

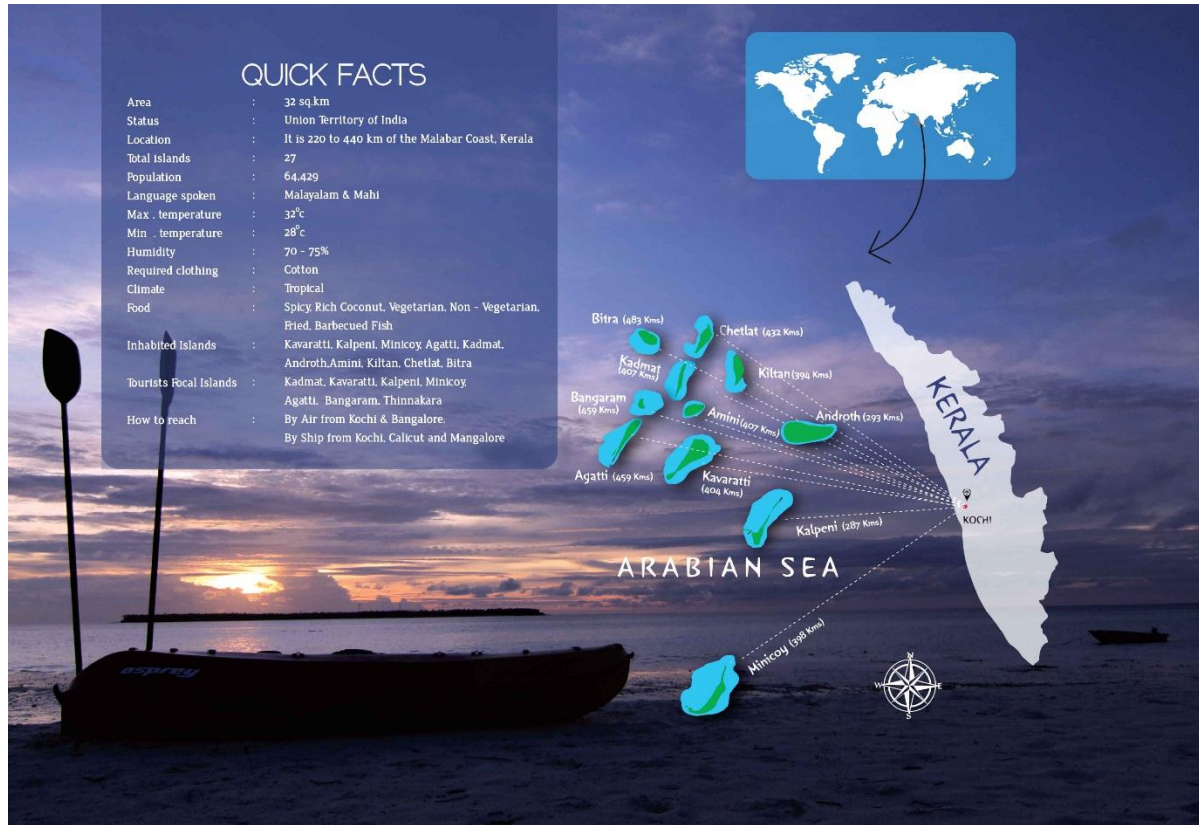
# Lakshadweep

Underwater Sovereignty



*The Way The World Learns to Dive*





Set in the translucent, azure waters of the Arabian Sea, the Lakshadweep archipelago is rapidly acquiring recognition as a preferred scuba diving destination. Unblemished by mass tourism, the pristine isles and submerged atolls are fringed and laced with an enthralling abundance of coral. Almost bewildering in its brilliance, this coral habitat is home to a thriving diversity of sea life. Submerged banks, caves, grottoes and sunken ship wrecks all combine to create a wondrous and exciting environment for the global scuba diving fraternity.

