

Tour Name: Odisha Temple & Mangrove Forest

Tour Duration: 5 Nights/ 6 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/eesn9sp2>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Odisha Temple & Mangrove Forest. Begin your adventure in Bhubaneswar, exploring ancient temples like Lingaraj and Mukteswara, before heading to the serene Dhauli hills. Delve into the lush wilderness of Bhitarkanika National Park, where a boat safari reveals an array of wildlife. Discover the architectural marvel of the Konark Sun Temple and the artistic villages of Pipili and Raghurajpur. In Puri, witness the spiritual fervor at Jagannath Temple and relax on the pristine beaches. Conclude your expedition with a visit to the tranquil Chilika Lake, home to diverse bird species and playful dolphins, leaving you with cherished memories of Odisha's heritage and natural beauty.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Bhubaneswar

- Upon arrival at Bhubaneswar airport, our representative extends a warm welcome, ushering you to your hotel.
- After a seamless check-in, embark on an immersive exploration of Bhubaneswar's rich cultural tapestry.
- Begin at the revered Lingaraj Temple, an architectural marvel dedicated to Lord Shiva with a magnificent 11th-century structure.
- Visit Mukteswara Temple, adorned with intricate sculptures and a stunning gateway that epitomizes Kalinga architecture.
- Explore Rajarani Temple, surrounded by lush gardens, known for its ornate carvings and elegant spires.
- Visit Dhauli, a significant Buddhist site where Emperor Ashoka renounced warfare, marked by the Peace Pagoda.
- Explore Khandagiri and Udayagiri Caves, ancient Jain rock-cut shelters with historical inscriptions and carvings.
- Stroll through Ekamra Kanan, a beautiful botanical garden with an extensive collection of exotic plants.
- Return to the hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.

Day 2: Bhubaneswar - Bhitarkanika (160kms)

- Indulge in a hearty breakfast before embarking on a scenic drive to Bhitarkanika National Park.
- En route, explore the archaeological wonders of Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, and Udaigiri, ancient Buddhist sites with stupas, monasteries, and sculptures.
- Admire the grandeur of Jain and Buddhist monasteries with intricate carvings that showcase ancient craftsmanship.
- Arrive at Bhitarkanika, check in at your lodge, and relax amidst nature's beauty.
- Visit the Bhitarkanika Crocodile Sanctuary, home to the endangered saltwater crocodile, offering a chance to see these magnificent reptiles in their natural habitat.
- Explore the mangrove forests, rich in biodiversity, with a guided nature walk.
- Enjoy a tranquil overnight stay, surrounded by the symphony of the wilderness.

Day 3: Bhitarkanika - Puri (240kms)

- Awaken early for a mesmerizing boat safari in Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Encounter diverse avian, reptilian, and mammalian species during the safari, including kingfishers, herons, and spotted deer.
- Following breakfast, bid adieu to Bhitarkanika, setting course for Puri.
- Pause at the Konark Sun Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its chariot-shaped structure and intricate stone carvings.
- Stop at the artistic villages of Pipili and Raghurajpur, showcasing exquisite applique work and Pattachitra paintings, a traditional art form of Odisha.
- Arrive in Puri, check in at your hotel, and explore Ramchandi Temple, dedicated to the goddess Ramchandi, and the sun-kissed Chandrabhaga Beach.
- Attend the soul-stirring Aarti at the revered Jagannath Temple in the evening, experiencing the spiritual atmosphere.
- Retire for the night in Puri, blending spirituality and coastal charm.

Day 4: Puri

- Embark on a post-breakfast odyssey to Chilika Lake, a vast brackish water lagoon teeming with migratory birds and playful dolphins.
- Enjoy a leisurely boat ride to explore the lake's unique ecosystem and visit the enchanting Kalijai Temple nestled on an island within the lake.

- Return to Puri, and delve into the hallowed Jagannath Temple, exploring its intricate architecture and vibrant rituals.
- Visit the Gundicha Temple, known as the Garden House of Jagannath, where the deity is brought during the annual Rath Yatra.
- Wander through the local market, indulging in the vibrant tapestry of local crafts, from intricate silver filigree work to traditional textiles.
- Explore the Puri Beach, known for its golden sands and lively atmosphere, perfect for a relaxing evening stroll.
- As night descends, the echoes of spiritual hymns accompany your overnight stay in Puri.

Day 5: Puri

- Enjoy a leisurely day at your pace, embracing the myriad charms of Puri.
- Relax on the sun-kissed beach, enjoying the coastal breeze and serene environment, perfect for sunbathing and swimming.
- Peruse local markets for artisanal treasures, discovering unique handicrafts such as palm leaf engravings and terracotta items.
- Explore hidden gems and lesser-known attractions in Puri, including the Alarnath Temple and the tranquil Swargadwar beach area.
- Visit the Sudarshan Crafts Museum, showcasing the traditional crafts of Odisha and providing insights into the region's artistic heritage.
- Take a heritage walk through the old streets of Puri, witnessing the traditional lifestyle and architecture of the city.
- The night, adorned with the tranquility of Puri, invites restful repose.

Day 6: Puri - Bhubaneswar (65km)

- Bid adieu to Puri after breakfast, setting out on a short journey back to Bhubaneswar.
- Enjoy a seamless transfer to Bhubaneswar airport, concluding your Odisha odyssey.
- Depart with cherished memories of Odisha's cultural richness and natural splendors.

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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	2,003	1,055	891	864	769	781	725	683
4★ Deluxe	2,298	1,233	1,069	1,042	947	959	903	861
5★ Luxury	3,018	1,652	1,403	1,375	1,281	1,292	1,236	1,195

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 284 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 402 | 5★ Luxury: USD 788

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 26 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 40 | 5★ Luxury: USD 102

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 5 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.
- 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.

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- 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 5 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
- Puri x 3 nights: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms

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
- Puri x 3 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

5 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Mayfair Lagoon/ Trident Hotel
- Bhitarkanika x 1 night: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat
- 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).

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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.