

# Laquedivas

“ Lakshadweep , formerly known as the Laccadive, Minicoy, and Amindivi Islands, is a group of 36 islands in the Lakshadweep Sea, 220 to 440 km off the South Western coast of India. The archipelago is the smallest Union Territory consisting of 12 atolls, 3 reefs and 5 submerged banks. It is governed by the Union Government of India.



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Lakshadweep comes from " Lakshadweepa", which means "one hundred thousand islands" in Sanskrit as well as many Indian languages like Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu and others. The islands are the smallest Union Territory of India, with a total surface area of just 11 sq mi or 32 km. The lagoon area covers about 4,200 square kilometres (1,600 sq mi), the territorial waters area 20,000 square kilometres (7,700 sq mi) and the exclusive economic zone area stretches to 400,000 square kilometres (150,000 sq mi). The region forms a single Indian district with ten sub-divisions. Kavaratti is the capital of the Union Territory and comes under the jurisdiction of Kerala High Court. The islands are the northernmost of the Lakshadweep-Maldives-Chagos group of islands, of the Chagos-Laccadive Ridge. Archaeological evidence reveals the existence of human settlement in the region as far back as 1500 BC.



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The islanders are ethnically similar to the Malayali people of the nearest Indian state of Kerala. Most of the population speaks Malayalam with Mahi (or Mahli) being the most spoken language in Minicoy island. The islands are served by an airport on the Agatti island. The main occupation of the people is fishing and coconut cultivation, with tuna being the main item of export. Today Lakshadweep is a popular tourist destination, offering the perfect beach setting for a relaxing holiday!

most impressive island among all in Lakshadweep. This island is 2.8 km long and 1.2 km at its widest point. Intricately formed out of three satellite islands, Cheriya, Pitti and Tilakkam, this island is not only largely inhabited but is also a major attraction for tourists for their memorable holidays.&nbsp;

Undoubtedly, the most unique feature of the island is the coral debris which can be found along the south-eastern and eastern banks of the island. It also features an amazing lagoon that is rich in coral life. Kalpeni is also famous for a wide variety of watersport activities that include snorkeling, kayaking, reef walking, canoeing and sailing yachts. And if you are still trying to figure out which is the best one out of the lot, then snorkelling is the answer for you.

## What To SEE



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### 1 Kalpeni Island



Kalpeni island, Lakshadweep, India

Kalpeni Island&nbsp;is considered to be the

### 2 Minicoy Island



Minicoy Island, Lakshadweep, India

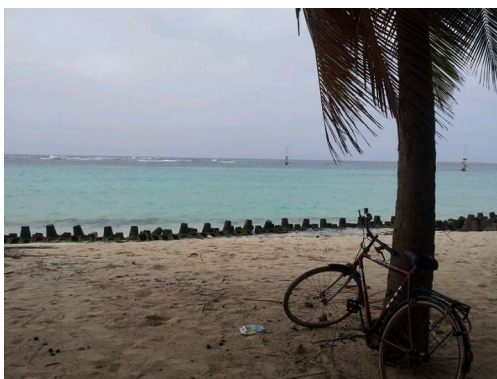
The southernmost island of all the islands of Lakshadweep, it is one of the most visited area of this Union Territory. Minicoy was annexed by the British in 1908 and became a part of the Indian Union in 1956. Minicoy embraced Islam in the 7th century, yet retains her pre-Islamic matrilineal and monogamous tradition. The island is organised into nine villages, each with fascinating cultural traditions.

This beautiful crescent-shaped island has the biggest lagoon in Lakshadweep. The island is famous for a 300 feet tall lighthouse and a very old mosque, Juma Mosque. It is an ideal spot for tuna fishing and attracts many visitors for its factories of tuna canning with ice plants and cold storages. The island is richly endowed with culture and tradition, many traditional dance forms such as Dandi and Lava Dance are performed here during the festivals. Minicoy Island is also famous for the availability of boats with a transparent fiber bottom which take you right to the centre of the ocean and let you view all the marine activity which makes the island a hit among the tourists.

### 3 Kavaratti

Kavaratti is mainly famous for its numerous majestic mosques, especially the Ujra mosque, which is the most spectacular one. Kavaratti is crowded after the relative solitude of Agatti or Bangaram. Nevertheless, the beauty of the magnificent lagoon — home to star fish, anemones, sea cucumbers and colourful fish is enticing.

### 4 Bangaram Island



Lakshadweep, India

A mesmerisingly beautiful island surrounded by coral reef and lagoon. The island is good for trying out water sports and spying upon some colourful marine life.

### 5 Kadmat



### Lakshadweep, India

Kadmat Island also known as Cardamom Island, immersed in its beautiful lagoon is breathtakingly stunning. To its west lies a large bewitching lagoon and to its east, a rich coral outcrop. Ideal for swimming and spending lazy, uninhibited hours of pleasure. Elsewhere on the island, life goes on as usual. There are coconuts to be picked and dried, fish to be caught and coir to be soaked, dried and turned into rope. With just over 5,000 people, it's a laidback life.

Kadmat Beach has one of the most exceptional stretches of white sand surrounded by a turquoise lagoon in Lakshadweep. It is composed mostly of calcium carbonate with little or no silica. The surrounding lagoon, with its gently floating clumps of wild darkgreen sea grass that encircles the southern tip of Kadmat, must be among the most irresistible coastal stretches in Asia. It's not unusual here to come across beautiful red-tinged coral.