

Visit our islands series-1

Andaman and Nicobar

HAVELOCK-THE HUB OF DESTINATIONS

Scuba Diving..... Snorkeling..... Swimming..... Sun bathing.....

Camping on beach

Elephant Safari.....TrekkingFishing..... Wow!

The thrills never stop in Havelock!

Havelock is a picturesque island with beautiful sandy beaches and lush green forest. It is one of the populated islands (5354 as per 2001 Census) in the Andaman group of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar islands. It is a natural paradise, replete with white sand beaches, coral reefs with a colorful array of aquatic life, palm trees, as well as dense forests in the interiors.

Havelock is a longish piece of land (area 113 sq.km) lying on a north-west to south-east axis in the group of islands collectively called the Ritchie's Archipelago, located 39 kms north-east of Port Blair. People mainly from Bengal have been settled only on the northern, one-third part of the island. Each village and the adjoining beach are referred to both by a number and a name. The jetty is in the north at Village No.1 and is the conceptual centre of the island. Radhanagar Beach (No.7) is 12 Km. South West, Vijaynagar (No.5) is 4 Km. South-East of the jetty. The main bazaar is at No.3. Most of the accommodation is located in No.5 (Vijaynagar). There are some hotels in No.3, No.1 & No.7 and even at Kalapathar -10 kms away from the jetty.

ACTIVITIES AT HAVELOCK

Beach combing, sunbathing, snorkeling, surf riding, swimming, game fishing, sunset or sunrise watching, elephant safaris, bird watching, trekking, fishing, sailing, kayak and many more.

VISIT HAVELOCK DURING MONSOON

The Andaman and Nicobar islands are blessed with the two monsoons viz the South East and North West. Rains sets as early in May and continues up to November. If you are nature enthusiast visits the islands during monsoons and especially Havelock. It in fact gives you more options than during normal season! It is guaranteed that no way your visit in the island and activities you wish to undertake is going to be affected because of rain. There is no water clogging or traffic jams. Moreover, it only rains intermittently leaving you enough time for outdoors.

Imagine walking through the lush interiors of sedate village in the rain inhaling the heady smell of sprouting paddy fields, vast banana fields, through the vegetable and fruits garden the cultivators have carefully grown on way to Kalapathar and enrich your body and soul. Enjoy the beautiful sight of formation of clouds, opening of heavens and bathe yourself in the rain in front of your cosy cottages, amidst the aroma of the freshly brewed coffee. Or

take a long walk along the sea shore or play volley ball or some indoor games. Still not satisfied, visit the village market (3 No) to see villagers selling fresh vegetables or to the jetty and watch for yourself the sight of enormity of fresh catches of fishes in different sizes and hues. More than anything, the monsoon presents, more space for you both below, above and at sea level.

RADHANAGAR BEACH

The Radhanagar Beach on Havelock has been voted as the Best Beach of Asia by The Time Magazine in the year 2004 on the basis of the quality of sand, sea, depth and other parameters. Enjoying the Radhanagar Beach is the most adorable activity in Havelock. Radhanagar is a long, crescent-shaped exceptional beach of silver sand with a western aspect and a high carrying capacity. It's foreshore is framed by fine, mature specimen trees of the tropical rainforest and it terminates to the north and south by steeply rising ground which become forest covered buffs dropping down to the sea.

For those who like to be with the nature, the Department of Tourism offers cozy and eco-friendly accommodation right in front of the beach at Radhanagar. Remember to stay there till sunset as the picture- perfect view will remain etched in your mind rest of your life.

VIJAYNAGAR BEACH

Vijaynagar is a long stretch of sand on the east coast of the island, punctuated occasionally by rock section. Most of the beach is lined by large mahua trees whose trunks grow along the ground for many feet before they begin to climb vertically. These trees have lent a distinct character to the sea front, and provide shade close to the water. Vijaynagar Beach is perfect for long walks along the sea.

The prime property of the Department of Tourism, Dolphin Resort, is situated right in front of this beach.

