

**Tour Name: Kolkata to Bhubaneshwar via Tiger Reserve, Mangroves Forest & Puri Beach Resort**

**Tour Duration: 7 Nights/ 8 Days**

**Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/7zzxa24x>**

**Tour Overview**

Embark on an enriching journey through the heartlands of Eastern India with our "Kolkata to Bhubaneshwar via Tiger Reserve, Mangroves Forest & Puri Beach Resort" tour. Begin in Kolkata, where the echoes of colonial history resonate at Victoria Memorial and Howrah Bridge. Venture into the untamed wilderness of Similipal Tiger Reserve, where early morning safaris unveil the majesty of Bengal tigers and endemic wildlife. Traverse to Bhitarkanika National Park, navigating its intricate mangrove forests on boat safaris amidst crocodile habitats. Discover the spiritual serenity of Puri, with its ancient Jagannath Temple and tranquil shores of Puri Beach. This tour blends cultural immersion with wildlife encounters, offering a profound glimpse into the diverse landscapes and traditions of Eastern India.

**Tour Itinerary**

**Day 1: Arrive Kolkata**

- Arrive in Kolkata and transfer to the hotel.
- Hotel check-in. (Check-in time: 2 PM, early check-in subject to room availability)

**Day 2: Kolkata**

- Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Victoria Memorial, an imposing marble structure housing a museum that showcases artifacts and paintings depicting India's colonial history.
- Walk across Howrah Bridge, an iconic cantilever bridge over the Hooghly River, offering panoramic views of Kolkata's bustling riverfront.
- Explore Dakshineswar Kali Temple, a Hindu temple known for its traditional Bengali Navaratna architecture and serene ambiance on the banks of the Hooghly River.
- Stroll along the Hooghly River banks to soak in the views of Kolkata's skyline and historical buildings.

- Visit the Indian Museum, one of the oldest and largest museums in India, housing a vast collection of ancient artifacts, fossils, and paintings.
- Evening at Park Street, Kolkata's famous boulevard lined with restaurants, cafes, and shops, offering a vibrant nightlife experience. Overnight in Kolkata.

**Day 3: Kolkata - Similipal Tiger Reserve (300kms)**

- After breakfast, depart for Similipal Tiger Reserve, a haven for biodiversity nestled amidst lush forests.
- Check-in at a lodge surrounded by pristine wilderness.
- Overnight stay at Similipal.

**Day 4: Similipal Tiger Reserve**

- Start the day with an early morning safari to witness the wildlife in their natural habitat during the prime hours of activity.
- Visit the Similipal Biosphere Reserve Interpretation Centre to understand the ecological significance and conservation efforts in the region.
- Explore the diverse forest trails accompanied by a knowledgeable naturalist, offering insights into the unique flora and fauna of Similipal.
- Discover the picturesque Sanaghagara and Uski Waterfalls, perfect for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike.
- Enjoy an evening of local cultural performances by talented artists, showcasing traditional music and dance forms.
- Overnight stay at Similipal.

**Day 5: Similipal NP - Bhitarkanika NP (200kms)**

- Depart for Bhitarkanika National Park after breakfast, renowned for its mangrove forests and wildlife conservation.
- Check-in at an eco-resort nestled amidst the mangroves, offering a serene retreat in nature's lap.
- Embark on a thrilling boat safari through the labyrinthine creeks and mangrove forests, ideal for birdwatching and spotting crocodiles.
- Visit the Crocodile Breeding Center to observe conservation efforts and learn about the life cycle of these ancient reptiles.

- Take a guided nature walk through the mangrove ecosystem, marveling at the unique flora and fauna adapted to saline conditions.
- Overnight stay at Bhitarkanika.

**Day 6: Bhitarkanika NP - Puri (225kms)**

- Enjoy breakfast amidst the tranquil surroundings of Bhitarkanika.
- Depart for Puri, a coastal city known for its sacred temples and pristine beaches.
- En route, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Konark Sun Temple, an architectural marvel depicting the chariot of the Sun God Surya.
- Check-in at the hotel upon arrival in Puri.
- Visit the famous Jagannath Temple, dedicated to Lord Jagannath and renowned for its architectural grandeur and religious significance.
- Relax and unwind at Puri Beach, known for its golden sands and lively atmosphere, perfect for leisurely walks and local snacks.
- Overnight stay in Puri.

**Day 7: Puri**

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast with stunning views of the Bay of Bengal.
- Excursion to Chilika Lake and enjoy boating amidst the picturesque landscapes and bird sanctuaries.
- Spend the day at your leisure exploring local markets near Jagannath Temple, ideal for shopping handicrafts and souvenirs.
- Visit Raghurajpur artisan village, known for its Pattachitra paintings and traditional crafts.
- Overnight stay in Puri.

**Day 8: Puri - Bhubaneswar (65kms) - Departure**

- After breakfast overlooking the Bay of Bengal, depart for Bhubaneswar, the capital city known as the "Temple City of India."
- Visit Lingaraja Temple, an ancient Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its exquisite architecture and intricate carvings.

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- Explore the rock-cut caves of Udayagiri and Khandagiri, ancient Jain monastery caves dating back to the 2nd century BCE.
- Visit Odisha State Museum to admire its rich collection of sculptures, manuscripts, and archaeological artifacts.
- Optional evening heritage walks in Bhubaneswar's old town, discovering its labyrinthine lanes and traditional architecture.
- Transfer to Bhubaneswar Airport for your onward journey, concluding your enriching exploration of nature and culture in Odisha.

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

Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 30 June 2027

| Persons     | Solo  | 2     | 3   | 4     | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 3★ Standard | 1,691 | 921   | 772 | 786   | 700 | 695 | 647 | 610 |
| 4★ Deluxe   | 1,971 | 1,046 | 897 | 911   | 825 | 820 | 772 | 735 |
| 5★ Luxury   | 2,176 | 1,203 | 995 | 1,009 | 923 | 919 | 870 | 834 |

### Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 205 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 360 | 5★ Luxury: USD 466

### Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 19 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 37 | 5★ Luxury: USD 43

### 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.

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- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- 1-Time gypsy safari in Similipal Tiger Reserve with naturalist.
- 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.
- Meals other than mentioned in day plan.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities & optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

### **Hotels used or similar for 7 nights' accommodation**

#### **3 Star Hotels**

- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Similipal National Park x 2 nights: Lulung Aranya Nivas Resort/ Similipal Nature Camps
- Bhitarkanika x 1 night: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Puri x 2 nights: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms

#### **4 Star Hotels**

- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park
- Similipal National Park x 2 nights: Lulung Aranya Nivas Resort/ Similipal Nature Camps
- Bhitarkanika x 1 night: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Puri x 2 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

### **5 Star Hotels**

- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Similipal National Park x 2 nights: Lulung Aranya Nivas Resort/ Similipal Nature Camps
- Bhitarkanika x 1 night: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- Puri x 2 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.

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- **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.