

Tour Name: Bhubaneswar, Bhitarkanika Mangroves Forest & Similipal Tiger Reserve Tour

Tour Duration: 4 Nights/ 5 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3zcwpybm>

Tour Overview

Explore the rich tapestry of Odisha's cultural heritage and diverse wildlife on the "Bhubaneswar, Bhitarkanika Mangroves Forest & Similipal Tiger Reserve Tour". Begin in Bhubaneswar, known for its ancient temples like Lingaraj and Mukteswar, showcasing exquisite Kalinga architecture. Journey to Bhitarkanika National Park, a haven for biodiversity where mangroves shelter crocodiles and migratory birds. Continue to Similipal Tiger Reserve, famed for its majestic tigers and lush forests teeming with diverse flora and fauna. Immerse yourself in the serene surroundings, visiting tribal villages and scenic viewpoints. This odyssey blends spiritual exploration with thrilling wildlife encounters, offering a glimpse into Odisha's cultural richness and natural splendor.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bhubaneswar

- Arrive in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha, known for its ancient temples and vibrant culture. Check-in at your hotel and enjoy a delicious breakfast to start your day.
- Lingaraj Temple: Visit this 11th-century temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its towering spire and intricately carved sculptures depicting mythological scenes.
- Khandagiri and Udayagiri Caves: Explore these rock-cut caves used as dwelling places for Jain monks during ancient times. Admire the ornate carvings, inscriptions, and unique architecture.
- Mukteswar Temple: Discover the Mukteswar Temple, characterized by its exquisite architecture and a carved torana (archway) featuring scenes from the Panchatantra and other mythological tales.
- Ekamra Haat: In the evening, visit this vibrant handicrafts market offering a variety of local artwork, textiles, handlooms, and traditional Odia cuisine, providing a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Odisha.

Day 2: Bhubaneswar - Bhitarkanika National Park (200kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a scenic drive to Bhitarkanika National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its mangrove forests and wildlife.

- Boat Safari in Bhitarkanika: Experience a thrilling boat safari through the mangrove ecosystem, home to saltwater crocodiles, spotted deer, and numerous bird species including kingfishers and eagles.
- Ratnagiri and Udayagiri: Visit the ancient Buddhist sites of Ratnagiri and Udayagiri, known for their impressive stupas, monastic ruins, and intricately carved sculptures depicting Buddhist iconography.
- Overnight stay at a lodge near Bhitarkanika National Park.

Day 3: Bhitarkanika National Park - Similipal Tiger Reserve (200kms)

- Enjoy breakfast amidst the serene surroundings of Bhitarkanika before proceeding to Similipal Tiger Reserve, one of India's oldest and largest tiger reserves.
- Wildlife Safaris: Embark on morning and afternoon safaris in Similipal Tiger Reserve, renowned for its dense forests and diverse wildlife including Bengal tigers, leopards, elephants, and rare bird species.
- Barehipani and Joranda Waterfalls: Visit these picturesque waterfalls nestled amidst lush greenery, offering stunning views and serene surroundings.
- Tribal Culture: Interact with local tribal communities like the Ho and Munda tribes, learning about their traditions, lifestyles, and unique customs.
- Overnight stay at a lodge in Similipal Tiger Reserve.

Day 4: Similipal Tiger Reserve

- Start the day with an early breakfast at the lodge, followed by more wildlife safaris and nature walks in Similipal Tiger Reserve.
- Crocodile Breeding Center: Visit the Crocodile Breeding Center within the reserve to observe efforts in conserving endangered species like the Indian crocodile.
- Tribal Museum: Explore the tribal museum at Jamshedpur, showcasing artifacts, tools, and cultural relics that provide insights into the indigenous tribes of Odisha.
- Overnight stay at a lodge in Similipal Tiger Reserve.

Day 5: Similipal Tiger Reserve - Bhubaneswar (200kms)

- After breakfast at the lodge, depart for Bhubaneswar, enjoying the scenic drive back through the picturesque landscapes of Odisha.
- Ekamra Kanan: En route, visit Ekamra Kanan, a sprawling garden complex dotted with small temples dedicated to various deities, offering a serene retreat amidst nature.
- Cultural Evening: In the evening, attend a traditional Odia dance performance or cultural show, showcasing the vibrant art forms and music of Odisha.
- Overnight stay at a hotel in Bhubaneswar.

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Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 15 June 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,803	966	823	863	775	708	668	637
4★ Deluxe	1,871	1,008	865	904	817	750	709	679
5★ Luxury	1,955	1,102	903	942	855	788	747	717

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 295 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 322 | 5★ Luxury: USD 367

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 21 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 29 | 5★ Luxury: USD 29

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 4 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Boat safari in Bhitarkanika National Park
- Time Jeep safari in Similipal Tiger Reserve
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 4 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Hotel Hindusthan International/ Swosti Grand
- Bhitarkanika x 1 night: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Similipal x 2 nights: Lulung Aranya Nivas Resort/ Similipal Nature Camps

4 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Fortune Park Sishmo/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Bhitarkanika x 1 night: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Similipal x 2 nights: Lulung Aranya Nivas Resort/ Similipal Nature Camps

5 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Mayfair Lagoon/ Trident Hotel
- Bhitarkanika x 1 night: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Similipal x 2 nights: Lulung Aranya Nivas Resort/ Similipal Nature Camps

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- **Price Changes:** After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- **Role as Agent:** Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- **Itinerary Changes:** All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- **Rate Modifications:** Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.