ELEPHANT BEACH(HATHI TAPU)

Another stunning beach-Elephant Beach can be reached via small boat by cruising through the dark blue sea. Alternatively, one can make a trek to Elephant Beach by taking a detour from the Forest camp on way to Radhanagar which would take about 45 minutes. Snorkeling in this beach is a memorable and lifetime experience. For those who don't want to wet their feet and still like to enjoy the under water corals, one can always explore the same by renting out glass bottom boats from private boat operators.

SCUBA DIVING

The abundance of marine life around Havelock provides a rich variety of diving possibilities. It has many diving sites. Seduction Point is a huge submerged rock with stag horn coral and different kinds of aquatic life, including Napoleon Fish. Aquarium has a hard, fringing coral (a coral formation directly attached to the shore) with lots of fish. Lighthouse has both hard and soft coral. The site is suitable even for dives in the night, when day-time creatures rest and nocturnal creatures such as Lobsters, Squid and Stingray come out. Pilot Reef, Mac Point, Minerva Ledge and Turtle Bay are other promising area for diving. There are several certified Dive operators based in Havelock to take you to the wonderful world of marine life. Ideal dive seasons are from December to May.

Sl. No.	Name of the Dive Centre/shop at Havelock
1.	ANDAMAN DIVE CLUB Havelock No# 1 Email : info@andamandiveclub.com Web : www.diveindia.com Tel : +91-9474224171
2.	DIVE INDIA Havelock No#5 Email : info@diveindia.com Web : www.diveindia.com Tel : + 91-3192-214247
3.	BAREFOOT SCUBA Havelock No #3 Email : dive@barefootinida.com Web : www.diveindia.com Tel: +913192-282181, +919474263120
4.	BLUE LAGOON Havelock NO#2 Email: divingandaman@gmail.com Web: www.divingandaman.com Tel: +91-9933274207, 9933201325, 9958603378
5.	OCEAN PEARLDIVE RESORT Havelock NO#2 E-mail : Oceanpearldive@yahoo.in Web : dive-andaman.com Tel : +919933209905
6.	ANDAMAN BUBBLES Havelock NO#5 Email : andamanbubbles@gmail.com Web : www.andamanbubbles.com Tel(0) : +913192-282140 Cell : +91-9474271295
7.	LACADIVES DIVES CENTRE Silver Sand Beach Resort, Havelock NO#5 Email : Lacadives@gmail.com Web : www.lacadives@gmail.com Tel : +91-3192-214315

SNORKELING

Snorkeling is offered in the shallow areas of the coral encores while going underwater with the scuba equipment. Inside the water, one can glide along the coral shelf and experience the cold water and the strange and striking coral formations. It is difficult imaging the beauty of the underwater marine life from outside as it appears entirely a new world once we see fish swim, nibbling at colorful algae, sea anemones and planktons just next to you.

ELEPHANT TRAINING CAMP

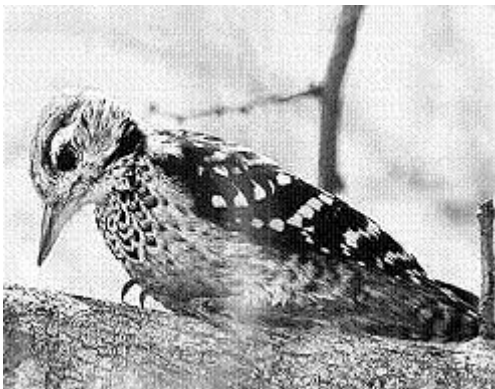
Part of Havelock Island is logged using elephants. The spectacle of elephants working in the forest and bathing and swimming in the nearby sea is a special attraction. The Elephant Training Camp managed by the Forest Department at Kalapathar opens its doors to tourists occasionally. Please check it out.

BIRD WATCHING

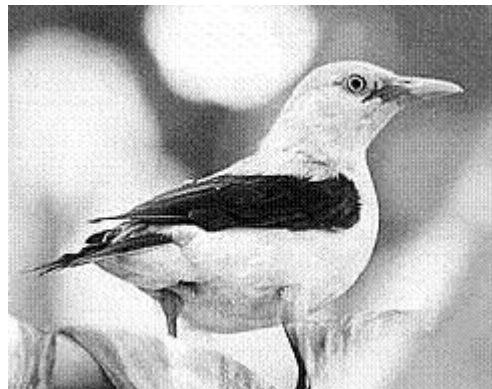
Primeval splendor

Geographical isolation triggers speciation. Havelock Island, surrounded by emerald lagoons is covered with tropical evergreen forests. In some stretches, mangrove swamps line the shores. It is a landscape of primeval splendor.

