



Andaman Islands To Provide e-Visas For Visiting Yachts

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Asia Pacific Superyachts Andaman Islands & India Managing Director R. Rathnam recently met with the Indian Minister of Tourism, Art & Culture Dr. Mahesh Sharma regarding easing visits in the yachting and tourism sectors.



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The meeting and discussion concerned government support in providing an e-Visa facility for the Andaman Islands to help in growing yacht and cruise tourism in the Andamans.

Also joining the meeting was Andaman and Nicobar Islands State Convener of Tourism M. Vinod, who also serves as the President of the Andaman Association of Tour Operators, the group that organised the meeting with the Minister.

The discussion concerned the introduction of an e-Visa facility in the seaport and airport of Port Blair, India with the purpose of awarding arriving foreigners with a visa upon arrival.

Rathnam reports Dr. Sharma was very happy to know there are direct arrivals in the Andaman and as a result of the meeting, will recommend extending this facility in the Andamans.

“This will give a great boost to the yacht tourism and cruise tourism to Andaman and Nicobar Islands,” comments Rathnam. “Now the yachts must apply for their visa(s) in their home country. This makes it very difficult for the yachts to visit the Andaman Islands. Once the e-Visa facility is extended, it will be a great boost for yacht tourism and cruise tourism in the Andaman Islands.”

The good news will be welcomed by yachts and superyachts from the far corners of the globe, those who are interested in cruising the many beautiful islands and attractions of the Andaman Islands from Port Blair.

“We'll keep our clients and others interested in the Andamans advised of the progress and development of e-Visa facilities in the Andamans,” adds Rathnam.