

BANGARAM ISLAND

Cochin-Bangaram-Cochin

Day 1 :Trivandrum- Cochin

On arrival at Cochin, meet our representative. Later proceed to Airport Hotel for check in..Rest of the day at leisure.Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2: Cochin -Bangaram

Morning after breakfast, you will be transferred to Cochin Airport to board your flight to Agathi Island.On arrival at Agathi,CGH team will meet you to transfer to Bangaram Island.Overnight at Bangaram



The Lakshadweep or Laccadives, as they were formerly called, are a string of little-known islands, lying 250 or so miles off the Malabar coast of India. There are 36 main islands in all, forming an archipelago of surpassing beauty. This is a world of silver sands and clear warm waters, of submerged banks and virgin reefs, enclosing a fascinating underwater world. Legend has it that the islands were discovered by shipwrecked sailors during the reign of Cheraman Perumal, a legendary King of Kerala, around 435 AD. Frankly, things haven't really changed much since. Nature and culture have both remained preserved over the centuries, miles from the mainland and the trade routes. The people continue to fish, grow coconuts and smile a lot. And that's in the handful of islands that have any population at all. The vast majority still remain much as they were the day nature

conjured them up.

Day 3 : Bangaram

Day to explore the Beach&activities at the resort.

Called sometimes the Jewel of the Lakshadweep, Bangaram Island is an sparsely populated haven. Barring the occasional visitor from nearby Agatti (where the airport is situated), the only full time residents are the resort staff. Teardrop shaped, thick with cool coconut plantations and encircled by a corona of silver sand, Bangaram lives up to every 'desert island' fantasy you've ever had. The air is fresh with ozone. Sparkling coral reefs unwind around turquoise blue lagoons, bursting with tropical life. The waters are calm, warm and perfect for swimming, snorkeling, diving or just plain wading and messing about. All this, of course, would tend to leave you with a difficult choice. Activity or inactivity?



If you're in an unhurried mood, you can simply laze on the silver beaches, soak in the sun, listen to the sound of the waves and watch the swaying of the palms. The island feels like it was designed specifically for languid strolls. Step out, stretch and watch the beach dances of hermit crabs, or listen to the raucous music of a hundred seabird chorus. But should you feel the need for a little more adventure on your holiday, Bangaram island offers a wholly different set of activities.



Day 4: Bangaram

Day to explore the Beach & activities at the resort.

The resort offers you a variety of outdoor pursuits - Kayaking, Catamaran sailing, snorkelling, deep sea fishing, and scuba diving. A well-equipped and professionally manned Scuba Diving facility is available at the resort. As a diving location, the virgin reefs of Bangaram have been ranked by many of the world's experienced divers as being among the best anywhere. Ancient shipwrecks get discovered every now and then, since the reefs aren't even fully explored yet. That's one reason why they abound in undersea life. Manta rays, eagle rays, moray eels and Hawksbill turtles are common, as are game fish. There are three uninhabited islands in the same atoll, Tinnakara, Parali and the not very imaginatively named Parali-II. Each can be reached by outboarding, sailing, rowing or for the incurably athletic, by kayaking or windsurfing from Bangaram. Perfect for a day's outing, if you're up to it...

Day 5: Bangaram

Day to explore the Beach&activities at the resort.

Coconut and fish are abundantly available on the island. So naturally, no meal would be complete without a selection of the day's catch. The cuisine styles are international and the menu also offers a selection from the coastal cuisines of India and local island recipes. You can get your freshly-caught shellfish served up in the main dining area, or opt for some beachside grilling of an evening. Impromptu barbecues just seem to happen and of course, there's the beachside bar to help keep your spirits up.



Day 6: Bangaram

Day to explore the Beach & activities at the resort.

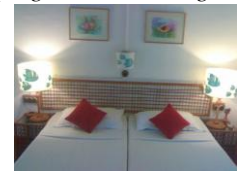
Accommodation on the island is simple and unpretentious. Set in 128 acres, there are 30 tiled -



roof beach huts, each with its own palm-thatched verandah, en-suite bathroom, ceiling fan and fridge.

In a bid to preserve Bangaram's unique environment, a hotel atmosphere is avoided intentionally, but fret not - there are enough creature comforts to ensure your stay is an enjoyable one. There are also four bungalows, which are bigger and offer total privacy. At the heart of the resort is the restaurant hut. It's an architectural marvel made by the islanders, crafted entirely out of bamboo and palm fronds, around a single tall central pole.

The inspiration for Bangaram turned out to be right next door from the fisherfolks' huts of the Lakshadweep, a dwelling that was pleasant, airy and made ingenious use of natural materials keeping the basic design, but adding modern plumbing, real beds and so forth.



Day 7: Bangaram- Cochin

Morning after breakfast, you will be transferred to Agathi Airport to board your flight to Cochin. On arrival at Cochin, you will be met and transferred to City Hotel. Afternoon for shopping in the city or you may visit our Ayurvedic Hospital for an orientation on Ayurveda and a relaxing Ayurvedic Massage. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 8: Cochin Departure

Like all good things, your holiday experience comes to an end but you will always carry with you memories of this unique and unforgettable experience. After breakfast, you will be assisted and transferred to Cochin International airport for your flight home!!



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