The Lakshadweep Administration was not slow to notice the vast potential of this aspect of tourism and threw its weight behind promoting and sustaining the growth of this adventure oriented sport. With an eye to bringing it abreast and possibly ahead of other world renowned diving destinations professional, infra-structural and support facilities and services are gradually and systematically being established to achieve future prominence.



The growing popularity of scuba diving as a global adventure sport was just the impetus needed for the Lakshadweep Diving Academy –LDA to initiate a professional academy in the islands. The LDA was established in 2012 and immediately affiliated itself to PADI (Professional Institute of Diving Instructors), the world's largest and most popular international diver training organisation. Funded by the Department of Tourism, the LDA embarked on a philanthropic programme, offering free scuba diving courses through various levels to local youth. The exercise was an unqualified success, leading to rewarding employment within the local community, the emergence of a thoroughly professional body of instructors to train and safeguard eager tourists and by default, to impart the message of environmental protection.

As early as 2013, the LDA was upgraded to PADI 5 Star Dive Resort status. Dive centres linked to the LDA at Kadmat, Minicoy, Kalpeni and Bangaram were also affiliated to PADI to ensure uniform linear standardisation. In 2015 LDA was elevated to PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Status, bringing with it the authorisation to offer and conduct PADI Instructor Development courses. A short while later further recognition followed when the LDA received 5 Star Instructor Development Dive Resort designation in the PADI Dive Centre and Member Directory of the PADI website.

In a move aimed at self-sustaining growth based on quality assurance, the LDA recently conducted its first ever Instructor Development Course featuring the world's best Course Director and Instructor Examiners. The course produced 9 International Open Water Scuba Diving & EFR Instructors, 2 Assistant and EFR Instructors, 14 Dive Masters, 84 Rescue Divers, 100 Advanced Open Water Divers and 173 Open Water Divers. Additionally the LDA has blueprinted a PADI Instructor Development Course during the month of February 2015 focusing on 10 select candidates in order to sustain its growing need for qualified professionals to serve with the LDA and its 4 subsidiary dive centres.



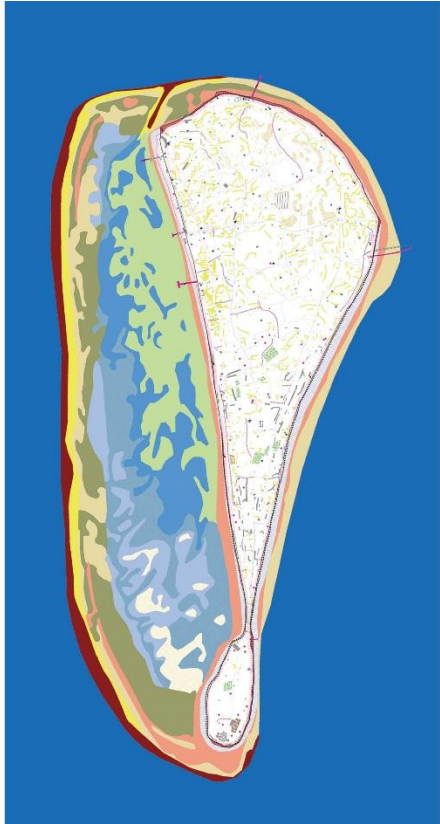
PADI COURSES	Details Of Courses	Eligibility Criteria	Duration Of courses	No. Of persons	Amount
PADI Open Water	5 confined water dive & open water dive and knowledge development at depth 18 mts.	No pre requisite	5-7 days	8/Batch	Rs.20000/-
PADI Advance open water	5 dive including under water & deep water dive. max depth 18-30 mts	Open Water diver	2-3 Days	8/Batch	Rs.13500/-
Emergency First response	Encompasses CPR, Earthen Pulmonary Resuscitation & first aid for adult, child & infants. Basic oxygen administration and handling.	No pre requisite	1 days	8/Batch	Rs.3500/-
Emergency first rescue	Total 9 dives, self rescue, total recognizing, managing emergency and equipment, rescuing panicked divers and unresponsive divers.	Advance open water & emergency first response	3-5 Days	8/Batch	Rs.20000/-
PADI dive master	Develop leadership ability qualifying to supervise dive activity and assist instructor	Rescue Diver	19-23 Days	8/Batch	Rs.45000/-

