



# Lakshadweep

listen to the sound of silence

View of Bangaram





*Be amazed at*  
Lakshadweep !!!



Kavaratti Island Resort Room

The only coral island of India is a group of 27 islands, 12 atolls, 3 reefs and 5 submerged sand banks with a total land area of 32 sq/km situated in the Arabian Sea. Lakshadweep gives us the best of all good things for a perfect holiday. Serene beaches, open road, warm welcoming people, decent resorts, adventure activities, safe and guided water sports, sun bathed shores and wonders in underwater. In Lakshadweep you can slip away from hustle and bustle of urban jungle and step into the cocoon of tranquility. It is only a hop away from Kochi and Bangalore by Air India flights or one may avail the ship services from Kochi.





## Adventure Sports

Nature tourism spot | Mind blowing marine diversity, the golden glow of generous sunshine, pristine beaches makes Lakshadweep a destination for relaxation, recuperation and rejuvenation with fun and excitement. The islands are a haven for adventure enthusiasts. Engage yourself in adrenaline driven jet ski ride, lift yourself in a parasail, surf the waves or for more adventurous, rest in the womb of mother earth and explore the underwater marvel while scuba diving. As a first in the country, a full fledged Lakshadweep Diving Academy (LDA) affiliated with PADI is in place in Lakshadweep. PADI 5 star dive centre at Kavaratti and its sub centres at Kadmat, Minicoy, Kaseeri and Thinnakara/Bangaram are imparting training in scuba diving to novices and experienced alike. LDA offers courses varying from Discover Scuba Dive to PADI Dive Instructor. Apart from this, the LDA is spearheading the recreational dives in the islands and attractive dive packages are available to the discerning traveler.





A Treasure Trove Of Warmth





"Culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of it's people"

## When journey turns unforgettable . . .

A Hundred Thousand Islands !! "LAKSHA - DWEEP" ,that's what we can define the Lakshadweep in Sanskrit. Lakshadweep a perfect holiday destination invites you to the serene blue radiance, sunny beaches, incredible coral reefs, endless marine beauty merging with the horizon, white sands, safe and exciting water sports.

Lakshadweep is an archipelago consisting of 27 islands, 12 atolls, 3 reefs and 5 submerged banks in the Arabian Sea. Islands have 32 sq.kms and the lagoons covered by atolls cover an area of 4200 sq.kms. The tiniest Union Territory of India formed in 1956 is tucked away at 220-440 km off the Kerala coast. Kavaratti is the administrative headquarter. All islands constitute one district for administration with 4 tehsils. Each district has a democratic setup in the form of a village (Dweep) Panchayat. At Union Territory level, there is a District Panchayat. Lakshadweep is the best tropical coral island of India and India's one of its kind "Adventure Sport Nature Tourism" location that owns world's premier dive spots, rich eco-system, marine wealth, coral reefs, silver sandy beaches, virgin environment and pristine water.

The best time to visit Lakshadweep is from October to mid May. From mid May to September, it is rainy.

Here your holidays are filled with the music of silence, strolling down sandy beaches, wandering in the long pathway, indulging in local cuisine and exhilarating water sports. This is absolutely a dream come true moment in one's holiday.

## Specialty Islands

### AGATTI

459 km away from Kochi. It is 6 km long and 1 km wide. The lagoons have rich coral growths and multi coloured coral fishes. Agatti carries some of the best swimming beaches, unsurpassed diving, snorkeling and fishing spots in the world. Agatti is connected by air from Kochi and is the gateway to uninhabited islands Bangaram and Thinnakara where comfortable tented accommodation is available. Enjoy the abundant coral growths, get involved in water sports like diving and snorkeling, swim along the best beaches in the world, go for deep sea fishing.

### BANGARAM

459 km from Kochi, which spreads over 120 acres. It witnesses warm climate round the year. Bangaram is surrounded by a shallow lagoon enclosed by coral reef. It is ranked among the best get aways of the world. One can discover the graceful fishers, porcupines, parrots, puffer fishes, hermit crabs and sea birds here. There are options for scuba diving, beach games, swimming, snorkeling and deep sea fishing. Tented accommodation is available in this island. Dive into the shallow sea to enjoy scuba diving, snorkeling and to engage yourself in beaches.

### KALPENI

287 km away from Kochi. It has one of the largest lagoons in Lakshadweep archipelago. Here one can swim, reef walk or water sport on kayak, sail boat and pedal boat. Water sport crafts are available on hire. Two bathing huts with change rooms are available at Koomal Beach Resort. A visit to the Hosiery factory and the light house is also included in the day's program. It is a part of Lakshadweep Samudram and Coral Reef package.

### KADMAT

407 km away from Kochi. It is 8 km long and 550 m wide at its broadest point and has a very large lagoon on the western side with abundant coral growth. Under 'Marine Wealth Awareness Programme', one can spend 3-4 days here. Kadmat offers long sandy beaches for sunbath and water sports crafts like kayaks, pedal boats, sailing yachts, skiing boats and glass-bottomed boats are available on hire. Air conditioned and non-air conditioned accommodation are available in this island. One can visit the island in Coral Reef packages as well as flight packages from Kochi.

