

## Barren Island

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### Barren Island Latest News

Far from the mainland, Barren Island in the Andaman Sea remains the only confirmed active volcano in South Asia and one of India's strangest territories.

### About Barren Island

- It is a volcanic island located in the **Andaman Sea**.
- It is the **emergent summit of a volcano** that rises about 2,250 meters from the sea floor, poking 354 meters above sea level.
- It is a **part of the Indian union territory of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- It lies about 138 kilometers **northeast of the territory's capital, Port Blair**.
- It lies above the **subduction zone of the India and Burmese plates**.
- This island is about three kilometers in diameter and has a **big crater of the volcano**, about half a kilometer away from the shore.

- It is the **only active volcano in South Asia**. It is the **only active volcano** among the chain of islands **from Myanmar to Sumatra**.
- It is a **stratovolcano** composed of lava, rock fragments, and volcanic ash.
- It has erupted multiple times in recent history, with the **most recent significant eruptions occurring in 2017**.
- The **volcanic zone is devoid of vegetation** and **covered in sharp basaltic rocks** that cover nearly **half its area**.
- The island itself is extraordinarily remote and **largely uninhabited**.

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