

The Shipping Corporation of India Limited, **Mainland / Andaman & Nicobar Island Service**



General information on Andaman & Nicobar Islands:

The Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands consists of about 319 islands with an area of 8293 sq.kms. spread over a length of 700 kms. and a breadth of 250 kms. These islands are situated in the Bay of Bengal. The two groups of Islands are separated by a channel. The land area of Andaman Group of Islands is 6340 sq.kms. and Nicobar group of Islands is 1953 sq.kms. Out of the total 319 islands, only a few are big. The Andaman is mainly consists of North Andamans, Middle Andamans, South Andamans and Little Andamans besides many small islands. The Nicobar group of Islands consists of Great Nicobar, Car Nicobar, Nancowry, Katchal and Chowra. The Head Quarters of this Union Territory is at Port Blair, which is its Capital. It is situated in South Andaman Island, at a distance of 1236 kms. from Kolkata, 1191 kms. from Chennai and 1200 kms. from Vizag. The topography of these islands is hilly. About one-fifth of the total inhabitants of these Islands are tribals viz. Yerewa, Onge, Great Nicobaries, etc.

How to reach the Islands -- Access by Sea :

At present five Passenger Ships viz. M.V. "Akbar", M.V. "Nicobar", M.V."Nancowry", M.V. "Swarajdweep" and M.V. "Harshavardhana" are plying between Port Blair and Mainland. The sea voyage from Kolkata/Chennai/Vizag to Port Blair takes 3 to 4 days and the Ships normally stay for around 3 days in Port Blair. There are about 3 / 4 sailings in a month from Kolkata and Chennai to Port Blair and vice-versa. There is usually one Sailing from Vizag every month. Sailing Schedules are prepared and approved by the A&N Administration one month in advance. Availability and issuing of tickets to the General Public is monitored by the A & N Administration.

Ticketing Procedure:

Normally onward/return tickets are issued to the- general public and A&N, Govt. Servants in advance of a particular Sailing after notifying in local Newspapers, on 'first come first served' basis from our Office Counter in Kolkata, Chennai, Vizag as well as from the counters at Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Only Cash is accepted for passage booking.

In order to avail of concessional fare for Islanders, it is customary for these categories of passengers to produce the original together with a photocopy of Islanders Certificate, issued by the concerned authority at Port Blair. **Passengers are also required to carry a Photo Identity Proof before entering the docks for boarding the Vessel.**

Booking from Mainland to Port Blair :

(A) Government Servants on duty at Islands or returning after leave/patients returning after treatment/students on vacation as well as other priority category passengers are to contact the following Offices in advance for booking of passage along with their identity card in case of A&N Government employees only.

AT KOLKATA

The Dy.Resident Commissioner
A & N Administration
Andaman Bhavan, Plot No. 7,
Salt Lake, Sector- V
Kolkata- 700 091
Telephone: (033) 22894899

AT CHENNAI

The Dy.Resident Commissioner, A & N Administration
Liaison Officer, Andaman House
Andaman Government Timber Depot
Near War Memorial, Opp. K K Nagar Bus Depot
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009
Telephone- (044) 2654-9295
Fax: (044) 26548092

AT VISAKHAPATNAM

A V Bhanojirow,
Garuda Pattabhiramayya & Co.,
P.O.Box 17, Opp.Port Main Gate,
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Telephone – 0891-2562661

(B) General public/tourists including foreigners, Government Officers of Mainland visiting Andaman Islands are to contact the following Offices well in advance prior to the scheduled departure of the Vessel or as declared by the authorities:

AT KOLKATA

The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd
"Shipping House", 13, Strand Road
Kolkata - 700001
Telephone : (033) 2248-4921
Fax: (033) 22488132
Email: calcps.dept@sci.co.in

AT CHENNAI

A & N Administration
Jawahar Building, Rajaji Salai,
Chennai - 600 001
Telephone: (044) 25226873
Fax: (044) 25220841

AT PORT BLAIR

Accounts Officer (M&S)
Directorate of Shipping Services,
Port Blair.
Telephone: (03192) 232212
Fax: (03192) 230480

Information regarding Schedule, Date & Time of Sailing:

A tentative schedule for the month may be available from the above-mentioned Offices in and around the last week of the previous month/the first week of that month. The expected time of arrival and departure is announced on Radio and published in local dailies well in advance before the date of sailing. At times, these announcements and publications are subject to last minute changes as the sailings are highly dependent on tidal and sea weather conditions. All bonafide passengers are advised to carry photo identity (Voter ID/Passport, etc) while boarding the Vessel and on demand they are requested to produce the same.

