

Tour Name: Kolkata to Bhubaneswar Temple & Beaches

Tour Duration: 9 Nights/ 10 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/56h3wcd4>

Tour Overview

Embark on a transformative journey through sacred shrines and pristine beaches with our meticulously crafted itinerary. Starting from Kolkata, delve into the spiritual richness of ancient temples and vibrant cultural sites. Experience the tranquility of Bhitarkanika's mangrove forests, home to diverse wildlife and serene landscapes. Continue to Bhubaneswar, renowned for its historic temples and architectural marvels, before unwinding on the sun-kissed shores of Puri. Explore the rich cultural heritage of this coastal town, where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with modern beachside bliss. This journey promises an unforgettable fusion of spiritual enlightenment and natural beauty along India's eastern coast.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

- Arrival transfer from the airport to the hotel.
- Begin your exploration at the Indian Museum, India's largest and oldest museum, boasting a rich collection of art, archaeology, and natural history. Discover rare artifacts, ancient sculptures, and stunning paintings.
- Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of New Market, Kolkata's bustling shopping district. Explore labyrinthine lanes filled with everything from traditional Bengali sarees to spices and electronics.
- Enjoy a leisurely evening stroll along the banks of the Hooghly River at Princep Ghat. Admire the colonial architecture and watch boats glide serenely on the river against the backdrop of a colorful sunset.

Day 2: Kolkata

- Start the day with a hearty breakfast at your hotel.
- Visit Victoria Memorial, a majestic white marble monument that houses a museum with a rich collection of historical artifacts, including statues, paintings, and memorabilia from the British Raj era.

- Explore the serene ambiance of St. Paul's Cathedral, an Anglican cathedral known for its Gothic architecture and tranquil gardens.
- Experience the spiritual ambiance of Dakshineswar Kali Temple, dedicated to Goddess Kali and located on the banks of the Hooghly River. Admire the intricate temple architecture and serene riverside setting.
- Discover Belur Math, the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission, renowned for its beautiful temple architecture and peaceful surroundings. Reflect on the teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa.
- Tour the Marble Palace, a 19th-century mansion known for its ornate architecture and housing a stunning collection of sculptures, paintings, and antiques. Stroll through its lush gardens and visit the aviary with exotic birds.
- Experience the lively ambiance of Park Street, Kolkata's iconic thoroughfare famous for its vibrant nightlife, restaurants serving local delicacies, and bustling shopping arcades.

Day 3: Kolkata - Balasore (250kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before departing for Balasore.
- Drive through picturesque landscapes to Balasore, a city known for its historical significance and cultural heritage.
- Visit Chandipur Beach, renowned for its unique ebb tides where the sea recedes up to 5 kilometers during low tide, revealing a vast stretch of sandy beach. Explore the seabed and collect seashells.
- Explore the spiritual ambiance of Remuna Baladevjew Temple, a prominent Vaishnavite temple dedicated to Lord Jagannath. Participate in the evening aarti rituals and admire the temple's architectural beauty.
- Walk through local markets to experience the vibrant local culture.

Day 4: Balasore - Bhitarkanika (165kms)

- After breakfast at your hotel, drive to Bhitarkanika National Park, renowned for its diverse wildlife and lush mangrove forests.
- Visit the Crocodile Sanctuary within the park, home to the endangered saltwater crocodiles and various other wildlife species. Learn about the park's conservation efforts and observe crocodiles basking in the sun.

- Enjoy a boat ride through the serene mangrove creeks to spot a variety of bird species, deer, and water monitor lizards. Experience the tranquility of the mangrove ecosystem and dense canopy.
- Explore the Bhitarkanika Nature Camp, where you can learn more about the park's conservation initiatives through guided walks and wildlife spotting tours.

Day 5: Bhitarkanika

- Start the day with breakfast at the nature camp.
- Embark on a guided nature walk through the dense mangrove forests, discovering the unique flora and fauna of the region. Listen to the melodious calls of birds and spot rare species in their natural habitat.
- Visit the Dangmal Crocodile Breeding Centre to see crocodiles at various stages of growth and learn about the breeding and conservation efforts underway.
- Enjoy birdwatching at Bagagahan heronry, a haven for migratory birds. Spot colorful kingfishers, herons, and egrets in their natural surroundings.
- Relax and unwind amidst the natural serenity of the camp, enjoying a traditional dinner and an evening bonfire under the starlit sky.

