

## The internationally acclaimed *Infiniti* Live-aboard completes two year of operations in the Andaman Islands

- First pleasure-craft classed by IRS and permanently registered with India flag
- Scuba divers & travellers from all over the world hosted
- Scientific partnerships established

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The internationally acclaimed “Infiniti Live-aboard” – India’s first scuba diving live-aboard - has successfully completed two year of operations in the Andaman Islands and is now into its third year.

A special achievement of the year was successful classing and certification under IRS<sup>1</sup> which makes the *Infiniti* the first-ever pleasure-craft to be permanently registered under an Indian flag. With this, the Infiniti is permitted to sail across all Indian waters unrestricted including in special areas such as the Lakshdweep islands and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In this second year, the Infiniti received strong international acclaim from travellers, divers, experts and international media. Divers came from all over the world, including North America,

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<sup>1</sup> Indian Registrar of Shipping

Europe, Australia, Asia and Middle East to experience the beautiful Andaman Islands and exclusive scuba diving in these waters.

Exquisite itineraries were crafted and perfectly executed by the *Infiniti's* highly qualified onboard team comprising of shipping professionals, hospitality crew and expert dive team. The *Infiniti* maintained its affiliation to PADI for teaching & certifying divers in accordance with PADI's global standards and to issue certifications that are accepted worldwide. Journeys included visiting pristine and remote islands including the famed active volcano at Barren Island, wreck-diving at some WWII wrecks and enchanting journeys to the southern islands such as Cinque, Passage & Sisters'. Some special celebrations were organized for Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, India's Republic Day and private milestones. Guests were thrilled with lovely underwater diving, onboard hospitality and visits to stunning islands and pristine beaches.

The *Infiniti's* unique, one-of-a-kind trips represent also an interesting scientific opportunity. Accordingly, the *Infiniti* has established significant international scientific partnerships for Reef Monitoring, Manta Ray conservation, and Global Volcanism programs.

Sunil Bakshi, founder & CEO of the *Infiniti* Live-aboard said, "It is a matter of pride that we have successfully completed two years of incredibly adventurous trips in the Andaman Islands for us. We are proud to be India's first live-aboard, and to have taken diving in India to a new level. The Andaman Islands have turned out to be an amazing destination to visit and explore. It is perfect for live-aboard journeys with far flung islands and plenty of undiscovered secrets. We look forward to hosting more travellers from all over the world to this beautiful spot."

The *Infiniti* will continue to sail until mid- April, thereafter closing for the monsoon off-season until September. It will restart its journeys in September and continue in the Andaman Islands for next season. *Infiniti* has postponed its plans to go to the Lakshdweep islands until October 2016.

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**The INFINITI** is India's pioneering scuba diving "live-aboard" – a passenger vessel fully equipped for comfortable onboard stay and sail. It takes passengers to the doorstep of the best dive spots in the Andaman Islands waters. It is a PADI authorized dive boat that also teaches diving for PADI certifications. The *Infiniti* sets new global benchmarks for design, engineering and onboard facilities. The *Infiniti* features guest rooms with en-suite bathrooms, a kitchen, a diving platform, an indoor dining room and relaxation areas including a large sun deck, an indoor lounge & an outdoor lounge. The vessel has been built to IACS class and RINA certified to reflect its highest quality and standards.

Andaman Islands, off the coast of India, are emerging as the world's new favorite dive destination. It features several unique diving attractions including volcanic diving, frontier diving, bioluminescent night diving, etc. The *Infiniti* Live-aboard facilitates peaceful & exclusive diving here for enthusiasts of the underwater world.

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