ACCOMMODATION

For reservation of accommodation, visitors are advised to contact the Director, Tourism & Publicity, A&N Administration, Port Blair for booking of Teal House, Megaport Nest, etc. However; given below are the names of some private hotels at Port Blair :

1. Bay Island
2. Hotel Sinclair
3. Peerless Hotel
4. Hotel Shompen
5. Hotel Abhishek
6. Youth Hostel
7. Municipal Lodge
8. Hotel Kavita
9. Dhanalaxmi

SIGHT SEEING

1. Anthropological Museum
2. Chatham Saw Mill
3. Zoological Garden
4. Cellular Jail
5. Harbour Cruise
6. Marine Park
7. Gandhi Park
8. Jollyboy
9. Red Skin
10. Mount Hariat
11. Carbine's Cove

Kindly note SCI are not directly involved in Tourism and therefore, for any information ""connection with your tour to A&N Islands, you may please contact the Tourist Information Center at Port Blair or the Department of Tourism, Kolkata. The above write-up has been designed to give you only a general idea.

Type of Accommodation for various vessels				
S/I	Type of Accommodation	Harshavardhana	Nicobar/Nancowry/ Swarajdweep	Akbar
1	Deluxe Cabin -(single berth, attached toilet)	✓	--	--
2	Deluxe Cabin-(double berth, attached toilet)	✓	✓	✓
3	First Class Cabin-(4 berth, attached toilet)	✓	✓	--
4	First Class Cabin - (2 berth)	--	--	✓
5	2nd Class Cabin - (6 berth)	--	✓	--
6	2nd Class "A" Cabin - (4 & 6 berth)	✓	--	--
7	2nd Class "B" Cabin- (4 berth)	✓	--	--
8	AC Dormitory	--	--	✓
9	Bunk Class	✓	✓	✓

Fare of Vessels per head one way for the year 2012-2013 w.e.f. 08/06/2012:

S/N	Name of Vessel	Class of Accommodation	Fare for Islanders (Rs)	Fare for Non Islanders (Rs)
1	Mv Swaraj Dweep / Mv Nancowry/ Mv Nicobar	Deluxe Cabin	4,140.00	8,020.00
		1st Class Cabin	3,740.00	6,640.00
		2nd Class Cabin	2,810.00	5,280.00
		Bunk Class	750.00	2,060.00
2	Mv Harshvardhana	Deluxe Cabin	4,140.00	8,020.00
		1st Class Cabin	3,740.00	6,640.00
		2nd Class 'A' Cabin	2,810.00	5,280.00
		2nd Class 'B' Cabin	2,470.00	4,080.00
		Bunk Class	750.00	2,060.00
3	Mv Akbar	Deluxe Cabin	4,140.00	8,020.00
		1st Class Cabin	3,600.00	5,670.00
		AC Dormitory	1,880.00	3,450.00
		Bunk Class	690.00	1,790.00

Note:

All figures are in Rupees without food

Additional PMB Toll of Rs. 1.00 will be charged to the passengers plying between Kolkata/Port Blair For food, Rs. 200.00 (approx) is charged for Cabin Passengers and Rs. 150.00 for Bunk Passengers per head per day (subject to change without further notice)

Half fare is charged for children between 3 and 9 years.

Fare of Vessels per head one way for the year 2013-2014 w.e.f. 01/04/2013:				
S/N	Name of Vessel	Class of Accommodation	Fare for Islanders (Rs)	Fare for Non Islanders (Rs)
1	Mv Swaraj Dweep / Mv Nancowry/ Mv Nicobar	Deluxe Cabin	4,350.00	8,420.00
		1st Class Cabin	3,930.00	6,970.00
		2nd Class Cabin	2,950.00	5,540.00
		Bunk Class	790.00	2,160.00
2	Mv Harshvardhana	Deluxe Cabin	4,350.00	8,420.00
		1st Class Cabin	3,930.00	6,970.00
		2nd Class 'A' Cabin	2,950.00	5,540.00
		2nd Class 'B' Cabin	2,590.00	4,280.00
		Bunk Class	790.00	2,160.00
3	Mv Akbar	Deluxe Cabin	4,350.00	8,420.00
		1st Class Cabin	3,780.00	5,950.00
		AC Dormitory	1,970.00	3,620.00
		Bunk Class	720.00	1,880.00

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CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR TICKETS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

- Rs. 20/- for Cabin and Rs. 15/- for Bunk – 3 days prior to sailing.
- 25% of Fare 2 days prior to sailing
- 60% of Fare on the date of sailing
- No Refund after sailing of the vessel.

No ticket will be issued on the day of sailing