### KAVARATTI

Kavaratti is the administrative capital of Lakshadweep. It is located between 10° 33' North latitude and 72° 38' East longitude, 404 km away from Kochi. Kavaratti is an ideal spot for water sports, swimming and basking on warm sandy beaches. Prime attraction is the captivating aquarium with many varieties of corals and different species of beautiful colourful fishes. Planetarium has been opened for tourists and public. Urja Mosque, a most important pilgrim centre of Muslims, is situated here. There is a facility for easy viewing of the exotic underwater world through the glass bottomed boats. Kayaks and sailing yachts are available on hire. Lakshadweep Diving Academy is located at Kavaratti. It is part of Lakshadweep Samudram, Silver Sands and Coral Reef package.

### MINICOY

338 km away from Kochi. It is about 10.8 km long and is the second largest island in the territory. Minicoy is almost completely covered with coconut trees. It is semi circular shaped and has one of the largest lagoons. Viringil is the small inlet that can be seen on the south. Two blocks of tourist cottages are available for the staying tourists. It is part of Lakshadweep Samudram, Coral Reef and Swaying Palm packages. Visit the ancient lighthouse constructed in 1885. Get a snack peek into the tuna canning factory, enjoy a long drive through the dense coconut groves and winding village roads. Options for swimming, beach walk, pedal boating.



TRAVEL is more than the seeing of sights

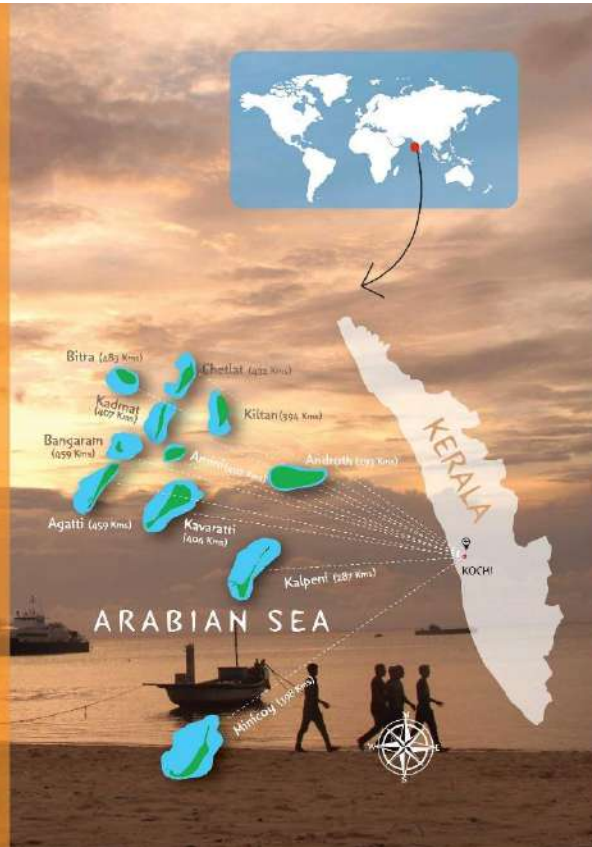


## QUICK FACTS

Area	: 32 sq.km
Status	: Union Territory of India
Location	: It is 220 to 440 km of the Malabar Coast, Kerala
Total islands	: 37
Population	: 64,429
Language spoken	: Malayalam & Maithi
Max. temperature	: 32°C
Min. temperature	: 26°C
Humidity	: 70 - 75%
Required clothing	: Cotton
Climate	: Tropical
Food	: Spicy, Rich Coconut, Vegetarian, Non - Vegetarian, Fried, Barbecued Fish.
Inhabited islands	: Kavaratti, Kalpeni, Minicoy, Agatti, Kadmat, Androth, Amini, Kiltan, Chetlat, Bitra
Tourists Focal Islands	: Kadmat, Kavaratti, Kalpeni, Minicoy, Agatti, Bangaram, Thinnakara
How to reach	: By Air from Kochi & Bangalore By Ship from Kochi, Calicut and Mangalore.

## TOURIST PACKAGES

Lakshadweep Samudram	: 5-day package covering Kavaratti, Kalpeni & Minicoy.
Coral Reef	: 4-day package covering any two islands of Kavaratti, Kadmat, Kalpeni & Minicoy
Marine Wealth Awareness	: 4-6 days (2 days on board for journey) Night stay at Kadmat beach resort.
Swaying Palm	: 2-6 days at Minicoy with 2 days for onward and return journey to Kochi
Silver Sands	: 1 day at Kavaratti, with 2 days for onward and return journey to Kochi
Flight Packages	: 2-6 days stay at Bangaram/Thinnakara, Kadmat and Kavaratti. Flight from Kochi to Agatti and by speed vessel to Bangaram, Kadmat and Kavaratti.
Diving packages	: Available at Kavaratti, Kadmat, Minicoy, Kalpeni, Bangaram, Thinnakara



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