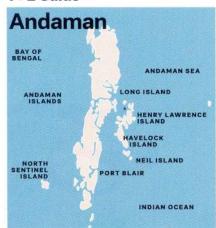


ROMANTIC, REMOTE AND WITH DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT LANDSCAPES, THE ANDAMAN 8 NICOBAR ARCHIPELAGO'S 572 JEWEL ISLANDS ARE FULL OF DELICIOUS SECRETS, SOME OF WHICH REVEAL THEMSELVES TO NEELIMA VALLANGI

Fisherman prepares to anchor his boat, having just returned with a good catch from his fishing expedition in the night.

Opposite: A bright sunny day by the clear blue waters of the Andaman sea in the fourth largest and southernmost island of the Andaman archipelago, Little Andaman.

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Sinclairs Bay View is set on the waterfront in Port Blair with grand views of Bay of Bengal with most of the rooms having an ocean view. South Point, Port Blair, Andaman Islands; 91-31/9222-7824/7937; sinclairshotels.com/ portblair; Doubles from Rs 8,000

Sea Shell Resort on Neil Island is set amidst lush green tropical forests is a recent addition to the island offering luxury tents and cottages for stay. Laxmanpur Beach, No. 01, Neil Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands; 91-31/9224-2773/4; seashellneil.com; Doubles from Rs 5999

Andaman Pristine Resort set in North Andaman next to Kalipur Beach, which happens to be a turtle nesting ground for Olive Ridleys.

Kalipur Beach, Diglipur, North Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Islands:

91-31/9227-2532/1793; andamanpristineresorts.com; Doubles from Rs 3,000

Blue Planet Resort is the only stay option in Long Island, 15 minutes from the jetty and set amidst jungle.

Long Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands; 91-31/9221-5923; blueplanetandamans.com; Doubles from Rs 2,000 for cottages

Jina Resort in Little Andaman offers very basic accommodation opposite the beach. Netaji Nagar, Hut Bay, Little Andaman; 91/9476-038-057

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Tourist infrastructure is still basic in Andaman Islands. Simple Indian food is available on most islands.

Blue Planet, Dive in pristine locations around Long Island and neighbouring locations, single dive prices start from Rs 2,500

Saddle Peak, Hike to Andaman's highest point. Forest Guide charges Rs 700

Snorkel in Neil Island, Laxmanpur Beach is excellent for snorkelling, prices starting from Rs 500 per trip.

Surf in Little Andaman, it's a well-guarded secret that the island has excellent surf. Carry your own equipment, as there are no facilities available.