## SCUBA DIVING TRAINING PROGRAMMES. TARIFF

Package	STD Non AC		STD AC		AC Deluxe		AC Sup Dlx	
	Details	Amount	Details	Amount	Details	Amount	Details	Amount
3 Nights Package	Dive	10000	Dive	10000	Dive	10000	Dive	10000
	Transport	8000	Transport	8000	Transport	8000	Transport	8000
4 Dives	Accommodation	9000	Accommodation	15000	Accommodation	18000	Accommodation	24000
		27000	0	33000	0	36000	0	42000

Package	STD Non AC		STD AC		AC Deluxe		AC Sup Dlx	
	Details	Amount	Details	Amount	Details	Amount	Details	Amount
4 Nights Package	Dive	17500	Dive	17500	Dive	17500	Dive	17500
	Transport	8000	Transport	8000	Transport	8000	Transport	8000
7 Dives	Accommodation	12000	Accommodation	20000	Accommodation	24000	Accommodation	32000
		37500	0	45500	0	49500	0	57500

Package	STD Non AC		STD AC		AC Deluxe		AC Sup Dlx	
	Details	Amount	Details	Amount	Details	Amount	Details	Amount
7 Nights Package	Dive	40000	Dive	40000	Dive	40000	Dive	40000
	Transport	8000	Transport	8000	Transport	8000	Transport	8000
16 Dives	Accommodation	21000	Accommodation	35000	Accommodation	42000	Accommodation	56000
		69000	0	83000	0	90000	0	104000



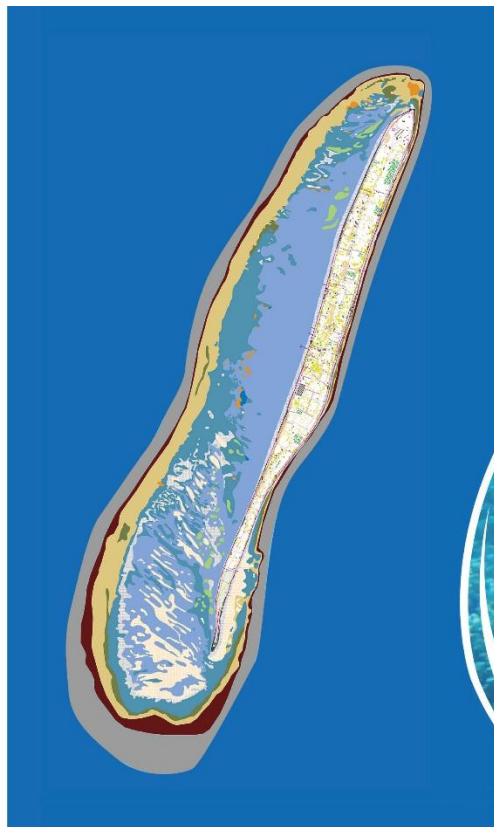
## KAVARATTI

- Turtle's Nest
- Wall of Wonder
- Clair's Garden
- Governor's Reef
- Muttiyar Reef
- Zing Zing Par
- Harbour Mouth
- Windmill Point

Situated roughly 400 kms. off the Indian coast from Kochi, Kavaratti forms the functional headquarters of the archipelago. The calm, tranquil and relatively shallow waters of the lagoon are an ideal schooling zone for scuba diving initiates. The dive centre sits conveniently at the mouth of the atoll on its northern tip, hosting a 10 bed resort and providing easy access to all major dive attractions.

