

Tour Name: Vizag Sea Shore to Tribal Village in Odisha

Tour Duration: 7 Nights/ 8 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/ycx92r4v>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through the tribal heartlands of Eastern India, starting from the coastal city of Visakhapatnam (Vizag) and winding through the lush landscapes of Araku Valley. Explore the rich cultural tapestry of Jeypore, where vibrant weekly markets and traditional villages offer insights into the indigenous way of life. Journey into Bastar region's Jagdalpur, home to the majestic Chitrakote Waterfalls and vibrant Dhurwa and Maria tribal communities. Discover Kanker's architectural splendor and cultural traditions before concluding in Raipur, where modernity meets ancient heritage at sites like Mahant Ghasidas Museum. This tour promises an immersive experience into Odisha's tribal diversity, leaving you with lasting memories of its people, landscapes, and cultural richness.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Vizag

- Arrive in Visakhapatnam (Vizag), a bustling port city on the Bay of Bengal known for its picturesque beaches, ancient Buddhist sites like the Thotlakonda Buddhist Complex, and the submarine museum INS Kursura.
- Check into your hotel and unwind, taking in the coastal breeze and preparing for your journey into the tribal heartlands of Odisha.

Day 2: Vizag - Araku Valley (120kms)

- Drive to Araku Valley, nestled amidst the Eastern Ghats, known for its lush coffee plantations, dense forests, and serene waterfalls.
- Visit the Tribal Museum in Araku, which showcases a fascinating collection of tribal artifacts, jewelry, and handicrafts, providing insights into the rich cultural heritage of the local tribes.
- Experience a scenic ride on the Araku Valley Train, a heritage train journey that winds through tunnels, over bridges, and alongside stunning valleys, offering panoramic views of the picturesque landscape.

Day 3: Araku Valley - Jeypore (145kms)

- Travel to Jeypore, a vibrant town that serves as a gateway to the tribal regions of southern Odisha.
- Explore the bustling weekly market of Jeypore, where various tribal communities gather to sell their produce, handicrafts, and traditional items, creating a colorful and lively atmosphere.
- Visit nearby tribal villages to immerse yourself in the authentic lifestyle of the indigenous people, witnessing their unique customs, traditional houses, and vibrant attire.

Day 4: Jeypore

- Spend the day delving deeper into the tribal culture of the region, visiting remote villages where tribes like the Bondas, Gadabas, and Didayis reside.
- Participate in cultural exchanges with the locals, learning about their age-old traditions, folk dances, and indigenous art forms.
- If the timing aligns, visit the Onukadelli market, a significant tribal market where communities gather to trade and socialize, offering a fascinating glimpse into their daily lives.

Day 5: Jeypore - Jagdalpur (130kms)

- Journey to Jagdalpur, located in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh, known for its dense forests, tribal villages, and vibrant cultural heritage.
- Explore the majestic Chitrakote Waterfalls, India's widest natural waterfall, cascading down amidst lush greenery and rocky terrain, creating a breathtaking spectacle.
- Interact with the local Dhurwa and Maria tribal communities, known for their distinct traditions, craftsmanship in bell metal, terracotta pottery, and vibrant tribal art forms.

Day 6: Jagdalpur - Kanker (200kms)

- Drive to Kanker, an area famed for its scenic beauty and rich tribal culture, home to the Gond and Maria tribes.
- Visit nearby villages to witness traditional dance performances like Karma Dance and Madai Festival, showcasing the rhythmic beats, colorful costumes, and deep-rooted cultural beliefs of the local tribes.

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- Explore the unique architectural style of Kanker Palace, a fine example of Rajput and Mughal architecture, reflecting the region's historical significance.

Day 7: Kanker - Raipur (130kms)

- Proceed to Raipur, the capital city of Chhattisgarh, blending ancient heritage with modern amenities and cultural vibrancy.
- Visit the Mahant Ghasidas Museum, housing a diverse collection of archaeological artifacts, sculptures, and tribal crafts, providing a comprehensive overview of the state's cultural evolution.
- Wander through the bustling markets of Raipur, such as Pandri Market and Gol Bazaar, renowned for their handloom textiles, tribal jewelry, and delectable street food offerings.

Day 8: Raipur - Departure

- Depending on your flight schedule, spend your final morning exploring Raipur's landmarks like Vivekananda Sarovar and Nandan Van Zoo or indulging in last-minute shopping for souvenirs.
- Transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your enriching exploration of the tribal villages and cultural diversity of Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

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

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,820	1,505	1,232	1,254	1,096	1,089	1,000	933
4★ Deluxe	2,934	1,562	1,289	1,311	1,153	1,146	1,056	989
5★ Luxury	3,154	1,806	1,421	1,444	1,285	1,279	1,189	1,122

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 273 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 330 | 5★ Luxury: USD 417

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 44 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 45 | 5★ Luxury: USD 57

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 7 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.
- 1 Jeep safari in Kanger Valley National Park with naturalist.
- 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 7 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Visakhapatnam x 1 night: Best Western Ramachandra Hotel/ Keys Select Visakhapatnam - By Lemon Tree Hotels
- Araku Valley x 1 night: Haritha Valley Resort Araku/ Haritha Hill Resort
- Jeypore x 2 nights: Hotel Hello Jeypore/ Hotel Apsara
- Jagdalpur x 1 night: Bastar Jungle Resort/ Evergreen Resort

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- Kanker x 1 night: Kanker Palace Cottages
- Raipur x 1 night: Singhanian Sarovar Portico/ Hotel Babylon Inn

4 Star Hotels

- Visakhapatnam x 1 night: The Park Hotel/ Fairfield by Marriott
- Araku Valley x 1 night: Haritha Valley Resort Araku/ Haritha Hill Resort
- Jeypore x 2 nights: Hotel Hello Jeypore/ Hotel Apsara
- Jagdalpur x 1 night: Bastar Jungle Resort/ Evergreen Resort
- Kanker x 1 night: Kanker Palace Cottages
- Raipur x 1 night: Sayaji Hotel/ MAYFAIR Lake Resort

5 Star Hotels

- Visakhapatnam x 1 night: The Gateway Hotel Beach Road/ WH By ITC Hotels Deves Grand Bay
- Araku Valley x 1 night: Haritha Valley Resort Araku/ Haritha Hill Resort
- Jeypore x 2 nights: Hotel Hello Jeypore/ Hotel Apsara
- Jagdalpur x 1 night: Bastar Jungle Resort/ Evergreen Resort
- Kanker x 1 night: Kanker Palace/ Kanker Palace Annexe
- Raipur x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Hyatt Raipur

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.

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- 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.
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- 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.