



THINNAKARA ISLAND, LAKSHADWEEP

Sea-side Paradise



Hyderabad-based Irfan Quader recommends a beach holiday on peaceful Thinnakara Island in Lakshadweep.

Thinnakara is a peaceful little resort island that attracts only a few visitors year-round. The little island is a 45-minute boat ride away from Agatti Island (where the airport is), or 10 minutes from Bangaram Island. Accommodation options are basic but charming: the thatched-roof tents come with fans, lightbulbs and an attached 'green toilet' with shower. Homely local food is served in the sand-floored dining room. The beach on the leeward side of Thinnakara is spectacular, with leaning palm trees and clear, shallow waters. You can also walk to two tiny neighbouring islands during low tide. Watch out for the beach on the windward side of the island though, it's piled with plastic rubbish that has been washed in from the ocean. The ground water can start to smell unpleasant because of the high sulphur content. Asking for purified rainwater is recommended.

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Accommodation at Thinnakara and transport from Agatti Island must be pre-booked through the Lakshadweep tourism department. The 10 thatched-roof tents at Thinnakara are priced at ₹ 10,000/ night with all meals, and a round trip by boat from Agatti Island costs ₹ 5,000/ person (00-91-484-2666789; www.lakshadweeptourism.com; laksports.reservation@gmail.com).