

# ADVENTURE LEARNING ANDAMAN

## OVERVIEW

Located in the Bay of Bengal, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands are a spectacular group of islands encompassed within the Indo-Burma global biodiversity hotspot. The diverse coral reef and rainforest ecosystems in close proximity to each other offer excellent field opportunities for students to explore both terrestrial and marine ecosystems. With a rich colonial and migration history, these islands offer a wide spectrum of developmental and cultural learning experiences.

The Reef-to-Rainforest Programme is based at ANET (Andaman Nicobar Environment Team) field station closely surrounded by various ecosystems like marshy mangroves, thickets of rainforests and a pristine beach. Most of the programme is spent outdoors exploring these ecosystems, while the rest of the time is spent in collaborative activities and conversations on each other's observations.



**Andaman, India**

# Route



The group will arrive at Port Blair Airport. First-Hand Experiences staff will be at the airport to receive the group.



# Itinerary



## Day 1

### Arrival

Arrive at Port Blair Airport, transfer to field station in North Wandoor. Accommodation allocation and briefing. Interactive ice-breaker activity. Introduction to the programme and an overview of what's in store. Introduction to Andaman Islands and history of ANET field station.

## Day 2

### Treasure Hunt

Treasure hunt around ANET field station to familiarise students with the space and the philosophies on which the community has been built. An interactive discussion on the history of the islands and its biodiversity. Visit to Cellular Jail and Ross Island for Light & Sound Show on the colonial history of the Andaman Islands.

## Day 3

### Scuba/Snorkel

Go diving/snorkling along with a Marine Biologist to observe and identify various marine life and associations between organisms on a reef. Post-dive activity to identify corals and marine life spotted during the dive.

## Day 4

### Forest trek

A forest trek to explore concepts such as stratification, understand dispersal mechanisms in nature, adaptations, endemism and traditional uses of common plants. Craft-making using natural and locally-sourced forest materials. Group activity to understand various stakeholders of the island ecosystem.

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## Day 5

### Kayaking

Kayaking through mangroves to observe system functions, community structure and adaptations. Shore walk to observe the rocky inter-tidal community and its adaptations; understand complex concepts seen in the zones including tides, zonation, adaptations and taxonomy. Community Cooking – make and share a traditional meal.

## Day 6

### Departure

### Accommodation

The field accommodation is provided at field station in North Wandoor, South Andaman (40 mins from Port Blair airport) in separate dormitories for male and female students in wooden cottages constructed by members of the Karen community of the Andaman Islands. The base has a fully-functional kitchen and full-time staff to provide three wholesome meals a day using fresh, locally sourced fish, meat and vegetables.

# Project Fee



## Project fee will be shared on request.

### Inclusions

1. Accommodation
2. All placements and activities
3. Three meals a day
4. Airport pick-up and drop-offs, and all local transfers
5. Full induction and orientation by experienced staff
6. Evening cultural activities
7. Entry fee and guided tours
8. 24/7 in-country support by our English speaking local Team.
9. Travel and Medical Insurance
10. Free place for a chaperon with every 20 students

### Exclusions

1. Flights
2. Spending money
3. Visa



# Cancellation Policy



- 1) Notice of 3 months or more: Full refund
- 2) Notice of 2 to 3 months: one-third of the total programme fee will be held by First-Hand Experiences
- 3) Notice of 1 to 2 months: two-thirds of the total programme fee will be held by First-Hand Experiences
- 4) Notice of less than one month: no refund.

Exceptions are entirely at the discretion of First-Hand Experiences and must be agreed in writing at the time when any postponement or cancellation is made.

