

Scuba divers rejoice as the *Infiniti* live-aboard confirms schedule for diving trips to incredible Barren Island in the Andaman Islands

Scuba divers in India and around the world are in for a special treat this February – April as the *Infiniti* live-aboard, India's pioneering live-aboard superyacht will do special scuba diving trips to the legendary Barren Island in the Andaman Islands.



While there are many diving destinations in the Andamans, the most elusive and beautiful is "**Barren Island**". Diving the surrounding waters of this remote island with the only active volcano in all of South Asia is simply stunning! With superb visibility, lush & fast growing coral gardens, Manta Rays & other pelagics, abundant & varied marine life, unique underwater stone & lava formations. This is scuba diving at its most sublime! There are several stunning dive sites here such as Purple Haze, Coral Paradise, Manta Bay, Auditorium & Gallery & more.

See more about dive sites of Barren Island here:

http://www.infinitiliveaboard.com/blog/details/7/dive_sites_of_barren_island_andaman_islands

Barren is a remote island, about 135 km from Port Blair. This isolated island in the middle of the ocean hosts the only active volcano in South Asia. While the island itself is interesting with the volcano consistently blowing ash & smoke, black sand beaches and mysterious population of wild goats (nobody knows how

these goats came to be on the island, but the speculation is that the British had left them there and somehow they have adapted to surviving on salt water) – the main attraction is the absolutely stunning diving in the waters surrounding this remote island.

This remote, uninhabited island, far from other islands, is accessible only via a live-aboard. Hence until now it was nearly impossible to experience the legendary diving here, but now India's pioneering live-aboard superyacht the *Infiniti Live-aboard* has confirmed schedules for taking divers on this amazing adventure to this remote volcano. Owing to the remoteness of the island & the topography, trips to Barren Island can only be undertaken for a short period between February to April. The *Infiniti* has announced confirmed trips between these months, ranging from 5 nights to 9 nights. Divers & travellers from around the world such as USA, France, Spain, Slovenia, Italy, Russia, UAE, Qatar & of course India have already made confirmed bookings for these trips.

Confirming the trip schedules to Barren Island, Sunil Bakshi, founder & CEO of the *Infiniti Live-aboard* said, "We are really excited to take divers of the world to Barren Island starting from February 2015. It is simply the most amazing diving in all of Andaman Islands, and certainly very unique among the world's major diving destinations. Such exclusive trips is our primary motivation for starting the *Infiniti live-aboard* and it fulfills a lifelong dream for me personally and for many divers from around the world. If you love to dive, then don't miss this chance!!"

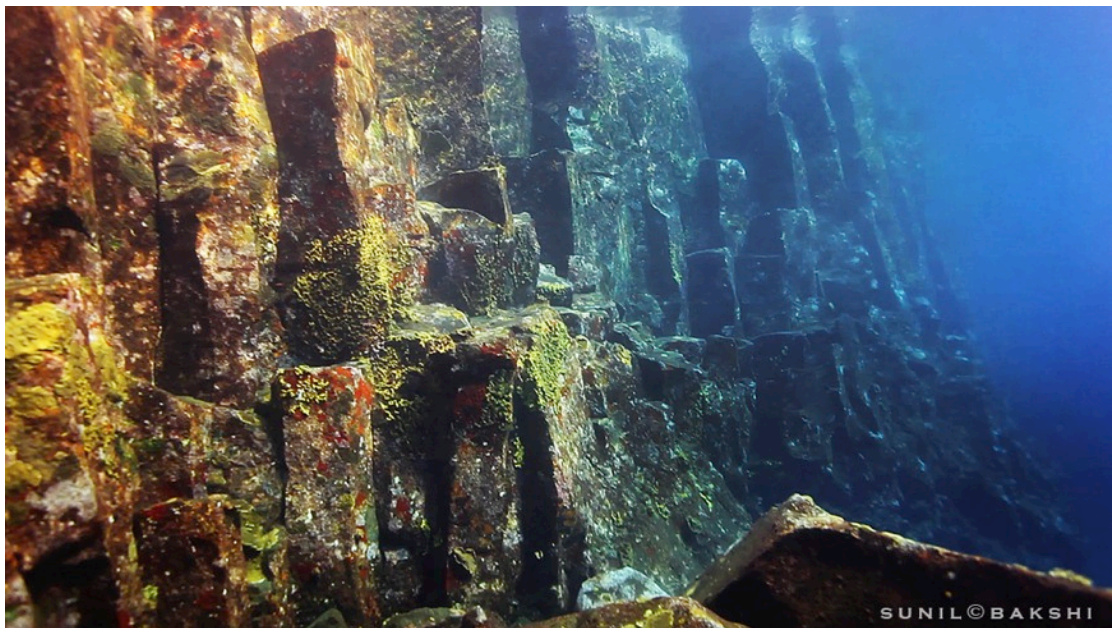
Avid scuba diver & world traveller Ms Rahat Nathani from Mumbai, India said " If there is a paradise under water then Barren is it. Just imagine diving under a smoking volcano - the image of that itself is mind blowing. This trip should be on every divers bucket list!"



