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Odisha Tourism offers a captivating blend of history, culture, spirituality, and natural beauty. Known as the "Soul of Incredible India," Odisha attracts travelers with its diverse attractions, ranging from ancient temples and historical monuments to pristine beaches and wildlife sanctuaries.

Tourism Highlights

Odisha, known as the "Soul of Incredible India," offers a unique blend of spirituality, history, culture, and natural beauty.

Spiritual and Cultural Sites: Jagannath Temple, Puri: One of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites, this iconic temple is renowned for the annual Rath Yatra (Chariot Festival). Konark Sun Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site) A 13th-century architectural marvel shaped like a giant chariot, dedicated to the Sun God. Lingaraj Temple, Bhubaneswar: A stunning example of Kalinga architecture, this temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. Rajarani Temple, Bhubaneswar: Known as the "Love Temple" due to its intricate carvings of celestial beings and couples. Chilika Lake and Kalijai Temple: Asia's largest brackish water lagoon, home to migratory birds and the sacred Kalijai Temple. Cuttack's Silver Filigree Work: Explore Odisha's exquisite craft in this historic city.

Historical and Architectural Sites: Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves: Ancient rock-cut caves showcasing Jain heritage and carvings. Dhauli Shanti Stupa: A white Buddhist Peace Pagoda marking the site of Emperor

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Ashoka's transformation after the Kalinga War. **Barabati Fort, Cuttack**: A medieval fort offering insights into Odisha's rich history. **Mukteswar Temple, Bhubaneswar**: Known as the "Gem of Odisha Architecture," this temple is a masterpiece of ancient design.

Natural Wonders and Wildlife: Chilika Lake: Famous for birdwatching, dolphin spotting, and its picturesque beauty. **Simlipal National Park**: A UNESCO-recognized biosphere reserve, home to tigers, elephants, and lush greenery. **Bhitarkanika National Park**: A unique mangrove ecosystem, famous for saltwater crocodiles and rare bird species. **Gahirmatha Beach**: A nesting site for Olive Ridley turtles, offering a rare natural spectacle. **Satkosia Gorge**: A stunning river gorge perfect for nature trails, boating, and wildlife spotting.

Beaches: Puri Beach: A spiritual and scenic beach, popular for sunrise views and temple visits. **Chandipur Beach**: Known as the "Vanishing Beach" due to its unique tidal patterns. **Gopalpur-on-Sea**: A serene and less crowded beach ideal for relaxation.

Festivals and Arts: Rath Yatra (Puri): A grand chariot festival attracting millions of devotees. **Konark Dance Festival**: An annual celebration of classical dance forms against the backdrop of the Sun Temple. **Tribal Culture**: Odisha's tribal regions, like Koraput, showcase vibrant traditions, crafts, and festivals. **Odissi Dance**: Witness performances of one of the oldest classical dance forms of India.

Tourist Circuits

Golden Triangle: Bhubaneswar – Puri – Konark.

Buddhist Circuit: Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri, and Udayagiri, showcasing ancient Buddhist heritage.

Tribal Circuit: Exploring Koraput, Rayagada, and surrounding tribal heartlands.

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Odisha

(Puri – Chilika – Konark – Bhubaneswar – Cuttack)

(4 Nights 5 Days)

<u>Day 1 - Bhubaneswar - Konark - Puri</u>

Upon arrival at Bhubaneswar Airport/Railway Station, transfer to Puri & en-route visit to the **Sun temple** (The temple was built by King Narasimhadeo in the 13th century, it is counted among the 7 wonders of India, famous for world heritage site & also known as "Black Pagoda"), **Chandrabhaga Beach** (cultural and traditional identity of Orissa, which is famous for its long stretch of golden sand bordered with casuarinas), **Ramachandi Temple**. Then check in to the hotel & overnight stay at Puri. Meal:- Lunch, Dinner

Sun Temple - The temple was built by King Narasimhadeo in the 13th century, it is counted among the 7 wonders of India, famous for world heritage site & also known as "Black Pagoda". Dedicated to the Hindu Sun God Surya, what remains of the temple complex has the appearance of a 100 ft (30 m) high chariot with immense wheels and horses, all carved from stone.

Chandrabhaga Beach - Cultural and traditional identity of Orissa, which is famous for its long stretch of golden sand bordered with casuarinas.

Ramachandi Temple - It is on a beautiful spot on the banks of the Kusabhadra River. Goddess Ramachandi, the deity of Konark is thought by some to be the presiding deity of this temple, while others thought it to be the temple of Mayadevi, wife of Surya.



