

Tour Name: Temples & Mangrove Forest Tour

Tour Duration: 3 Nights/ 4 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2zz5ssph>

Tour Overview

Explore the mystical depths of Odisha with our "Spiritual Treasures & Mangrove Marvels" tour. Begin in Bhubaneswar, where ancient temples like Lingaraj, Mukteshwar, and Rajarani beckon with their ornate architecture and spiritual significance. Delve into the cultural tapestry of Odisha's capital before journeying to Bhitarkanika National Park. Here, lush mangrove forests and pristine waterways await, home to diverse wildlife including Olive Ridley Sea turtles and exotic bird species. Embark on thrilling boat safaris, witness nesting turtles at Gahirmatha Beach, and wander the serene landscapes of Kalibhanjadia Island. This expedition promises a blend of spiritual enrichment and natural wonders, offering a unique glimpse into the heart of Odisha's spiritual and ecological heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bhubaneswar

- Arrive in Bhubaneswar, the vibrant capital city of Odisha known for its ancient temples and rich cultural heritage. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and assisted with transfer to your hotel for check-in.
- Visit Lingaraj Temple, an ancient masterpiece of Kalinga architecture dedicated to Lord Shiva. Admire the temple's towering spire, intricately carved sculptures, and vibrant rituals that encapsulate Odisha's spiritual essence. Note: Non-Hindus are not allowed to enter the sanctum of active temples in Odisha.
- Explore Mukteshwar Temple, renowned for its exquisite architecture featuring an arched gateway adorned with intricate carvings depicting scenes from Hindu mythology.
- Conclude your tour with a visit to Rajarani Temple, celebrated for its ornate sculptural motifs and serene ambiance, offering a serene retreat from the bustling city life.

Day 2: Bhubaneswar - Bhitarkanika National Park (200kms)

- Depart from Bhubaneswar for Bhitarkanika National Park, a coastal treasure trove renowned for its lush mangrove forests, diverse wildlife, and vibrant avian population.
- Explore Gahirmatha Beach, the largest nesting site for Olive Ridley Sea turtles globally (seasonal). Witness the unique spectacle of turtles returning to the sea or laying eggs, depending on the season.

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- Embark on a thrilling boat safari through the serene creeks and waterways of Bhitarkanika. Encounter saltwater crocodiles basking in the sun, playful dolphins frolicking in the waters, and a myriad of bird species nesting among the mangroves.

Day 3: Bhitarkanika National Park

- Rise early for a dawn boat safari, immersing yourself in the tranquil beauty of Bhitarkanika's mangrove ecosystem. Marvel at the serene ambiance and the pristine wilderness as you navigate through its labyrinth of water channels.
- Visit Bagdahana Bird Sanctuary, a haven for bird enthusiasts where you can spot a plethora of resident and migratory birds, including herons, egrets, kingfishers, and many more.
- Explore Kalibhanjadia Island, a secluded paradise known for its dense mangrove cover and peaceful surroundings. Take a leisurely walk amidst nature, soaking in the sights and sounds of this biodiverse sanctuary.

Day 4: Bhitarkanika National Park - Bhubaneswar

- Return to Bhubaneswar from Bhitarkanika National Park, reflecting on your enriching wildlife experience.

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

Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 20 June 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,336	708	588	588	524	527	490	463
4★ Deluxe	1,442	772	653	652	588	592	555	527
5★ Luxury	1,525	850	690	690	626	629	593	565

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 189 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 231 | 5★ Luxury: USD 277

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 8 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 22 | 5★ Luxury: USD 22

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 3 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- All Meals starting from 1st day tinner to last day breakfast.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.

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- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Full day boat safari in Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary
- 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 3 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Hotel Hindusthan International/ Swosti Grand
- Bhitarkanika x 2 nights: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat

4 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Fortune Park Sishmo/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Bhitarkanika x 2 nights: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat

5 Star Hotels

- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Mayfair Lagoon/ Trident Hotel
- Bhitarkanika x 2 nights: Sand Pebbles Bhitarkanika Jungle Resorts/ Nature Camp Bhitarkanika Retreat

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.
- 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.