tooth Tuna are reputed to win more battles than the angler as you fish the reef edges and jagged drop off. Troll and live bait for billfish and tuna off-shore or get closer for action with the razor gang.

The Andaman Islands have to offer the wandering angler looking for his next trophy fish a chance to accomplish just that, with a huge variety of fish species thrown in to make it more exciting and rewarding in the process. The fishing spots are many and spread over a vast area, thus improving chances of getting one. However, the GT's and doggies had one up over the anglers as they were unable to land the one they had so longed for.



# ACCOMMODATION



Comfortable & stylish bed & breakfast accommodation with beautiful sea views. 6 AC rooms, attached modern bathrooms, relaxation areas & a resident chef that will cook for us the best Indian food you can imagine! We run a fully professional service that meets and exceeds our customer expectations.

Large spacious air-conditioned rooms with en suite bathroom, clean and safe for families.

Set 49 km from Mount Harriet National Park, Kokari Guesthouse offers accommodation with a shared lounge, a terrace and a 24-hour front desk for your convenience. Free WiFi is offered. There is a fully equipped private bathroom with shower and free toiletries. Continental and à la carte breakfast options are available every morning at the bed and breakfast. A car rental service is available at Kokari Guesthouse. The nearest airport is Veer Savarkar International Airport, 9 km from the accommodation.

We are directly responsible for your safety and the completion of your tour, from start to finish, taking you with our own transport, moving our crew and equipment to ensure we are always on schedule. We work towards reducing the variables that can make or break your trip.



# BOAT



Our team have years of fishing experience. They speak English, have completed graduate school, are trained in First Aid and CPR and are the most experienced guiding team in the country today.

Our boats have been carefully designed and customized to enable you to fish comfortably in all but the worst sea conditions. The boats are built to world-class standards, surveyed and licenced, they provide safe, stable and fast platforms to get you to the best spots quickly.

Kitted with the latest fishing electronics and safety and communications gear these are serious machines to get you close to that once in a lifetime fish. Catching it is up to you!



# SURROUNDINGS



The population is a friendly mix of South and Southeast Asian settlers, as well as Negrito ethnic groups whose arrival here has anthropologists baffled. Adding to the islands' intrigue is their remoteness, 1370km east of the Indian mainland, but only 200km from Indonesia and 300km from Myanmar (Burma).

Of the archipelago's 572 islands, only 36 are inhabited and a small selection is open to travellers. With splendid beaches and diving, Havelock (Swaraj) is by far the most popular.

Permit requirements for the Andamans were eased in 2018; the effects of this on the islands' unspoilt state, not to mention the survival of their indigenous peoples, remains to be seen. To the south, the Nicobar Islands have, so far, been strictly off limits to tourists.

The survival of the islands' first inhabitants has long been threatened by traders and colonizers, who introduced disease and destroyed their territories through widespread tree-felling. Thousands also died of addiction to the alcohol and opium that the Chinese, Japanese and British exchanged for valuable shells. Many have had their populations decimated, while others like the Nicobarese have assimilated to modern culture, often adopting Christianity. The indigenous inhabitants of the Andamans, divided into eramtaga (those living in the jungle) and ar-yuato (those living on the coast), traditionally subsisted as hunter-gatherers, living on fish, turtles, turtle eggs, pigs, fruit, honey and roots.

There are plenty of things to do in Port Blair from discovering a rich tribal culture to exploring shorelines and islands and picking up coral artefacts at Aberdeen Bazaar. Water sports activities like snorkelling, scuba diving, deep sea diving and ocean walks are also aplenty here and make for a great holiday adventure.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES



The seas around the Andaman Islands are some of the world's most unspoiled. Marine life is abundant, with an estimated 750 species of fish existing on one reef alone, and parrot, trigger and angel fish living alongside manta rays, reef sharks and loggerhead turtles. Many species of fish and coral are unique to the area, and fascinating ecosystems exist in ash beds and cooled lava based around the volcanic Barren Island. For a quick taste of marine life, you could start by snorkelling; most hotels can supply masks and snorkels, though some equipment is in dire need of replacement. The only way to get really close, and venture out into deeper waters, is to scuba dive. The undisputed home of diving is Havelock, with eight centres up and running at the last count, and there are also operators on Neil, Long and South Andaman. Since 2013 the decompression chamber at the naval base in Port Blair has been open to any divers with suspected bends, boosting safety.

