



barefoot scuba

DIVE CENTRE ANDAMAN ISLANDS



BAREFOOT SCUBA

Barefoot Scuba is the first and longest-standing PADI 5 Star IDC dive centre in the Andaman Islands and trains thousands of divers every year. We are a team of 12 instructors and 2 administrative staff with 4 boats and over 20 years of operations. We are located on the beautiful Havelock Island, home to some of the most stunning beaches, lush rainforests and rich marine diversity.

At Barefoot Scuba, the safety of our divers is our foremost concern. We adhere to the prescribed depth limits of diver certification and at the same time, ensure that you have a lot of fun.



THE DIVE SITES

Nearby sites (within 20-minute reach by boat)

The Wall

A deep dive site that drops from 10m/30ft down to 55 m/180 ft. It is a challenging dive for beginners and an interesting one for more experienced divers. The currents that flow over the wall with the changing of the tides attract large schools of fish. You can see Napoleon wrasses, giant groupers, trevallies, and snappers swimming over a garden of purple soft corals. Octopuses, scorpionfish, and resident stonefish add to the thrill of this beautiful site.

Slope

A dive site off the little white channel marker at the entrance of the channel that leads to Havelock's jetty. The reef slopes gently from 4m/10ft down to the sand at 20 m/65 ft, with the better coral and fish life in the shallows. Peppered with the usual bannerfish, angelfish, schooling fusiliers, and red-tooth triggerfish, this site also has interesting macro life which, along with the well-illuminated shallows, is any photographer's delight.



Faraway sites (45 min to 1-hour boat ride)

White House Rock

During the dive briefing, some instructors would ask you to imagine a massive plum cake with white toppers - what a delicious imagery you get before the dive! White House Rock is a large stand of rock rising from the bottom at 30m/100ft to almost all the way up to the surface. This site boasts steep sides of rock and coral playing host to barracudas, fusiliers, and a variety of surgeonfish. Carpets of fan coral skirt the bottom of the formation, which is peppered with anemones and feather stars. Dolphins often bow ride with the boats on the way to the dive site.

Inchkeith Wreck

In March 1955, the cargo vessel, SS Inchkeith, carrying coal and timber struck a rock and sank at the mouth of the inlet near Duncan Island. Today, it is a popular dive site with its generally lower visibility giving the wreck an air of mystery. The bow rests on its starboard side with the hatches and cargo hold clearly visible. An enormous propeller is the star attraction at the stern, which sits upright in 18 m/60 ft of water. Anemones and corals encrust the ship's skeleton, and solitary giant grouper and great barracuda sometimes emerge from the shadows.



Johnny's Gorge

Johnny's Gorge is a bed of low-lying rocky outcrops emerging from the bottom at 30m/100ft. Surrounded by sand in every direction, these rocks have become an oasis of security and food for everything from small angelfish and anemonefish to spectacular schools of mackerels, barracudas, trevallies, humphead parrotfish, surgeonfish, and snappers. And if this isn't enough, this world-class dive site is also home to reef sharks, giant groupers, large stingrays, and visiting manta and eagle rays. There is very rarely a quiet moment at Johnny's Gorge.

Broken Ledge

Broken Ledge is an interesting dive site of low-lying rocky outcrops emerging from the bottom at 24 m/80 ft. The slanted topography is often compared to a crash-landed flying saucer with one side buried in the sand and the other jutting out. You can swim through the small canyons and find giant moray eels residing inside the mysterious overhangs. This site has an incredible reef fish density, including lionfish, Napoleon wrasses, marbled groupers, and thousands of schooling longfin bannerfish.



Minerva Ledge

Minerva Ledge is too large to take in on one dive, and so there are three locations on the ledge that we take our guests out to. Flat coral gardens stretch out into the blue inhabited by the ubiquitous schools of fusilier, surgeonfish, and snappers. The occasional turtle, moray eel, and giant grouper take refuge under rocky outcrops. The edge of Minerva Ledge tapers down into deeper waters towards the east, and is frequented by pelagic denizens like tunas, barracudas, and marbled stingrays. The strong currents at this site also allows for drift diving.

Dixon's Pinnacle

Giant rock pinnacles emerge from the shadowy bottom of about 34 m/110 ft and are covered in colourful corals and large barrel sponges. Barracudas hover in mid-water, sometimes joined by batfish and trevallies. Stingrays and Napoleon wrasses cruise along the bottom amidst massive schools of snappers. The top of the pinnacles is a cleaning station buzzing with constant activity.



WHEN TO VISIT?

We are open and dive year around, however the season is typically from September through May with June, July, and August seeing enough monsoon rains to keep the island lush for the rest of the year. For a week or two during November and December, there are the milder retreating monsoon showers that generally do not affect scuba diving. February through April are the summer months that present excellent underwater visibility thanks to ample sunlight and ideal sea conditions.



