

Tour Name: Odisha Tribal Tour - Explore Weekly Tribal Marketplaces & Temples

Tour Duration: 8 Nights/ 9 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/22na97wc>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Odisha Tribal Tour - Explore Weekly Tribal Marketplaces & Temples" and delve deep into the rich tapestry of Odisha's tribal communities. Begin in Bhubaneswar, exploring ancient temples like Lingaraj and Mukteshwar before venturing into the heartland of Baliguda and Rayagada. Witness vibrant weekly markets where tribes like Kutia Kondh and Dongria Kondh gather, showcasing their traditional crafts and vibrant attire. Continue to Jeypore and Taptapani, immersing yourself in the unique cultural practices of Gadaba, Paraja, and Desia Kondh tribes, set against the backdrop of scenic landscapes and serene hot springs. Conclude in Puri, exploring historic sites like Konark Sun Temple and experiencing the lively Jagannath Temple rituals, leaving you with a profound appreciation for Odisha's tribal heritage and cultural diversity..

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Bhubaneswar

- Arrive in Bhubaneswar, the vibrant capital city of Odisha known for its ancient temples and rich cultural heritage. Transfer to your hotel and relax.
- Visit the iconic Lingaraj Temple, an architectural marvel dedicated to Lord Shiva, adorned with intricate sculptures and a towering spire that dominates the skyline.
- Explore Mukteshwar Temple, famous for its exquisite stone archway and finely carved columns depicting scenes from Hindu mythology, showcasing Odisha's architectural brilliance.

Day 2: Bhubaneswar - Baliguda (260kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Embark on a scenic drive to Baliguda, nestled amidst the Eastern Ghats, where verdant hills and tribal hamlets welcome you.
- Visit the bustling weekly market (haat), a lively gathering of tribes like Kutia Kondh and Dongria Kondh, known for their vibrant attire and intricate jewelry.
- Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of tribal life, witnessing the trade of forest produce, handicrafts, and traditional textiles.

Day 3: Baliguda - Rayagada (180kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Journey through picturesque landscapes to Rayagada, a hub of diverse tribal cultures and natural beauty.
- Explore the vibrant weekly market where the Dongria Kondh tribes showcase their unique handicrafts, including brassware, pottery, and bamboo artifacts.
- Engage with local tribes, learning about their customs, traditional dance forms, and agricultural practices that sustain their communities.

Day 4: Rayagada - Jeypore (220kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to Jeypore, passing through scenic countryside adorned with terraced farms and tribal dwellings.
- Visit the Onukadelli weekly market, where the Bonda tribes gather in their distinctive attire adorned with beads and metal ornaments.
- Enjoy an evening exploring Jeypore town, known for its bustling local markets offering tribal crafts, textiles, and spices.

Day 5: Jeypore

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Venture into the hinterlands to visit Gadaba and Paraja tribal villages, characterized by their unique mud-walled houses and terraced farmlands.
- Explore the Mali and Kunduli weekly markets, witnessing the vibrant trading of local produce, spices, and traditional artifacts.
- Optionally, hike to nearby hills for panoramic views of tribal settlements nestled amidst lush greenery and cascading streams.

Day 6: Jeypore

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the serene Gupteswar Cave Temple, nestled in a cave amidst dense forests, dedicated to Lord Shiva and revered for its natural beauty and spiritual significance.
- Proceed to Duduma Waterfall, a majestic cascade surrounded by dense forests and hills, offering a serene ambiance for relaxation and photography.

- Spend leisure time in Jeypore, exploring local markets or interacting with tribal artisans engaged in traditional crafts like pottery and weaving.

Day 7: Jeypore - Taptapani (280kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Taptapani, known for its natural hot springs nestled in the Eastern Ghats, offering therapeutic benefits and scenic surroundings.
- Visit a local weekly market to witness the Desia Kondh tribes selling forest products, medicinal herbs, and handcrafted items reflecting their rich cultural heritage.
- Relax in the warm waters of Taptapani hot springs, rejuvenating yourself amidst the tranquil ambiance of lush greenery and rolling hills.

Day 8: Taptapani - Puri (230kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Journey to Puri, a coastal town renowned for its Jagannath Temple and vibrant beach culture.
- Visit the UNESCO-listed Konark Sun Temple, an architectural marvel depicting the chariot of the Sun God, showcasing intricate stone carvings and sculptures.
- Enjoy leisure time at Puri Beach, famous for its golden sands and lively atmosphere, and witness the evening aarti ceremony at Jagannath Temple, a spiritual highlight of your journey.

Day 9: Puri - Bhubaneswar (65kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Raghurajpur, a heritage crafts village known for its Pattachitra paintings and traditional Odissi dance.
- Explore local markets in Bhubaneswar for last-minute shopping before departing for your onward journey, reflecting on your immersive experience into Odisha's tribal heartland and vibrant cultural tapestry.

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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	2,837	1,520	1,258	1,277	1,127	1,123	1,038	974
4★ Deluxe	2,936	1,580	1,319	1,338	1,188	1,183	1,098	1,035
5★ Luxury	3,231	1,820	1,455	1,474	1,324	1,320	1,235	1,171

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 326 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 364 | 5★ Luxury: USD 523

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 45 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 49 | 5★ Luxury: USD 70

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 8 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.
- 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 8 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Hotel Hindusthan International/ Swosti Grand
- Baliguda x 1 night: Hotel Bivab/ Hotel Santosh Bhawan
- Rayagada x 1 night: Hotel Sai International/ Hotel Tejasvi International
- Jeypore x 3 nights: Hotel Hello Jeypore/ Hotel Apsara
- Taptapani x 1 night: Ripa House/ Taptapani Spring Resorts
- Puri x 1 night: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms

4 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Fortune Park Sishmo/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Baliguda x 1 night: Hotel Bivab/ Hotel Santosh Bhawan
- Rayagada x 1 night: Hotel Sai International/ Hotel Tejasvi International
- Jeypore x 3 nights: Hotel Hello Jeypore/ Hotel Apsara
- Taptapani x 1 night: Ripa House/ Taptapani Spring Resorts
- Puri x 1 night: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

5 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Mayfair Lagoon/ Trident Hotel
- Baliguda x 1 night: Hotel Bivab/ Hotel Santosh Bhawan
- Rayagada x 1 night: Hotel Sai International/ Hotel Tejasvi International
- Jeypore x 3 nights: Hotel Hello Jeypore/ Hotel Apsara
- Taptapani x 1 night: Ripa House/ Taptapani Spring Resorts
- Puri x 1 night: 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

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- 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.

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- **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.