Sunny skies, golden beaches, turquoise waters, and untouched environs make Andaman islands your perfect go-to destination. But it is not just the beauty of the archipelago of 572 islands that makes Andaman and Nicobar Islands an ideal getaway. There are adventure sports, water activities, activities for the nature lovers, and sightseeing tours of Andaman that one can opt for.

Anyway, if fishing it's not enough for you, you can choose between some shows, museums, seafood restaurants, Gandhi Park, visit some islands like Ross Island & North Bay Island, Munda Pahar Beach, Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, trekking in Mount Harriet or Barren Island....



# USEFUL INFORMATION



Our base out of Port Blair is located on the East Coast of the South Andaman Island, Port Blair is an exposed location and mostly affected by the Southwest Monsoon. The months from October to the end of May give the best possible conditions to make your trip a memorable one. March is usually the best month of all year!

You will need a spinning rod rated for PE8 to PE10 line, 80lb class is minimum, best is 100lb class. A spinning reel like the Shimano Stella SW 14000 HG and upwards size or the Daiwa Saltiga 6000, 6500 size would be ideal for the job. The line cap should be at least 180m of PE8 and for the bigger fish you can use PE 8-12 on a reel being able to take at least 180m of it, braided line: 80lb or 100lb. For the surface action we recommend having at least 20 lures, these can be from 120gr to about 200gr. Bigger, louder, splashing and popping lures are good for the large GT's. Bring Jigging rods, rated for PE5 to PE8 line, with recommended jig weights of 100-300gr. Spinning or conventional rods can be used based on an angler's preference.

The Andaman Islands enjoy a consistently warm climate, rarely departing from the parameters of 22-32°C all year round, even at night, while humidity never drops below seventy percent. There is a lot of rain from May to September and they also catch the north-east monsoon in the autumn, with occasionally violent cyclones prone to hit during either period, so the ideal months to visit from a climatic perspective are December to April.

Tribes are highly protected in Andman, at arrival you will be told what you can to and what not.

Currency it's the Indian Rupees (INR), and the electricity plugs are Type D.

A Visa is mandatory to get into India, and there are currently available for holders of passports of certain countries. You can apply for it online, uploading your photo and passport page and making the payment. You will be issued with an Electronic Travel Authorization.



# WHAT TO BRING



- Jigging & popping rods & reels
- Variety off jigg's and lures
- All your fishing equipment
- Your beach clothes, hat, sunscreen, glasses, etc
- Insect repellent
- Raincoat
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity and some photos
- Your eVisa already full filed
- All you reservations printed in paper
- Your medicines
- Camera
- Cash in € or USD



# MEDIA & GUIDING



As a Professional Freelance Audiovisual Producer & Fishing / Spearfishing Guide, my job is to promote the best trips around the world, operated by the best companies I work with, always offering the best quality and compromise. I will, simply, bring you the best destinations, personally known, that offer you all the guarantees and adapts to your necessities. If you are a group, great! If you are alone, don't worry, I will find more people to join you! Whatever you want, from hardcore fishing to family vacation, I will provide Expert Coaching, advices & knowledge in the field, to make you catch that "one in a life-time" fish, that sometimes can be so elusive and challenging.

I know where & when to find them, and how to get you on them!

I'm also a professional cinematographer & photographer, and I will be capturing footage of your experience so you can have high quality content of memories that will last a lifetime. My gear allows me to film from the sky, underwater and outside, with the best quality, so forget about the videos & photos, I will be there to capture every moment while in the water.



# WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



## Included

- 8 days accommodation at Kokari Guesthouse or equivalent when travelling to the North
- 6 full days off fishing with drinks aboard and food
- All meals
- Insurance
- Transfers to/from the airport

## Not included

- Flights
- Fishing licence
- Day trips
- Visa (mandatory, maded prior the trip!)
- Gear (renting possibilities available)
- Tips