A bird enthusiast can spot in the mangrove, the white-headed mynas or the woodpecker with a white-barred black mantle and red crown. Another one is the fulvous-breasted woodpecker. All of these are endemic to the island.



The Fulvous-breasted woodpecker



The White-headed starling

The 324 islands of the Andaman-Nicobar archipelago are the tops of the submerged mountain chain, a continuation of the Arakan Yomas of Myanmar. But they have been separated long enough from the mainland to develop avifauna of their own. The islands are home to about 242 birds of which 39 are unique to the islands. Ornithologists describe them as endemic, birds that have evolved into distinctive species because of the insularity of their habitats. The olive-backed sunbird and Andaman swallow are other endemic birds in the island. These islands are a birdwatcher's paradise.

How many of you know that A.O. Hume, the founder of the Indian National Congress has wrote series of articles between 1874 and 1876 in Stray Feathers, a journal of natural history. At least one bird in the islands is named after Hume — the white collared kingfisher (*Todiramphus chloris humii*), easily spotted in the jetty area of Port Blair. Hume was also the first to get a specimen of the Narcondam hornbill, another endemic bird. The entire population of 300 hornbills is confined to a single forested island, Narcondam. Another endemic bird easily spotted in Port Blair is the Andaman crow pheasant. For a birder, the sight of this bird announcing the arrival of a new day is a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

CONNECTIVITY

By speed boats

Government ferries run by the Directorate of Shipping Services connects Port Blair (Phoenix Bay jetty) to Havelock daily twice. Normal ferries carrying cargo and passengers takes about 4 hours whereas speed boats (either MV.Bambooka dep. Port Blair 6.15AM or MV North Passage Dep. Port Blair 2PM) takes two hours to Havelock. The schedule for ferry services are released four days in advance and published in Government newspaper-The Daily Telegrams, broadcasts in local All India Radio and also available in the official website: www.and.nic.in. Ticket Charges for speed boat one way to Havelock in Non-AC class.:Rs.195 (Chair), Rs.260 (berth) AC Class: Rs.250/-(Chair) Rs.350 (berth)

Boat tickets from Port Blair to Havelock and return journey could be purchased four days in advance from the STARS (Ship Ticket Advance Reservation System) ticket counter run by the Directorate of Shipping Services at places like Chennai (6, Rajaji Salai Chennai-1) Port Blair (Phoenix bay harbour), Diglipur, Mayabunder, Rangat, Havelock, Hut Bay, Car Nicobar, Nancowry and Campbell Bay. Timing 9 AM to 4 PM, lunch break 1 PM to 2PM

One needs to submit requisition form for booking of tickets and produce ID proof at the time of boarding of vessel. For sailing schedule, application forms, guidelines for ticketing, availability of tickets and fares visit: www.and.nic.in

By MV.Makruzz

The private boat operator in the island M/s Mac logistics-Port Blair operates a 280 passenger capacity Catamaran to Havelock daily during the season. MV Makruzz is a fully air-conditioned well equipped and esthetically designed sea-craft with plush interiors, well equipped food kiosks, audio visual entertainment and unmatched speed and will take you to Havelock in just 90 minutes. Departure from Port Blair-Fisheries Jetty (Phoenix bay) is at 9.00 AM and to the return direction from Havelock at 4 PM. The timings are maintained. There are three classes of seats viz Premium (Rs.650/-) Deluxe (Rs.750) and Royal (Rs.1000/-) Tickets are available with all major tour operators, hoteliers in Port Blair and Havelock or can be booked directly from O/o the Mak Logistics.Phone:03192 212355/236677 Email: mvmakruzz@gmail.com. Also contact: M/s Mak Logistics (Pvt. Ltd), GATI Coast to coast building, 99 , J.N Road, Delanipur, Haddo (Post), Port Blair-744102, Tel:03192-243835/244139, Fax: 03192-243612, Email: makpbl@yahoo.com / [www. Makruzz.com](http://www.Makruzz.com).

