



Step Into History

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MUSEUMS

**"DISCOVER  
THE ISLAND  
STORY,  
ONE  
MUSEUM  
AT A TIME"**





## CELLULAR JAIL NATIONAL MEMORIAL

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Built by the British in 1906, it was designed as a high-security prison with seven radiating wings of solitary cells — meant to isolate inmates completely and crush any sense of unity. It held hundreds of Indian freedom fighters, including Veer Savarkar, who endured inhumane torture and isolation here. The jail's name "Cellular" comes from its design — each prisoner confined in a single cell ("cellular isolation"). Today, it stands as a national memorial and a powerful symbol of India's struggle for independence, where the light-and-sound show vividly brings to life the stories of courage and sacrifice.



📍 ~4 km (10–15 mins) from the airport  
🕒 9:00 am – 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

## ANTHROPOLOGICAL MUSEUM

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The museum offers a rare glimpse into the lives of the six indigenous tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands — including the Jarawas, Onges, Sentinelese, Shompens, Great Andamanese, and Nicobarese. Life-size replicas of tribal dwellings give visitors an immersive experience. The museum houses tools, weapons, clothing, models of tribal huts, photographs, and artifacts depicting island life before outside contact.



📍 ~5 km (15 mins) from the airport  
🕒 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



## SAMUDRIKA NAVAL MARINE MUSEUM



Samudrika showcases the entire ecosystem of the Andamans — from its marine life and coral reefs to its tribal communities and geography. One of the highlights is the **massive skeleton of a blue whale** that washed ashore on the Nicobar coast.



📍 ~6 km (15–20 mins) from the airport  
🕒 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

## FISHERIES MUSEUM

The museum exhibits preserved specimens of corals, shells, sharks, starfish, turtles, and sea cucumbers, all found in the island waters. Lifelike models of aquatic species and fishing boats help visualize the connection between the people and the sea.

Delphinus (Photo below) is the common type found at Andaman & Nicobar water and found in Large Schools. They vary in size from 1.2 m and 40 kg, up to 3.5 m and 100 kg.

📍 ~5.5 km (15–20 mins) from the airport.  
🕒 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.





## CHATHAM SAW MILL

Asia's oldest and India's first sawmill, established in 1883 by the British. The Chatham Saw Mill played a vital role in supplying timber for building Port Blair and other colonial structures across the islands. The island was also the first British settlement in the Andamans in 1789, though it was later shifted due to a malaria outbreak. Today, visitors can explore the sawmill's fascinating heritage museum, which showcases vintage logging equipment, artifacts, and the island's forestry history.



📍 ~10 km (25–30 mins) from the airport

🕒 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

## SCIENCE CENTRE

Reflecting the island's geography, several exhibits focus on marine life, oceanography, and coastal ecosystems. A unique geological display explains how the Andaman & Nicobar Islands were formed by tectonic movements. Visitors can experience optical illusions, energy experiments, and motion demonstrations — learning through play.

### MAJOR ACTIVITIES:-

- Star Gazing through telescope.
- Bubble Show.
- 3D Show.
- Taramandal Show.
- Science Magic Show.



📍 ~9 km (20–25 mins) from the airport

🕒 10:00 AM to 02:30 PM.