

Odisha Culture And Tribal



Days:	14
Price:	1695 USD International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★★
Difficult:	★★★☆☆
📌 Culture	

PRISTINE VIATAS, LEGENDARY TEMPLES AND TRIBES

To the east, pristine and unexplored, lies Odisha, the land of myths and legends. This tour explores the diverse aspects of a comparatively less trodden region of India, home to ancient tribes who continue to dwell in remote forests and hilly interiors, keeping alive their tribal heritage.

Our journey begins in Bhubaneshwar, the city of temples, where as many as 1000 temples flourished, at one time. Next, we visit rural Odisha to see how local tribes live. Odisha has nearly 62 tribes, constituting almost 24 percent of the population and their lifestyle, based on food gathering, hunting and fishing, is fascinating. We visit some of the most primitive ones; The Kutia Kondhs, Dongria Kondhs and Bondas an experience first-hand their rich knowledge of the forests and how they bring different kinds of forest fruits and livestock, to sell in the local weekly bazars.

We also visit the spectacular Jagannath Temple, Puri and the unparalleled Sun temple at Konark with its exquisite carving. From there on to Kolkata via Bhubaneshwar, we enjoy some local sightseeing in Kolkata, a city with gems of colonial architecture and a mesmerizing history showcasing its rich culture and literary heritage. The city is a happening place where fine arts, music, dance, theatre and writing traditions continue to flourish.

Note: This itinerary is very sensitive. Dates of arrival and departure should be selected in accordance with weekly market. For this reason, we have mentioned the day in the caption of itinerary. Your arrival day in Kolkata should be Thursday

HIGHLIGHTS * Kolkata sightseeing and local attractions * Bhubaneshwar, the 'Temple City of the East' * The lifestyle of tribes and their fascinating weekly bazaars * Taptapani – a hot water spring * The 12th century Jagannath temples at Puri * Chariot-shaped Konark Sun Temple – a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Day 1. Traditional welcome on arrival (Thursday)



Kolkata 📍

- Upon arrival at the **International airport** and after the traditional welcome 'Swagat', we are transferred to the hotel. Located on the east bank of the **Hooghly river**, Kolkata is the principal commercial, cultural, and educational centre of East India, while the Port of Kolkata is India's oldest operating port as well as its sole major riverine port.

🏠 Accommodation

The Lindsay

Day 2. Fly to Bhubaneshwar and sightseeing of Town (Friday)



Kolkata 📍

Kolkata - Bhubaneshwar

- Today we are transferred to domestic airport to catch our flight to Bhubaneshwar, **the capital city of Odisha**.
- This city is famously called the 'Temple City of the East' and has countless wonders to offer. Upon arrival, we check-in to the hotel and leave for the sightseeing tour of Bhubaneshwar. We visit the splendid **Bhubaneshwar Lingraj Temple** which is quite unique and oldest of all in Odisha(Orissa). This temple impeccably exemplifies the excellent Odishan architecture. Later we explore holy **Bindu Sarovar and Kedareshwar Temple**

✈ 380km - 🕒 1h
Bhubaneswar 📍

🍳 Breakfast	The Lindsay
🏠 Accommodation	The Crown

Day 3. Excursion to Lalitagiri – Khandagiri – Udayagiri (Saturday)



Bhubaneswar 📍

- Early in the morning after breakfast, we leave for an excursion to see some awesome architectural heirloom of **Lalitagiri, Khandagiri and Udayagiri**. These sites exhibit picturesque Buddhist attraction enveloped in breathtaking beauty. We first visit Lalitagiri to witness the quaint lifestyle of the people, alluring crafts and majestic pottery of older times. Our next halt is at the fascinating Khandagiri and Udayagiri caves which are meticulously carved out of the twin hills. In the evening, we return to the hotel in Bhubaneswar.

🍳 Breakfast	The Crown
🏠 Accommodation	The Crown

Day 4. Bhubaneswar – Gopalpur (Sunday)



Bhubaneswar 📍

🚗 170km - 🕒 3h
Gopalpur 📍

Bhubaneswar - Gopalpur

- Post breakfast, we begin our drive towards Gopalpur which is an amazingly dazzling town. The town is popular for its striking sea sides and gorgeous temple devoted to Lord Krishna. We can have blasting moments at the beach. Overnight stay will be at the hotel in Gopalpur.

🍳 Breakfast	The Crown
🏠 Accommodation	OTDC Panthanivas (Gopalpur)

Day 5. Gopalpur – Raygada (Monday)



Gopalpur 📍

🚗 260km - 🕒 6h
Raygada 📍

Gopalpur - Raygada

- Early in the morning after breakfast, we drive to Raygada where we are thrilled at sighting bizarre tribal people in their unique traditional clothing, style and ornaments which distinguish them from rest of the population. Apart from this Raygada offers spectacular scenic beauty. On our way, we also visit another tribal village called **Langia Soura**. It is time to make the most of this opportunity interacting with the inhabitants to know more about them. Upon reaching Raygada, we visit **Hathipathar**, an elephant-shaped rock. In the evening, our visit to the distinct and attractive **Kutia Kondh Tribe market** is the culmination of our day's exploration.