By Helicopter /Seaplane

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration, in association with the Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited operate regular Helicopter services from Port Blair to Havelock. It flies a 10-seater Dauphin 365 N Helicopter on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to Havelock and back. Ticket charge is Rs.850/-(one way)

Helicopter Schedule to Havelock

Days of Service	FROM	TO	DEP	ARR.	FLG.TIME
Mondays	PORT BLAIR	NEIL ISLAND	0800	0820	0020
	NEIL ISLAND	HAVELOCK	0825	0840	0015
Wednesdays	HAVELOCK	PORT BLAIR	0845	0905	0020
	PORT BLAIR	HAVELOCK	1100	1120	0020
Thursdays	HAVELOCK	PORT BLAIR	1125	1145	0020
	PORT BLAIR	HAVELOCK	0910	0935	0020
Saturdays	HAVELOCK	PORT BLAIR	0940	1000	0020
	PORT BLAIR	HAVELOCK	0700	0720	0020
	HAVELOCK	PORT BLAIR	0725	0745	0020

By Seaplane

The Administration is also scheduled to operate Seaplane Services from Port Blair to Havelock by November 2010. This would also mark the first commercial operation of Sea plane services in India. The Cessna 208 Amphibian aircraft (seaplane) will take off from Air strip at Port Blair Airport and land in the Sea strip near Havelock. For schedule and booking of seats for both Helicopter and Seaplanes please contact:

Officer in Charge (Operations), Civil Aviation

A&N Administration, Port Blair

Tel 03192:233601.

The Assistant Engineer (APWD)

Havelock

Ph: 03192:282105

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ACCOMMODATION

Havelock's staying options range from chic resorts to camping sites on beaches. Reservation of accommodation in the Government Dolphin Resort Havelock can be made from the Tourist Information Centre in the Directorate of Tourism at Port Blair by making advance payment. The Dolphin Resort which set the advent of tourism in Havelock Island in 1993 has evolved over the years. It occupies a near-divine location, and is popular with honeymooners and holidaymakers for the secluded Vijaynagar Beach that forms its courtyard with clear blue waters, natural bay, comfortable accommodation, courteous staff, and a range of leisure activities. Beach activities including sunbathing, volleyball, scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming in the natural shallow bay, restaurant and coffee shop are available at the Resort to make your stay enjoyable. The Resort is also all set for a massive refurbishment and expansion in terms of capacity and facilities.

Right in front of the Radhanagar Beach, the Department of Tourism arranges tented accommodation for nature-loving persons with modern facilities and amenities at very reasonable rates. The booking of the same are being done from the Reception Desk of Tourism Department Port Blair.

Dolphin Resort Havelock Island	Super Deluxe Cottage (AC) Deluxe (AC) Semi Deluxe(AC)	Rs. 2000/- Rs. 1500/- Rs. 1000/-	tel 282411 282444
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Tented Accommodation Radha Nagar Beach Havelock (Subject to weather conditions)	Domes/Swiss A/C Tents Non A/C Tents	Rs.2500/- Rs.1500/- Rs.1000/-	
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HOTELS & RESORTS

