

Now Visit India's Only Active Volcano On The Newly Launched Cruise From Andaman

The round-trip boat ride offers visitors a unique chance to take in the stunning views of the only active volcano in India

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The Andaman and Nicobar Islands will soon offer a new adventure with a round-voyage boat service to Barren Island, home to India's only active volcano. Beginning on October 24, the service will enhance tourism options and provide tourists a chance to enjoy this geological wonder's breathtaking views like never before. Separate excursions will be planned for students attending government schools.

The fortnightly cruises, which are run by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS), will leave Haddo Wharf in Sri Vijaya Puram every Friday at 9 pm, and arrive near Barren Island early on Saturday morning. The ship will return to Sri Vijaya Puram by around 4 pm on the same day, having started the return voyage at 8 am.

Ticket Price For Cruise To Barren Island:

DSS e-ticketing system allows online reservations for this special cruise. This is the recently unified fare structure:

Coral Suite, which has two beds, costs Rs 8,310 per person

Reef Suite (four beds): Rs 6,340 per person

Island Breeze (6-bed lodging): Rs 4,290 per person

Dormitory Lagoon (16 to 24 beds): Rs 3,180 per person

Snacks, high tea, bed tea/breakfast, lunch, and evening tea will all be covered by the inclusive meal coupon of Rs. 2000 that will be used to pay for the onboard food. Onboard, coupons can be bought straight away.

About Barren Island

Barren Island is an uninhabited island near the meeting point of the Indian and Burmese tectonic plates, approximately 140 kilometres from Sri Vijaya Puram. It covers 8.34 square kilometres and is known for its



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Barren island is the only active volcano site in India Photo Credit: Incredible India

active stratovolcano, which has erupted

multiple times recently, including small-scale eruptions in September.

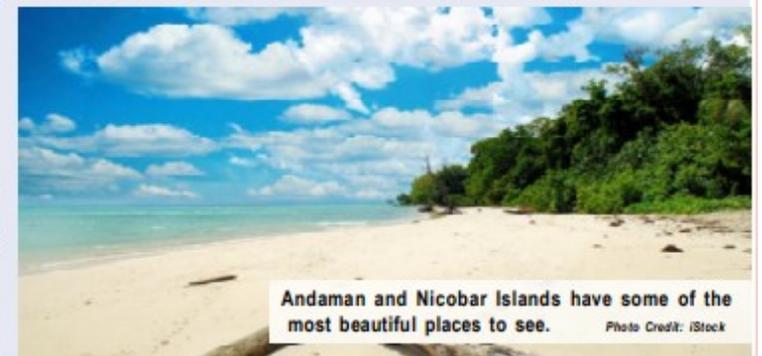
According to data from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's archives, Barren Island's first eruption occurred in 1787, and moderate eruptions occurred in 1991, 2005, 2017, and 2022. The most recent ones took place this year on September 13 and 20.

Ms. Chanchal Yadav, Commissioner of Shipping and Managing Director of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO), stated that the Directorate of Shipping Services took the initiative to boost tourism in response to the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's directives, as per reports.

Separate excursions will be planned for government school students in order to encourage educational engagement and provide them with a distinctive opportunity to learn about the geological aspects of the location.

Other significant locations with glittering ocean waves, bright blue skies, and tranquil surroundings to explore at the Andamans include the following.

Must-See Places In Andaman And Nicobar Islands:



Andaman and Nicobar Islands have some of the most beautiful places to see. Photo Credit: iStock

- ◆ Cellular Jail
- ◆ Museum Circuit
- ◆ Radhanagar Beach
- ◆ Elephant Beach
- ◆ Kala Pathar Beach
- ◆ Chidiya Tapu
- ◆ Limestone Caves
- ◆ Ross and Smith Island Beach
- ◆ Mount Harriet and Madhuban
- ◆ Campbell Bay National Park
- ◆ Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park

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