Day 6: Bhitarkanika - Bhubaneswar (200kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the nature camp before departing for Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha renowned for its ancient temples and rich cultural heritage.
- Drive through picturesque landscapes and rural villages en route to Bhubaneswar.
- Visit Lingaraj Temple, an architectural masterpiece dedicated to Lord Shiva, showcasing the finest examples of Kalinga architecture with its towering spire and intricate carvings.
- Explore Mukteswara Temple, known for its exquisite sculptures and architectural finesse. Wander through its intricately carved halls and marvel at the detailed artwork.
- Visit Rajarani Temple, famous for its ornate sculptures and historical significance in Odisha's temple architecture.
- Take a leisurely stroll through Ekamra Kanan Botanical Gardens, a sprawling garden oasis boasting a diverse collection of plants, flowers, and tranquil ponds.

Day 7: Bhubaneswar - Puri (75kms)

- Begin the day with breakfast at your hotel in Bhubaneswar.
- Drive to Puri, a coastal town famous for its religious significance and pristine beaches. Enjoy a scenic drive along the coastline.
- Visit Jagannath Temple, one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites dedicated to Lord Jagannath. Witness the grand architecture and participate in the temple rituals.
- Relax at Puri Beach, known for its golden sands and vibrant ambiance. Spend time by the sea, swimming in the ocean, and enjoying beachside snacks.
- Explore Gundicha Temple, considered the garden house of Lord Jagannath. Stroll through its serene gardens and admire the temple's architectural beauty.
- Shop at local markets for traditional handicrafts and taste local delicacies, including Pattachitra paintings and shell crafts.

Day 8: Puri

- Start the day with breakfast at your hotel.
- Visit Konark Sun Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site and architectural marvel. Admire its intricate carvings depicting mythological stories and celestial beings.
- Embark on a boat ride on Chilika Lake, the largest coastal lagoon in India, known for its dolphin population and diverse bird species. Explore the lake's islands and witness a breathtaking sunset over the water.
- Visit Ramachandi Temple, dedicated to Goddess Ramachandi and situated on the banks of the Kushabhadra River. Appreciate its tranquil surroundings and spiritual significance.
- Relax at Puri Beach, soaking in the sunset views and the soothing sound of waves crashing against the shore.

Day 9: Puri

- Start the day with breakfast at your hotel.
- Explore Raghurajpur Artist Village, renowned for its traditional Pattachitra paintings and handicrafts. Witness local artisans at work and learn about their intricate techniques.
- Visit Pipili village, famous for its colorful applique work and vibrant handicrafts. Shop for decorative items like wall hangings, bags, and accessories.

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- Visit Sakhigopal Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna and known for its beautiful architecture and religious significance.
- Stroll through local markets, immersing yourself in the vibrant local culture and sampling traditional Odia snacks like Chhena Poda and Khaja.

Day 10: Puri - Bhubaneswar (65kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Puri before departing for Bhubaneswar.
- Stop at Dhauli Hill, a historic site associated with the Kalinga War and renowned for its peace pagoda and ancient rock edicts. Learn about its historical significance and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.
- Depending on your flight schedule, explore more of Bhubaneswar's attractions or indulge in last-minute shopping for souvenirs.
- Transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your culturally rich and spiritually enlightening "Journey Through Sacred Shrines and Pristine Beaches" tour.

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	3,184	1,675	1,424	1,390	1,241	1,252	1,165	1,100
4★ Deluxe	3,686	1,960	1,709	1,675	1,526	1,537	1,450	1,385
5★ Luxury	4,563	2,535	2,144	2,110	1,960	1,972	1,885	1,819

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 477 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 694 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,136

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 44 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 69 | 5★ Luxury: USD 142

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 9 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.

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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.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Boat safari in Bhitarkanika Mangrove Forest with naturalist.
- 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 9 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Balasore x 1 night: Torrento Resorts/ Hotel Swarnachuda
- Bhitarkanika x 2 nights: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Hotel Hindusthan International/ Swosti Grand
- Puri x 3 nights: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms

4 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park
- Balasore x 1 night: Torrento Resorts/ Hotel Swarnachuda

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- Bhitarkanika x 2 nights: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Fortune Park Sishmo/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Puri x 3 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

5 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Balasore x 1 night: Torrento Resorts/ Hotel Swarnachuda
- Bhitarkanika x 2 nights: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Mayfair Lagoon/ Trident Hotel
- Puri x 3 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

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.

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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.