Sl. No.	Name of the accommodation, e-mail/ website	Telephone No.	Type of Accommodation				Tariff
1	Silver Sand Beach Resort Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5 hotelsentinal@hotmail.com	03192-282493, 282494 03192- 230512(f)	a) Andaman Lagoon				Rs.7,999/-
			b) Andaman Cottage				Rs.6,999/-
			c) Andaman Villa				Rs.5,999/-
			d) Extra Bed				Rs.2,000/-
2	The Wild Orchid Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5 www.wildorchidandaman.com	03192-282472	a) Style A/C				Rs.5,000/-
			b) Classic A/C				Rs.4,500/-
			c) Non-A/C				Rs.400/-
			d) Extra Bed				Rs.700/-
3	Symphony Palms Beach Resort Govind Nagar, Havelock. info@symphonypolmshavleock.com	03192-214315 03192- 282221(f)	a) Suite				Rs.5,000/-
			b) Lagoon				Rs.4,000/-
			c) Cottage				Rs.3,000/-
4	Sea Shell Govind Nagar, Havelock-2 info@seashellhavelcok.com	03192-211830	Room type	Meal plan	Single	Double	Extra person
			Andaman Chalet	C.P	3499	3999	900
				MAP	3849	4699	1250
				AP	4199	5399	1600
			Andaman Villa	C.P	3999	4499	900
				MAP	4349	5199	1250
				AP	4699	5899	1600
			Andaman Lagoon	C.P	4499	4999	1200
				MAP	4849	5699	1550
				AP	5199	6399	1900
5	Café Del Mar Resort Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9933214663	a) Cottage				Rs.3,500/-
			b) Tent				Rs.3,000/-
			c) Eco-Huts				Rs.200/-
6	The Kingdom Govind Nagar, Havelock-2 kingdomhavelock@yahoo.com	03192-282495, 212236 03192- 282055(f)	a) A/C Deluxe room				Rs.3,200/-
			b) Extra Bed				Rs.500/-
7	Cross Bill Beach Resort Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	03192-282446	A/C Cottage Non-A/C Cottage				Rs. 2500/- Rs. 1,500/-
8	El-Dorado Beach Resort Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5 eldoradoathavelock@yahoo.co.in	03192-282451 9932493401	a) A/C cottage				RS.2,500/-
			b) Eco hut				Rs.800/-
			c) Common hut				Rs.300/-
9	Emerald Gecko emeraldgeckoindia@gmail.com	03192-282170	a) Bamboo Lodge				Rs.2,250/-
			b) Bangloo				Rs.1,750/-
			c) Bamboo Cabin				Rs.1,250/-

10	Hotel Sourav Govind Nagar, Havelock-3 Beach.No.2 havelocktour@rediffmail.com	03192-282386	a) A/C Room	Rs.1,800/-
			b) Non-A/C Room	Rs.800/-
11	Orient Legend Resort(Eco-Hut) Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5	03192-282389 9434291008	a) Bamboo Cottage	Rs.1,500/-
			b) Cottage	Rs.1,000/-
			c) Bamboo Cottage	Rs.500/-
			d) Eco-Hut	Rs.200/-
12	Hello To The Queen Gold India Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9933223848	a) Non-A/C Lagoon	Rs.1,500/-
			b) Non-A/C Cottage	Rs.1,000/-
13	Island Vinnes Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5 info@diveindia.com	9932082205	a) Tent	Rs.1,500/-
			b) Upgrade	Rs.900/-
			c) Standard	Rs.500/-
14	Bay View Inn Govind Nagar, Havelock-2	03192-282100, 282101, 9933270830	a) A/C Cottage	Rs.1,500/-
			b) Non-A/C Cottage	Rs.800/-
			c) Extra Bed	Rs.200/-
15	Moonlet Sands Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	9933220626 9437280543	a) A/C Room	Rs.1,200/-
			b) Non-A/C Room	Rs.800/-
16	Holi Day Inn Govind Nagar, Havelock-3 Holidayinn-havelock@yahoo.in	03192-282208 9474244606, 9933233372	a) Cottage	Rs.1,000/-
			b) Eco-hut	Rs.500/-
17	Sunrise Beach Resort Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5	9474206183	a) Bamboo bangloo	Rs.800/-
			b) Cottage	Rs.500/-
			c) Eco-hut	Rs.200/-
18	Sundaze Beach Resort Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	03192-282337 9933221584	Bamboo Hut	Rs.600/-
19	Amazon Beach Resort Govind Nagar, Havelock -2 amazonbeachresort@gmail.com	9933294025	a) Eco-hut	Rs.550/-
			b) Tent	Rs.450/-
20	Bilasi Lodge Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	9474238870	a) Triple Bed Room	Rs.650/-
			b) Non-A/C D/B Room	Rs.500/-
21	Gold India Beach Resort Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5	9933223848	a) Bamboo Cottage	Rs.500/-
			b) Eco-hut	Rs.200/-
22	Green Valley Resort Vijay Nagar, Havelock gouranguhl@yahoo.com	9476002983	a) Cottage	Rs.500/-
			b) Eco-hut	Rs.200/-
23	Ever Green Lodge & Restaurant	9933275710	a) Four Bed Room	Rs.400/-
			b) Non-A/C Room	Rs.300/-
			c) Common D/B Room	Rs.200/-
			d) Single Bed Room	Rs.150/-
24	Shams Green Imperial Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9474206301	Huts	Rs.400/-
25	Sea View Tourist Complex Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	03192-282367	a) Double Bed Room	Rs.300/-
			b) Non-A/C C/Room	Rs.200/-