Dive site "Coral Paradise" at Barren Island – gardens of lush, fast growth coral



A Manta Ray glides by gracefully underwater at Barren Island



Dive site: *The Grotto*

Introduction to the Andaman Islands & diving here:



The Andaman Islands, among the most remote islands in the world, are a relaxed tropical island outpost belonging to India. In sharp contrast to the otherwise crowded Indian destinations, the Andaman Islands are a serene paradise for travellers. One of India's most fascinating water bodies, the archipelago comprises 572 virgin tropical islands with unique wildlife & lush forests; and with the [Andaman Sea](#) to the east between the islands and the coast of Burma.

Stunning, near-deserted beaches, remote volcanoes, gorgeous corals and marine life, an intriguing colonial past and the remnants of a Stone Age culture lure travellers to these mysterious islands in the warm, tropical waters. After a 50 year period of virtual isolation from the outside world the Indian government has made a decision to allow limited, environmentally conscious tourism development in the islands while committing itself to protecting the island's aboriginal population and its natural environment.

Visiting the Andaman Islands really is a special adventure. These islands are among the last places in the world with a minimum human footprint - only 26 of these 572 islands are inhabited. Until the beginnings of colonial rule, the islands were populated mainly by indigenous peoples. Today, the majority of population is mainland settlers who live in and around Port Blair.



Diving the Andaman Islands

Come see varied secrets of unspoiled natural islands... Diving around the Andaman Islands of India, one of the last unexplored diving frontiers in the world; in a luxury live-aboard is an experience no diver should miss!

Until recently, the Andaman Islands were completely isolated and the new tourism development has been environmentally conscious, resulting in abundant and diverse marine life in surrounding waters for divers to explore. With fringing reefs, steeply sloping walls, coral pinnacles, wrecks, plus the more unusual jet-black volcanic walls of Barren Island, there is something for every diver on a live-aboard cruise to the Andaman Islands!

Only a few diving destinations in the world feature more than a single major attraction. Andaman islands is one place that offers it all.

Introduction to the *Infiniti Live-aboard*

The *Infiniti* is India's pioneering scuba diving live-aboard conducting incredible diving adventures in the pristine Andaman Islands. Diving the remote Andaman Islands with the *Infiniti Live-aboard* has been listed among top 20 experiences of India¹. About to complete two years of operations in the Andamans, the *Infiniti* has attracted & hosted travellers & divers from all over the world. As the only live-aboard operating in this huge area of the Andaman Sea in the Indian Ocean, the *Infiniti* is committed to providing exclusive & unique diving trips to enthusiasts of the underwater world.

The *Infiniti* is a 39m superyacht with four decks, and multiple relaxation areas including an indoor lounge, an outdoor lounge, a dining room & a huge sundeck. 12 guests are accommodated in six spacious & nicely furnished guest rooms on the main deck & upper deck. The *Infiniti* has a highly qualified onboard crew (captain & other ship crew, hospitality team including a dedicated chef & dive team of PADI divemasters & instructors). The *Infiniti* was custom designed & built in Thailand in 2013 under complete supervision of RINA² & is certified for unrestricted navigation in the open sea and also IRS³ certified for Indian registration and operation in all waters of India. It is a PADI dive boat and is authorized to teach diving & issue PADI certifications.



The Indoor lounge on the Infiniti

¹ Source: Conde Nast Traveller India

² Royal Institute of Naval Architects, Italy

³ Indian Registrar of Shipping



The beautiful live-aboard (superyacht) Infiniti

A diving package for a 5-night live-aboard trip to Barren Island on the *Infiniti* is priced at \$1,899 or Rs 1,09,000 + tax and includes:

- Twin share accommodation on the Infiniti
- All meals freshly prepared in onboard kitchen by dedicated chef & served in the dining room
- All diving with expert dive guides (including night dives)
- All day tea, coffee, water & soft drinks
- Airport transfers at Port Blair
- Journey to Barren Island & other dive sites as per itinerary
- A special “*barbecue under the stars*” evening
- Onboard relaxation in the Infiniti’s lounges & decks
- Unlimited snorkeling
- Use of top quality scuba equipment & dive computers

Dates: February 21st to 26th

For more information, please visit www.InfinitiLiveAboard.com
<http://www.cntraveller.in/story/whole-new-way-go-diving-andamans>
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