<u>Day 2 – Puri – Chilika – Puri</u> After breakfast proceed to **Chilika Lake** (It is Asia's largest brackish water lake & spreads across 1,100 sq km. The lake is a winter hub of many spectacular migratory birds. The view of sunset

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& sunrise is a delight to watch). When arrive at Satapara see the Irrawaddy Dolphins and the Sea mouth (Meeting point of sea & lake (the point where the lake meets the sea), Virgin Island, Birds Island. Then back to Puri, in the afternoon visit to the 12th century world famous Jagannath Temple (one of the four dhams, only Hindus are allowed inside the premises of Jagannath temple), enjoy at Golden Beach (Amazing sceneries of sun set), free time for shopping, back to hotel & overnight stay at Puri.

Meal:- Breakfast Lunch, Dinner

Chilika Lake - It is Asia's largest brackish water lake & spreads across 1,100 sq km. The lake is a winter hub of many spectacular migratory birds. The view of sunset & sunrise is a delight to watch. It has been listed as a tentative UNESCO World Heritage site.

Jagannath temple - One of the four dhams, the temple is sacred to all Hindus and especially in those of the Vaishnava traditions. Many great Vaishnava saints, such as Ramanujacharya, Madhvacharya, Nimbarkacharya, Vallabhacharya and Ramananda were closely associated with the temple.





<u>Day 3 – Puri – Bhubaneswar Local</u>

After breakfast check out from the hotel and then drive to Bhubaneswar, en route visit **Pipili** (Applique work village), **Dhauligiri** (It is one of the famous Buddhist destinations in India, where Mauryan Emperor Ashoka renounced the path of violence and embraced Buddhism, after witnessing the devastation of Kalinga war & also known as "Peace Pagoda"), **Lingaraj Temple** (Dedicated to Harihara, a combination of Lord Shiv & Vishnu, this temple was constructed in the 11th century, by Jajati Keshari, a Somavanshi king), **Mukteswar Temple** (This temple that this become famous as "Gem Of Odisha")

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Architecture"), then check into the hotel & relax. Afternoon visit to **Khandagiri & Udayagiri caves** (Old rock cut caves, built by Mahamegha vahana Aira Kharabela), free time shopping at Local market. Back to hotel, overnight @ Bhubaneswar.

Meal:- Breakfast Lunch, Dinner

Pipili – It is Famous for Appliqué work and also known as the handicraft village.

Dhauli - It is one of the famous Buddhist destinations in India, where Mauryan Emperor Ashoka renounced the path of violence and embraced Buddhism, after witnessing the devastation of Kalinga war & also known as "Peace Pagoda".

Lingaraj Temple – It is dedicated to Harihara, a combination of Lord Shiv & Vishnu, this temple was constructed in the 11th century, by Jajati Keshari, a Somavanshi king.

Mukteswar Temple - It is a 10th-century Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva located in Bhubaneswar. The temple dates back to 950–975 CE and is a monument of importance in the study of the development of Hindu temples in Odisha. The architecture is one of the basic reasons why Mukteshvara Temple is also known as the "Gem of Odisha architecture" or "Kalinga Architecture".

Khandagiri & Udayagiri - The famous rock-cut caves Hatigumpha and wonderful sculptures in Ranigumpha built by Mahameghavahana AiraKharavela.



Day 4 - Bhubaneswar - Cuttack - Bhubaneswar

After breakfast visit **Nandankanan Zoo** (This zoo is famous for variety of wild life sanctuary & also famous for white Tiger & Lion Safari, Closed On Monday) and then back hotel, post Lunch proceed to Cuttack and visit **Maritime Museum** (Closed On Monday), **Peacock Valley** (More than 100 Peacock can be seen at a time and at around 3:00P.M-04:30P.M), then drive back to hotel & overnight stay at Bhubaneswar. Meal:- Breakfast Lunch, Dinner

Nandankanan - Nandankanan, literally meaning The Garden of Heaven, It was opened to the public in 1979 and became the first zoo in India to join World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) in 2009 The most

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attractions are white tiger, Lion safari and the Botanical garden.

Odisha Maritime Museum – The Museum devoted to the region's maritime heritage, with model boats, navigational equipment & more. The chief attractions are the wooden boat replica's, the huge boat shed and the lathe which was the largest in Asia during its time. The addition of the 3D shows along with the aquarium section to the museum is a huge draw especially for the kids.

Peacock Valley – A place in Cuttack where More Than 100 peacock can be seen at a time and at around 03:00P.M-04:30P.M.

Day 05:- Departure from Hotel to Bhubaneswar Airport

After breakfast check-out from hotel and then drop at Bhubaneswar Railway station / Airport for your onward journey with sweet memories of Odisha.

Meal:- Breakfast

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