RESTAURANTS

Havelock doesn't have many stand-alone restaurants, but most hotels have their own restaurants, open to every body. Some of the stand alone restaurants are:

Sl. No.	Name of the restaurant	Telephone No.	Cuisine
1.	B-3, Govind Nagar , Havelock-1	09474282998	North Indian, South Indian Italian, Continental, tandoori items
2.	Havelock German Bakery, Vijay Nagar Havelock-5	09933220595	South Indian, North Indian, Chinese, continental
3.	Island Restaurant, Govind Nagar Havelock-1	09474283015	South Indian, North Indian, Chinese, Continental
4.	Nalla's Kingdom, Govind Nagar Havelock-1	09434290610 09933294080	South Indian, North Indian, Chinese, Continental Thali System, Buffet System
5.	Nandini Restaurant, Govind Nagar Havelock-3	03192-201376 9474286854	Italian, Chinese, Israeli, South Indian
6.	Powerful Restaurant, Govind Nagar Havelock-3	9474238829	Italian, Chinese, Israeli, Continental and Indian Thali
7.	Rony Restaurant, Vijay Nagar, Havelock -5	09476002841 09933220637	North Indian, South Indian Chinese, Isreli, Italian and Continental food
8.	Royal Palace Restaurant, Govind Nagar Havelock-3	03192:282024, 282272 09933230607 09474215565	North Indian, South Indian Chinese, Isreli and Continental food
9.	World Class Restaurant, Govind Nagar Havelock-3	9933812525 9733884218 9475846628	Italian, Chinese, Israeli, South Indian

TOURS AND TRANSPORT:

Auto rickshaws, taxis, buses, motorbikes are available for transport within the island. Tour operators in Havelock hire out vehicles. They also arrange for snorkeling, swimming, boats, boat tickets, Air tickets etc.

Sl. No	Name of Tour Operator	Telephone No.
1.	Amit Tour & Travels, Shyam Nagar, Havelock-4	9474238853 9933288010
2.	Baby Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	9474205081 9933265573
3.	Bappa Travels, Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5	03192-282309 9474222180
4.	Bapa Loknath Travels, Shyam Nagar, Havelock-4	9474201305
5.	Beenita Beenit Tour & Travels, Krishna Nagar, Havelock-6	9474205109
6.	Dalia Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9932417710 9474206317
7.	Harsh Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	9474206225
8.	Havelock, Vijay Nagar, Havelock-5	9933220595
9.	K.K. Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9934290393
10.	Krishna Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	9474222220
11.	Manobi & Arpita Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-4	9932473519
12.	Montosh Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9474222307
13.	Nikita Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	9474206318 9933220620
14.	Nitish Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	9474215720
15.	Piya & Diya Ship Princes(Glass Boat), Shyam Nagar Havelock-4	9474238714
16.	P.K.S Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9933268322
17.	Radha Krishna Travels, Radha Nagar, Havelock	9474224098 9679508053
18.	Raja Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-1	03192-214158 9933295681 9474229508

19.	Rishi Tours & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock	03192-282016 9434299490 9933294154
20.	Sourav Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock	9933225019 9434291908 9474206358
21.	Varsha Tour & Travels, Govind Nagar, Havelock-3	9474201306

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The State transport Department also operate buses from Havelock Jetty to Radhanagar beach and also between Jetty and Kalapathar as per timing below.