ROOMS AT SCUBA RESORT

AC Sea-facing Duplex Cottage

This elegant wooden cottage faces the sea through a small grove of coconut trees. The bedroom on the upper floor leads out to a private balcony, which is the perfect place to relax after a day of diving. A queen-size bed with an 8-inch mattress, with a mosquito net, will lull you to sleep in no time. On the lower level are the bathroom and the lounge. The lounge has a comfy sofa and glass sliding doors so you can enjoy the view of the ocean from the comfort of your room.

Rs. 7,500 + 12% GST
For double occupancy including breakfast



AC Sea-view Cottage

The sea-view cottage is a wooden AC chalet that is slightly different from our sea-facing duplex cottages. This cottage also shares the same splendid view of Beach No. 3. and the balcony on the upper level is a beautiful place to relax and take in the cerulean waters and the white sands.

The bedroom with a queen-size bed and a mosquito net is on the upper floor offering interiors that are simple and comfortable. The exclusive bathroom is on the lower level accessed by a small flight of stairs adjacent to the cottage.

Rs. 5,500 + 12% GST
For double occupancy including breakfast



AC Tented Cottage

The tented cottage is rustic, spacious, clean, and comfortable. The room is equipped with a double bed, a mosquito net, an air conditioner and pedestal fans to keep the interiors nice and airy. The bedroom leads to the changing room complete with a clothes rack, a luggage area, and a dressing mirror. In the front of the tent is a porch with lovely wooden high back chairs from where you can enjoy your morning coffee with a view of the garden.

Rs. 5,500 + 12% GST
For double occupancy including breakfast



A Frame Hut

The A Frame Hut is a cosy cane and bamboo structure perfect for backpackers on a budget. It comes with a wall-mount fan, a light, a mattress, a mosquito net, and a power socket, which are just enough for travellers looking for accommodation that is inexpensive for long stays. It does not have an en suite bathroom; however, the resort has 5 clean common bathrooms equipped with western-style toilets and showers for the use of the guests staying in the hut.

Rs. 400 + 12% GST
For double occupancy including breakfast

Points to note

- All prices are for single or double occupancy only
- A Frame Hut has a queen-size mattress (no cot), blanket, mosquito net, wall mount fan, light and power socket
- Room bookings are confirmed after 100% advance payment
- Guests must pre-book scuba diving or snorkelling activity with room
- Check-in 12 PM; check-out 10 AM

SCUBA DIVING PRICE LIST



For Beginners

PADI Open Water Diver Course	
- Basic (4 days)	Rs. 29,000
- Premium (5 days, private coaching, 2 extra dives, photos, videos)	Rs. 58,000
PADI Scuba Diver Course (2½ days)	Rs. 19,400
PADI Discover Scuba Diving (½ day)	
- Shore dive	Rs. 6,000
- Boat dive	Rs. 7,500
- Extra dive (same day)	Rs. 3,500

Fun Diving

1 day / 2 dives	Rs. 7,000
2 days / 4 dives	Rs. 14,000
3 days / 6 dives	Rs. 20,500
4 days / 8 dives	Rs. 27,000
5 days / 10 dives	Rs. 33,500
6 days / 12 dives	Rs. 40,000
7th day onwards / 2 dives	Rs. 6,000
Night dive	Rs. 4,500
15 litre tank	Rs. 500

Note: Additional Rs. 1,000 per day for dives at faraway sites (Johnny's Gorge, Dixon's Pinnacle, Jackson's Bar, Minerva, Broken Ledge, White House Rock & Inchkeith Wreck)

Refresher

Full Scuba Review (with 1 shore dive)	Rs. 8,000
Lite Scuba Review (with 2 boat dives)	Rs. 9,000

Snorkelling

Snorkelling excursion (2 sites, boat)	Rs. 4,500
Snorkelling off the boat (1 site)	Rs. 2,500
Snorkelling off the shore (1 site)	Rs. 2,000

Advanced Courses

PADI Adventure Diver (1-2 days)	Rs. 16,600
PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (2-3 days)	
- Basic	Rs. 24,500
- Premium (private coaching, photos, videos)	Rs. 39,500
PADI Rescue Diver (2-3 days)	Rs. 24,500
Emergency First Responder	Rs. 14,000

Course Combo

Discover Scuba Diving + Open Water Diver	Rs. 32,400
Open Water + Advanced Open Water Diver	Rs. 49,050
EFR + Rescue Diver	Rs. 34,650

Specialities

PADI Speciality Course with 2 dives	Rs. 13,900
PADI Speciality Course with 3 dives	Rs. 16,200
PADI Speciality Course with 4 dives	Rs. 19,700
PADI Enriched Air Diver - Nitrox (theory only)	Rs. 9,900

Pro Courses

PADI Divemaster (course dives only)	Rs. 85,000
PADI Assistant Instructor	Rs. 30,000
EFR + Rescue + Divemaster (course dives)	Rs. 1,23,500
EFR + Rescue + Divemaster (full dives)	Rs. 1,53,500
Zero to Hero Divemaster	Rs. 2,02,950
Zero to Hero Instructor Internship (1 year)	Rs. 3,50,000

Note: PADI application fee for pro courses is additional, payable to PADI directly
Contact for IDC

Prices valid till 31 July 2023
18% GST applicable