The seas surrounding the island carry a dazzling diversity of sea life and each dive site boasts a unique undersea profile. Harbour Mouth at the gate of the atoll is home to giant sea fans, gorgonian and giant trivell. Zing Zing Par toward the southern end is formidably reputed for its large sharks, spotted eagle rays and schools of barracuda. Coral in a kaleidoscope of brilliant colours, including flaming red, magnetically draw divers to Governor's Reef. Moving northwest brings one to the awe inspiring caves punctuating the Wall of Wonder. There is opportunity too, to get up close and personal with widely varied turtles at Turtle Nest and for the brave hearted, close encounters of the scarier kind can be experienced at Windmill Point, where divers can witness grey reef sharks, spotted rays, batfish and grouper at close quarters.





## KADMAT

Double Reef

Jack Point

Fish Scoupe

Shark Alley

The Cave

The Wall

Potato Patches

Widely regarded as the most beautiful dive location in India Kadmat does not depend heavily on its size for its enviable reputation. Just 8 km. Long and 550 m. Wide at its broadest point, this miniature jewel of an island, has been likened to an emerald, given its brilliant green coloration framed on a background of azure blue seas. The waters are pristine offering visibility upto depths of 50 metres. Plankton rich seas ensure an abundance of sealife and this undersea habitat has more than its fair share of lion fish, lobster, tuna, rays shark, jack, fusiliers, sweet lips, grouper, eels and turtles.

Accommodation is covered in A/C and NON A/C formats.