Departure Havelock Jetty	Departure Radhanagar
06.30 AM	07.15AM
08.45 AM	09.40 AM
09.30 AM	10.00 AM
10.30 AM	11.15 AM
11.15 AM	12.15 PM
12.45 PM	01.30 PM
02.30 PM	03.15 PM
04.30 PM	05.15 PM
05.15 PM	06.00PM

Departure Havelock Jetty	Departure Kalapathar
06.45 AM	07.30AM
02.30 PM	03.15PM

Banks / ATMs and mobile service providers

State Bank of India has a Service branch and ATM functioning in Havelock at no.3. Axis bank has its ATMs next to it. All major mobile service providers also have their transmission towers in Havelock, so tele-connectivity is smooth including broadband/internet.

PERMITS

There are no special permits required for visiting Havelock Island. The permits which foreign national gets from Indian Missions overseas or from the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi or from the Foreigner's Regional Registration Offices in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai & Chennai for 30 days(extendable for another 15 days by the Supt. of Police Andaman-Port Blair) covers Havelock Island too in case tourists intend to visit the same.

SAFETY TIPS FOR SEA- ENTHUSIASTS

Andaman & Nicobar Islands have many sandy beaches and coral reefs. But only some of these beaches are supervised for safe swimming, snorkeling and diving. Though Andaman water is generally safe for swimming and looks inviting, it also has some potentially dangerous marine animals, which may come in conflict due to mistaken identity such as prey or to defend their territory. Though such incidences are very rare, visitors are advised to observe following precautions for a safe and enriching swimming experience.

Do's:

- ✓ **Find safe swimming/ diving** area from Tourist Information Centers / Local Tour Operators and Forest Department Staff. Do not swim in unpatrolled areas/ Protected Areas to avoid dangerous animals.
- ✓ **Look for the safety signs** they help you to identify potential dangers.
- ✓ **Ask a lifeguard on duty for some good advice** on swimming conditions like local currents, tides, visibility, and presence of dangerous marine creatures etc. The swimming conditions can change quickly. So seek prior advice from a lifesaver / man on guard before entering in water in an unpatrolled area
- ✓ **Get a friend to swim with you** so that you can look out for each other's safety and get help, if needed. Children should always be supervised by an adult. Avoid swimming in dark.
- ✓ **Raise your hand up for help** if you get into trouble in the water. Stay calm and wave your arm for help.

Don'ts:

- Do not dangle arms or legs in the water during boat ride.
- Do not swim under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Shiny jewellery or bright colored clothes resembles fins of small fishes and may attract predatory fishes. Avoid such accessory or clothing while swimming.
- If you have an open wound, please avoid swimming. Many predatory fishes are attracted to blood odour.
- Avoid diving /swimming amongst school of fishes. This may attract predatory fishes such as sharks.
- Avoid night swimming /diving.

Look out for harmful marine animals

- a. **Salt water crocodiles:** Normally present in creeks, mangrove areas, sheltered waters and mouths of the creeks. Please avoid swimming/diving in these areas. If you spot crocodile, get ashore and alert authorities to avoid accidents. They also move large distances in open sea and can be found in coral reefs as well.
- b. **Sea Snakes :** Sea snakes are highly poisonous and are usually recognized by their paddle like tail. They can be aggressive if handled or stepped on. Stay well away from them.
- c. **Stone Fish :** Present in shallow coral and rocks or camouflaged in mud and sand. It has venomous dorsal spines and its sting could be lethal. To avoid sting never walk on coral reef area. Never lift rocks or corals. Wear sturdy sandal while walking in shallow coastal waters.
- d. **Sharks :** Normally present in open sea and some parts of coral reef areas. Avoid swimming/diving alone and don't enter water with open wounds.
- e. **Jelly Fishes :** Their sting may cause pain and giddiness. Don't touch or play with them. Get ashore if you see large school of Jelly Fish. In case of sting, apply vinegar/ice pack and do not rub.

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2	Police Station	282405
3	Fire Brigade	282400
4.	Divisional Forest Office	282350
5	O/o The Assistant Engineer APWD	282105
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8.	Power House	282310

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