

Barefoot At Havelock – Havelock, Andaman Islands



The Andaman Islands – One Of The Last Paradises

First Class Beach Hotel



Rated No 1 Hotel In Andaman Islands

About Barefoot At Havelock

The **Andaman Islands** are **India's** secret paradise with stunning beaches, pristine coral reefs, dense forests, active volcanoes, swimming elephants, elusive dugongs and big fish all in one place. **Barefoot At Havelock** is an eco-hideaway in a splendid setting of white sand beach, turquoise seas and tropical rainforest on **Beach Number 7**, described as "**The Best Beach In Asia**" (**Time Magazine**)



Andaman Villa

Rooms

The 10 spacious **Nicobari Cottages** and eight **Andaman Villas** are scattered amongst tropical foliage and connected by winding pathways. All have are constructed from natural, regenerable materials and raised on stilts.

The simpler, **Nicobari Cottages** are more 'indigenous', with bamboo matting walls, local hardwood floors and palm thatch roofs. Interiors are spacious (350 sq.foot) with Balinese teak beds (netted four-posters or twins) and ensuite bathrooms with hot showers. **The Duplex Cottage** is ideal for families or honeymooners, with a mezzanine level bedroom and bathroom, and an upper level day-room open on three sides to the rainforest.

The air-conditioned **Andaman Villas** have wood-shingled roofs and walls of **Indonesian** hardwood. Interiors are more contemporary, with huge netted beds and large floor-to-ceiling windows behind sliding shutters. Bathrooms have **Grohe** fittings and a glass-roofed shower area with views up into the jungle.



Dining Area At Barefoot

Fine Dining

Two kitchens operate at **Barefoot** - a traditional one with thatched walls and massive wood-fired hearth, and a more contemporary one. Guests also go to sister resort **Barefoot Scuba** on **Beach No.3** for lunch and dinner.

If you get lucky on a fishing trip, your catch will be cooked to order – grilled, fried, or curried. Tiger prawns, lobster, crab and other sea food can be ordered with half a day's notice.



Dunghi Boat

Activities

Beach No. 7 – is pristine, sandy and for sun worshippers. The nearby reefs offer some of the best diving in the world.

- **Scuba Diving (Dec - May):** The **Andaman Islands** are one of the last frontiers for scuba diving, their waters pristine and unmapped. Corals abound with colourful reef fish, sea turtles, barracuda, tuna, sting rays and the occasional dugong. **Barefoot Scuba** has a full professional dive centre at **Beach No. 3**, with **PADI** courses and recreational dive trips around **Havelock** and - with advance notice - further afield.

- **Snorkelling:** Tropical fish, bright corals and the elusive dugong. Try the sea-grass beds at the southern end of **Beach No. 7**, or head-up through the *mahua* forest to the pretty reef and lagoon of **Barefoot Cove**, or take a *dunghi* (long-tail boat) and a packed lunch to get dropped off on deserted **Elephant Beach**, with its unspoiled reef.

- **Swimming With Rajan:** For many the highlight is meeting **Rajan**, one of the amazing ocean-swimming elephants of the **Andamans**. Join him for a swim in the waters at **Beach No. 7** (you can be photographed with him underwater) or catch him early in the morning and help him get his breakfast.

- **Iyengar Yoga Programme:** (morning lessons or longer courses) held in panoramic pavilion between **January and April**.



Coral Reef At Havelock Island

- **Ayurvedic Treatments:** Practised in a bamboo and thatch pavilion looking onto the forest and lily pond.
- **Kayaking:** Borrow a kayak from the dive centre and explore the mangrove creeks or shallow reefs around the island.
- **Fishing:** take the dunghi and a hook-and-line, and go catch your dinner - or, better still, go out on a moonlit night.
- **Nature Walks:** a steep but rewarding walk, led by the resident field guide, takes you among birds, butterflies and orchids to the hill overlooking the cove.
- **Island Hopping Trips:** Book a trip to the **Button Islands Marine National Park** for spectacular snorkelling, with an overnight barbecue and option to camp on remote **Long Island**.
- **Other Excursions:** Book yourself on an overnight trip to **Barren Island**, India's only active volcano; or go on longer eco-tours to conservation bases scattered across the **Andaman Islands**.

NB. Please note that some of these activities are not available during the Low season and it is best to ask about them when you make your enquiry.



Elephant Rides On Havelock Beach

Hotel Website: <http://www.barefootindia.com>