## KALPENI

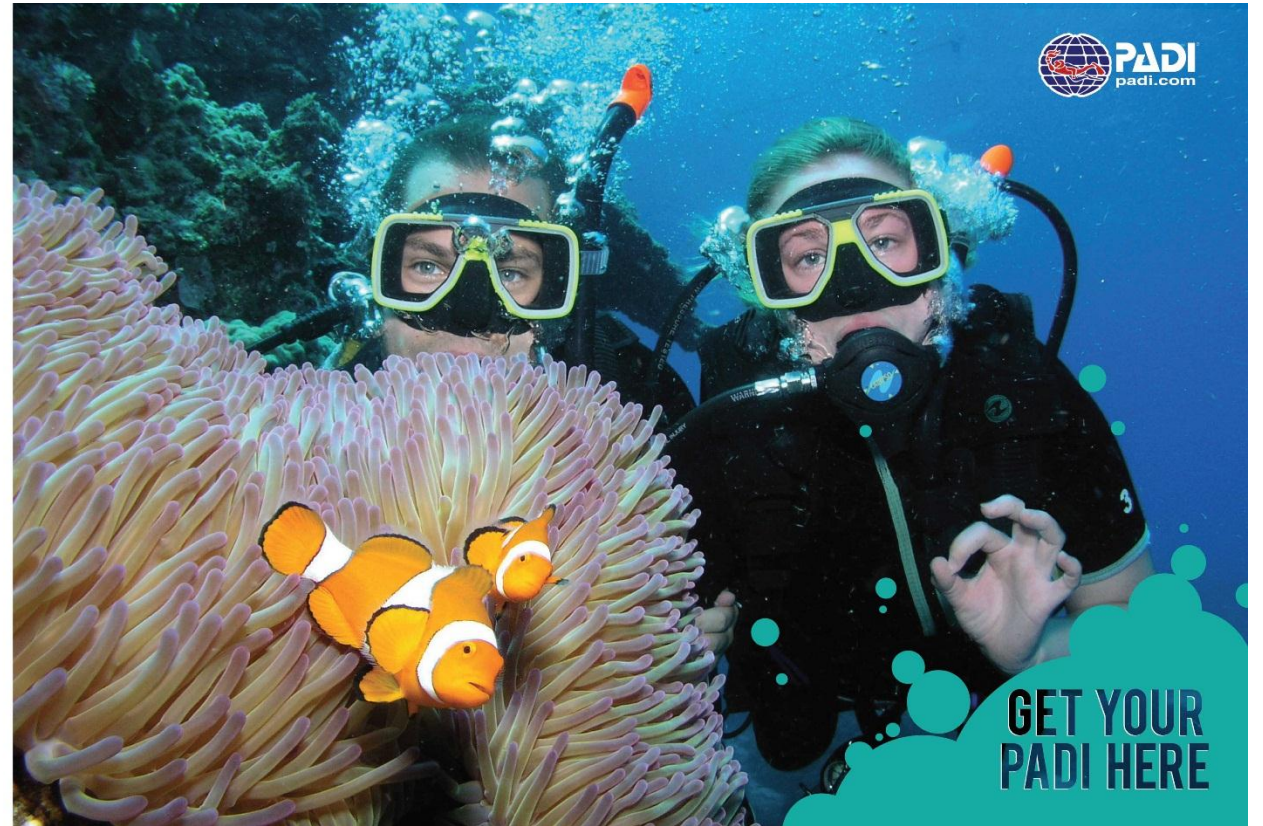
Ship Wreck

Wall

Turtle's Nest

Jack Point

Home to one of the largest lagoons in the island family Kalpeni is emerging rapidly to claim its own share of prominence as an elite dive destination. Apart from its indisputable attractions as a premium dive site, tourists in general can look forward to swimming, snorkelling, reef walking and a wide variety of water sports. Kalpeni is oriented 10 05 N & 73 and 39 E on the map and is approximately 300 kms. from Kochi on the Indian coast.



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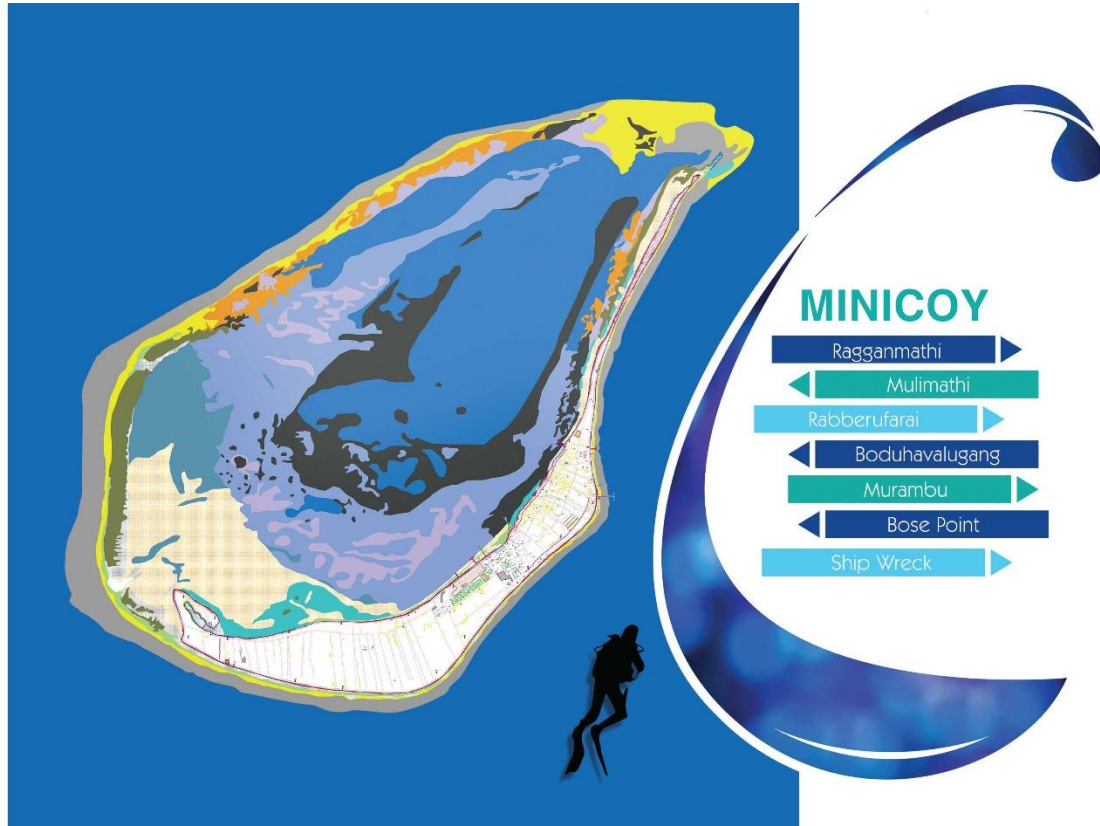
10° 56' N & 72° 17' E are the coordinates of Bangaram which along with Thinnakara remain uninhabited inspite of their arguable charms. Conveniently located, close to the sole airport on Agatti, the islands feature large beautiful lagoons and unspoiled land and seascapes that divers can revel in at leisure. Tented accommodation is readily available by prior arrangement.



