

Tour Name: Bhitarkanika Mangrove Forest Tour

Tour Duration: 2 Nights/ 3 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3mc35rrx>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey from Bhubaneswar to Bhitarkanika with our "Bhubaneswar to Bhitarkanika: Cultural & Nature Discovery" tour. Begin your adventure with a visit to the ancient Buddhist sites of Lalitgiri, Udaygiri, and Ratnagiri, steeped in centuries of spiritual history and adorned with intricate sculptures and monastic ruins. Experience the serene beauty of Bhitarkanika National Park, where lush mangrove forests host a diverse array of wildlife, including the majestic saltwater crocodiles and vibrant birdlife. Delight in morning boat safaris through tranquil waterways, discovering the rich ecosystem and the famous nesting grounds of Olive Ridley Sea turtles at Gahirmatha Beach. This immersive journey blends cultural exploration with natural wonders, offering a unique glimpse into Odisha's heritage and biodiversity.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Bhubaneswar - Bhitarkanika National Park (200kms/ 5hrs approx)

- Depart from Bhubaneswar in the morning and embark on a scenic drive towards Bhitarkanika National Park, a coastal treasure trove in Odisha.
- En route, visit the Buddhist sites of Lalitgiri, Udaygiri, and Ratnagiri. Lalitgiri, known as the oldest Buddhist complex in Odisha, features a large stupa, monasteries, and artifacts dating back to the 1st century CE. Udaygiri showcases rock-cut caves with inscriptions and sculptures, offering insights into ancient Buddhist practices. Ratnagiri, the most excavated site, boasts a rich collection of Buddhist sculptures, stupas, and monastery ruins.
- Continue your drive through picturesque countryside landscapes to Bhitarkanika National Park, renowned for its sprawling mangrove forests, diverse wildlife, and serene waterways.
- Upon arrival, check in at your eco-resort nestled amidst the mangroves. Relax and immerse yourself in the peaceful ambiance of the natural surroundings.

Day 2: Bhitarkanika National Park

- Rise early for a morning boat safari along the meandering creeks and waterways of Bhitarkanika. Glide through dense mangrove tunnels and witness the vibrant

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ecosystem teeming with wildlife. Keep an eye out for saltwater crocodiles, kingfishers, and the playful antics of dolphins in the water.

- Visit Gahirmatha Beach, a vital nesting site for endangered Olive Ridley Sea turtles. Depending on the season, witness turtles coming ashore to lay eggs (arribada) or observe hatchlings making their way to the sea. Learn about conservation efforts aimed at protecting these ancient marine creatures.
- Return to your lodge for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure. Explore nearby nature trails or opt for a cultural visit to nearby villages to interact with locals and learn about their traditional way of life.

Day 3: Bhitarkanika National Park - Bhubaneswar

- After a leisurely breakfast, take a final nature walk around Bhitarkanika to spot more birdlife and perhaps catch a glimpse of elusive wildlife.
- Depart from Bhitarkanika National Park and commence your journey back to Bhubaneswar, reminiscing about the unique experiences and memories of your wildlife and cultural expedition in Odisha.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 20 June 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,056	558	460	456	405	410	381	358

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 144

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 2

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 2 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- All Meals starting from 1st day tinner to last day breakfast.

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- 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 Wildlife Sanctuary
- 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 2 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bhitarkanika x 2 nights: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat

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).

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- 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.

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- 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.