

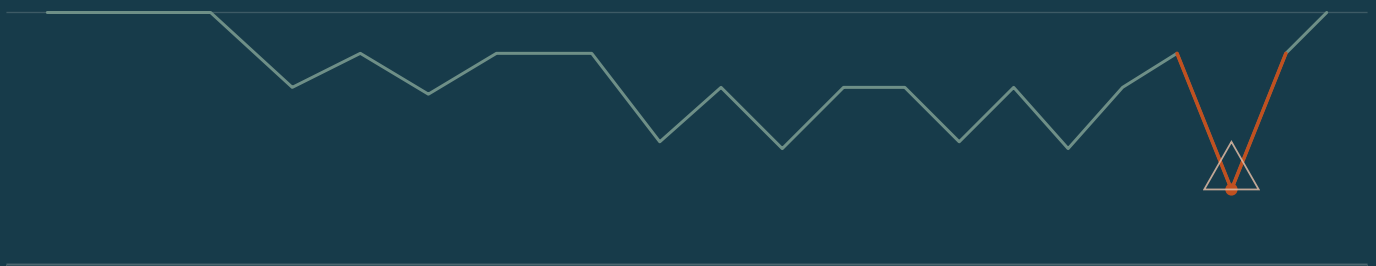
NAIK SCUBA ACADEMY · IN ASSOCIATION WITH DIVE INDIA

AN EXPEDITION, NOT A PACKAGE TOUR

THE NEIL & BARREN ISLAND EXPERIENCE

29 MARCH — 04 APRIL 2027

Four days of sequencing get you ready. One day gets you to India's only active volcano, rising from the Andaman Sea floor. Everything before it is deliberate.



05

DIVE DAYS

11

DIVES, TOTAL

03

AT BARREN ISLAND

A small, curated group for experienced divers — built on thoughtful sequencing, straight logistics, and the kind of warmth that comes from a genuinely good crew.

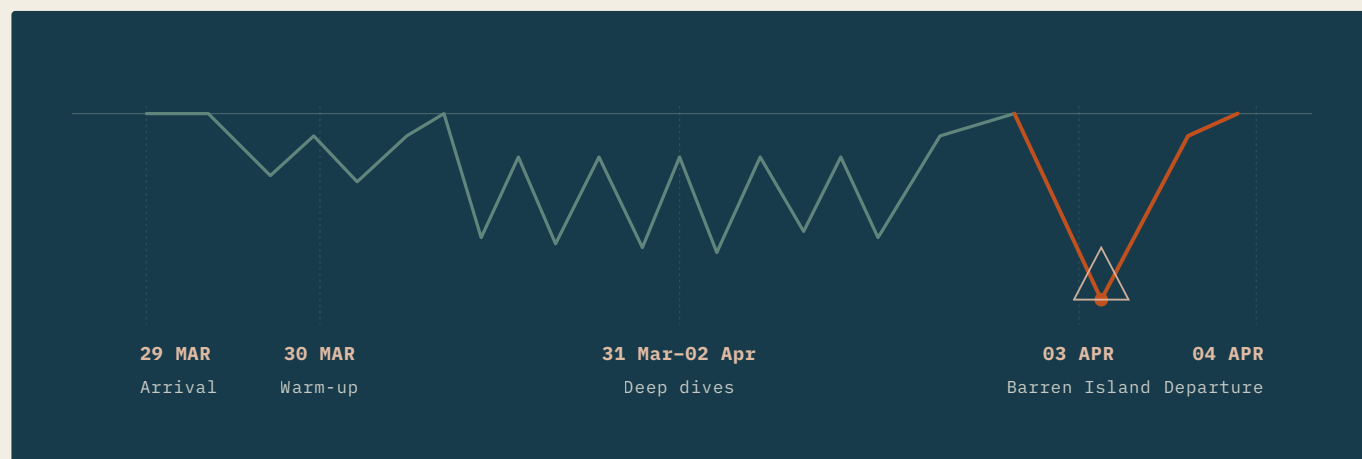
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The essentials, before the detail

Everything else in this brochure adds texture to what's below.