## BANGARAM THINNAKARA

- Manta Point
- Shallow Point
- Ship Wreck
- Grand Canyon
- Little Canyon
- Thinnakara Hill

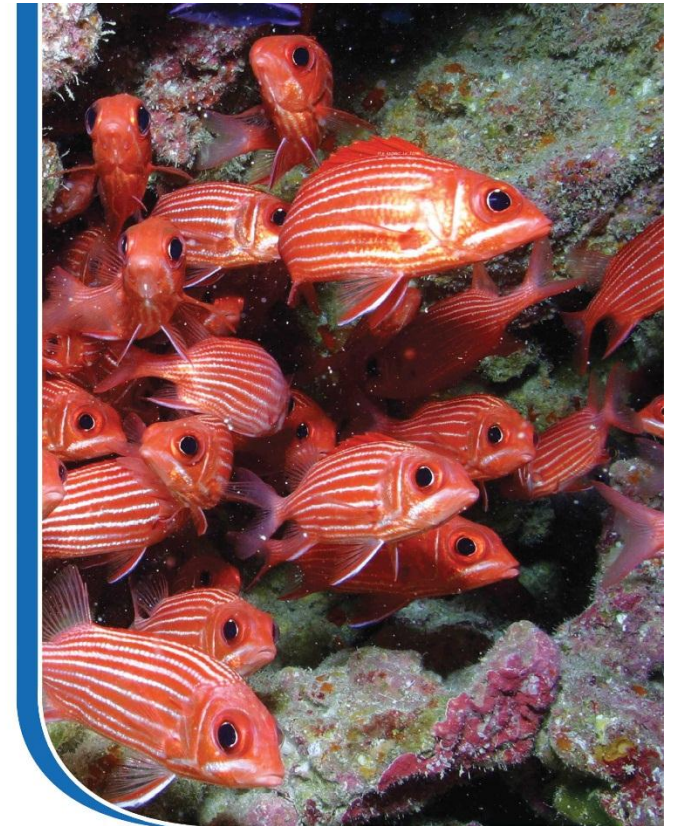




The second largest island in the Lakshadweep chain, Minicoy originally gained prominence as a centre for tuna fishing. Southernmost in geographical orientation, the island owes its growing reputation as a preferred dive site to the presence of three large shipwrecks in relatively shallow seas. One of the wrecks is believed to be the SS Hoechst and the unfortunate events that caused their sinking, probably led to the construction of a lighthouse as far back as 1885.

Wrecks have always proved a strong magnet for divers and the Minicoy trio are virtual underwater museums. The various species of sealife that abound in the waters around the wrecks are unusually large and the ferrous content leeching from the ruins are thought to be a likely agent of this mutation. Practically all dive sites on Minicoy claim manta ray sightings during September/October and January or February. Other exotic species including shark, bull ray, turtles, jacks, red and black snapper, napoleon wrasse, barracuda, sweetlips giant sweet lips and humpback parrot fish are found in abundance at Bose Point, Murambu and Boduhalugang.

Accommodation is covered in both A/C and NON A/C formats and may be pre-arranged at the purpose-built 20 bed and newly built resort in Minicoy.







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