WHEN 29 March – 04 April 2027. Arrive Neil Island on the 29th. Depart the 4th — return flights should be booked for after 1 pm.	WHAT YOU'LL DIVE Up to 11 guided dives: eight around Neil & Havelock, building to three at Barren Island.
THE CENTREPIECE Barren Island — three scuba dives, roughly three hours out by boat each way, weather and sea conditions permitting.	WHO IT'S FOR Experienced divers who meet the logged-dive count, depth rating, Nitrox certification and buoyancy standard for their chosen package.

THE FLOW — WARM-UP → DEEPER SITES → BARREN ISLAND



The itinerary is sequenced like a dive profile, not a checklist: two easy dives to shake off rust, three days pushing deeper on Nitrox, then the long run out to Barren — the one day the whole trip is built around.

The Signature 29 MAR–04 APR • 5 DAYS • 11 DIVES ₹1,10,000	The Shorter 31 MAR–04 APR • 3 DAYS • 7 DIVES ₹85,000	Barren Only 01–04 APR • 2 DAYS • 5 DIVES ₹75,000
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Serious diving, without losing the warmth of a small group

01

A curated group

Minimum skill levels aren't a formality — they, along with an informal group 'vibe check', keep everyone aligned on ability, attitude and what the week is actually for.

02

One trip orchestrator

Arun Naik runs the whole thing end to end — dive-site selection, day-to-day sequencing, safety protocol, the works. One person accountable for how the week flows.

03

No shortcuts

Get the fundamentals right first, then let the experience feel effortless. Naik Scuba Academy stays your single point of contact throughout — before, during and after.

04

A progression, not a checklist

Every dive earns the next one. The week builds toward Barren Island on purpose, so the final day lands as the centrepiece it's meant to be — not just one more entry in the log.

"Luxury is in getting the basics right."

Four ways to join

Same destination, four different lead-ups — from a fully personalised charter to a focused Barren-only run.

The Founder's Edition

PRIVATE & PERSONALISED

29 March – 04 April 2027 · 5 dive days · By application

8 dives around Havelock & Neil + 3 at Barren Island – built entirely around your group

WHAT'S DIFFERENT

- + Smaller dive group, matched to your pace
- + Airport & ferry transfers included, not charged separately
- + All optional 3rd-day and night dives included, not charged separately
- + Additional rentals included — GoPro, 15-litre cylinders, lights and more
- + A one-on-one skill refresher & buoyancy tune-up session in Chennai before departure, with a focus on DSMB skills
- + A planning call with Arun Naik before you land, for any other customisations for you or your group

₹2,00,000*

INDICATIVE, EX-FOOD & STAY

Best for divers who want the Signature progression with none of the logistics left to chance.

*Indicative figure — final scope and price confirmed directly with Arun Naik based on group size and dates.

The Signature Experience

29 March – 04 April 2027 · 5 dive days

8 dives around Havelock & Neil + 3 at Barren Island

PREREQUISITES

40+ logged dives · qualified to 30 m and with Nitrox · good buoyancy control and command of the basics

₹1,10,000

REGULAR PRICE

Includes a group skill refresher & buoyancy tune-up session with DSMB skill practice in Chennai, prior to trip departure.

Best for divers who want the complete build-up and the full 11-dive experience.

Two more ways in

Shorter lead-ups for divers who want less runway before Barren Island.

The Shorter Experience

31 March – 04 April 2027 · 3 dive days

4 dives around Havelock & Neil + 3 at Barren Island

PREREQUISITES

60+ logged dives · qualified to 30 m and with Nitrox · great buoyancy control and command of the basics · prior dives with NSA

₹85,000

REGULAR PRICE

Best for experienced divers who want a shorter lead-up to Barren Island.

The Barren Only Experience

01 – 04 April 2027 · 2 dive days

2 dives around Havelock & Neil + 3 at Barren Island

PREREQUISITES

60+ logged dives · qualified to 30 m and with Nitrox · great buoyancy control and command of the basics · prior dives with NSA · most recent dive not earlier than 01 March 2027

₹75,000

REGULAR PRICE

Best for experienced divers who've dived Neil & Havelock before and are joining primarily for Barren Island.

A deliberate build, day by day

29 MAR — ARRIVAL

Land, settle in, gear up

Arrive at Neil Island. Hotel check-in, equipment setup, and trip briefings.

30 MAR — WARM UP

Two dives to find your rhythm

Two warm-up dives near Neil. Potential sites include Aquarium, Little Fins, Fish Slate, Bridgerton, Bus Stop, Tottenham and Margherita's Mischief.

31 MAR — 02 APR — DEEP DIVES

Three days, two dives each, pushing deeper

Nitrox on the first two days, air on the third. Potential sites include Dixon's Pinnacle, Johnny's Gorge, Hathimundi and Romba.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS — 30 MAR, 31 MAR, 01 APR

An optional third dive or a night dive near Neil is available on these days, at additional charge.

03 APR — BARREN ISLAND

The day the whole week points toward

A full day trip to Barren Island for three scuba dives. The one-way journey runs roughly three hours, varying with surface conditions.

04 APR — DEPARTURE

Head home

Depart Neil Island. Book return flights to the mainland for after 1 pm.

THE DISCLAIMER

Best efforts will be made to stick to this plan — and we'd be genuinely disappointed if we couldn't. But we're at the mercy of the winds, the rain and the sea. If they decide "not today, folks," we say okay, and either chill on land or go wherever the sea does let us dive. Sometimes the best dives come out of the unplanned detour. :)

What's included — and what isn't

The core price is built entirely around the diving. Travel and stay sit outside it, by design.

INCLUDED

- Up to 11 guided scuba dives, depending on package
- Full set of equipment rental
- 11-litre Nitrox / air cylinders, as applicable
- Snacks on the boat
- Breakfast & lunch on the Barren Island day

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to Sri Vijayapuram (Port Blair)
- Ferry transfers, Port Blair – Neil – Port Blair
- Food & beverage
- Accommodation
- Mandatory dive insurance
- GoPro rentals

Ferry Arrangements

Option 1 – ₹4,500: Two-way government ferry.

Option 2 – ₹6,000: One-way government ferry + one-way private ferry.

Accommodation

The Dive Resort — recommended for the Signature Experience.

Shreesh Neil — recommended for proximity and a lower-cost option.

Details available on request.

Optional Extras

An optional third-day dive or night dive near Neil is available on 30 Mar, 31 Mar and 01 Apr, at additional charge.

Three pricing windows, two balance dates

Book earlier, pay less. All three windows share the same two instalment deadlines.

EXPERIENCE	BLIND BIRD	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR
Signature	₹95,000	₹1,00,000	₹1,10,000
Shorter	₹70,000	₹75,000	₹85,000
Barren Only	₹62,000	₹68,000	₹75,000

Early Bird pricing is open now, through 30 September 2026 — the current price to book at.

The Founder's Edition is scoped and priced individually with Arun Naik and sits outside these windows.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

OFFER CLOSED

Blind Bird Pricing

Advance of ₹10,000 was due by 20 August 2026. Balance in two instalments by 31 December 2026 and 31 January 2027.

OPEN NOW — BOOK BY 30 SEP 2026

Early Bird Pricing

Advance of ₹15,000 due by 30 September 2026. Balance in two instalments by 31 December 2026 and 31 January 2027.

BOOKINGS FROM 1 OCT 2026

Regular Pricing

Advance of ₹20,000 at booking. Balance in two instalments by 31 December 2026 and 31 January 2027.

What to review before you commit your spot

If Naik Scuba Academy cancels before the trip commences

Full refund, or alternate arrangements

If specific dive days are cancelled for poor weather

Partial refunds, case-by-case

If a diver cancels — up to 30 Nov 2026

Full refund

If a diver cancels — 01–31 Dec 2026

₹10,000 retained, balance refunded

If a diver cancels — 01–31 Jan 2027

₹25,000 retained, balance refunded

If a diver cancels — from 01 Feb 2027

No refund, unless a replacement diver is sourced

Participants are strongly advised to secure travel & accident insurance to help cover costs from unforeseen personal or medical exigencies beyond the last refund date. A full refund against a replacement diver holds good only if the minimum group size of 6 has already been met for the trip — in the absence of that quorum, this option is void. If you have any doubts at all, talk to us before you assume.

READY TO JOIN

Five days. One volcano. A crew worth diving with.

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