🍳 Breakfast	OTDC Panthanivas (Gopalpur)
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Sai International

Day 6. Raygada (Tuesday)



Rayagada 📍

- Today we wake up in the serene, peaceful and soothing ambience of Raygada and leave for full day sightseeing. First we visit **Minajhola**, a gorgeous picturesque site. Thereafter we drive to **Padmapur** which is a beautiful tribal village popular for its breathtaking Manikeshwar Shiv Temple. This entire tour gives us a fantastic chance to interact with the tribal people to gain some insight into their life and culture.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Sai International
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Sai International

Day 7. Raygada – Jeypore (Wednesday)



Rayagada 📍
🚗 140km - ⌚ 4h
Jeypore 📍

Raygada - Jeypore

- In the morning, we drive to Jeypore. It is an astonishing destination drowned in majestic natural beauty; it is dotted with stupendous hills, fantastic lakes and other attractions carrying hypnotic traits. Upon reaching there we check-in to the hotel, and after some relaxation, leave for an excursion trip to **Kali temple and Neelkantheswara temple**, among ancient temples of India. Later, subject to availability of time, we also make an **OPTIONAL** visit to Jeypore Fort.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Sai International
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Hello

Day 8. Jeypore – Onukudelli – Jeypore (Thursday)



Jeypore 📍

- Today we visit **Onukudelli**, a must-visit site on account of being another paradise with exquisite picturesque landscape. It is an isolated village with an enormous hydroelectric power plant. Apart from the tribal communities, people categorized as 'lower caste or scheduled caste' also live here since their last few generations. The place takes pride in its natural panoramic view – lush green woods, cluster of hills, tranquil surroundings with a rich endowment of flora and fauna, and above all, the tribal societies dwelling in this area. Here, we get a chance to explore immensely the appealing and interesting markets of **Bonda, Gadaba and Didayee tribes**. From here, we can buy some typical adornments and souvenirs related to these tribes. After relishing the enchanting beauty of Onukudelli, we drive back to our hotel in Jeypore.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Hello
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Hello

Day 9. Jeypore – Taptapani (Friday)



Jeypore 📍
🚗 300km - ⌚ 7h 20m
Taptapani 📍

Jeypore - Taptapani

- Today we come back to the plains through the beautiful mountain roads, en-route visiting some of the other tribal communities. Upon arrival at Taptapani we are transferred to our hotel for check-in. Rest of the day is free to relax.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Hello
🏠 Accommodation	OTDC Panthaniwas (Taptapani)

Day 10. Taptapani – Chilka Lake – Puri (Saturday)



Taptapani 📍
🚗 260km - ⌚ 6h 40m
Puri 📍

Taptapani - Puri

- In the morning, we enjoy the beautiful surrounding of Taptapani - a hot water spring. Later we drive down to Puri; en-route visiting some **typical South Odishan Villages**. Before reaching Puri, we stop at Chilka Lake, the largest brackish water lagoon in India and beautiful enough to mesmerize anyone. Also, it is the largest wintering site for numerous migratory birds that further add to its charm. From here, we proceed further to a holy and spiritual city, Puri, a place of pilgrimage for Hindus. Puri is an amalgamation of sacred temples, stunning beaches, charming dances and interesting shops.

☕ Breakfast	OTDC Panthaniwas (Taptapani)
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Shree Hari

Day 11. Excursion to Konark (Sunday)



Puri 📍

- In the morning, we visit the famous **Jagannath temple** in Puri which is one of the four Dhams (places of sacred pilgrimage) – Note: Non-Hindus are not allowed inside the temple. The extraordinary form Jagannath takes in this famous temple is said to be the unfinished work of the craftsman God, Vishvakarma. This 12th century temple is known for its Annual Rath Yatra or Chariot Festival. In the afternoon, we leave for an excursion to Konark, famous for its **Sun Temple**, built by **King Langula Narasimha Deva** in the golden era of Odishan art. This crowning piece of Odishan architecture and sculpture is sheer poetry in stone. Early evening we drive back to Puri and enjoy our time at Puri's soothing beaches. *Note: Non-Hindus are not allowed to enter the Jagannath Sanctuary.*

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Shree Hari
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Shree Hari

Day 12. Puri – Bhubaneswar (Monday)



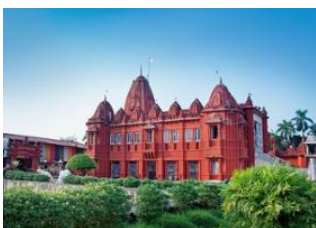
Puri 📍
🚗 70km - ⌚ 1h 30m
Bhubaneswar 📍

Puri - Bhubaneshwar

- Morning is free to relax on the beach. In the afternoon, we drive back to Bhubaneswar. Evening is free to personally explore this amazing multihued city.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Shree Hari
🏠 Accommodation	The Crown

Day 13. Fly to Kolkata and Sightseeing (Tuesday)



Bhubaneswar 📍
✈️ 380km - ⌚ 1h
Kolkata 📍

Bhubaneshwar - Kolkata

- Today, we will be transferred to airport of Bhubaneswar for boarding the flight to **Kolkata**. Rest of the day is free to roam around the market.

☕ Breakfast	The Crown
🏠 Accommodation	The Lindsay

Day 14. Visit Kolkata and Departure (Wednesday)



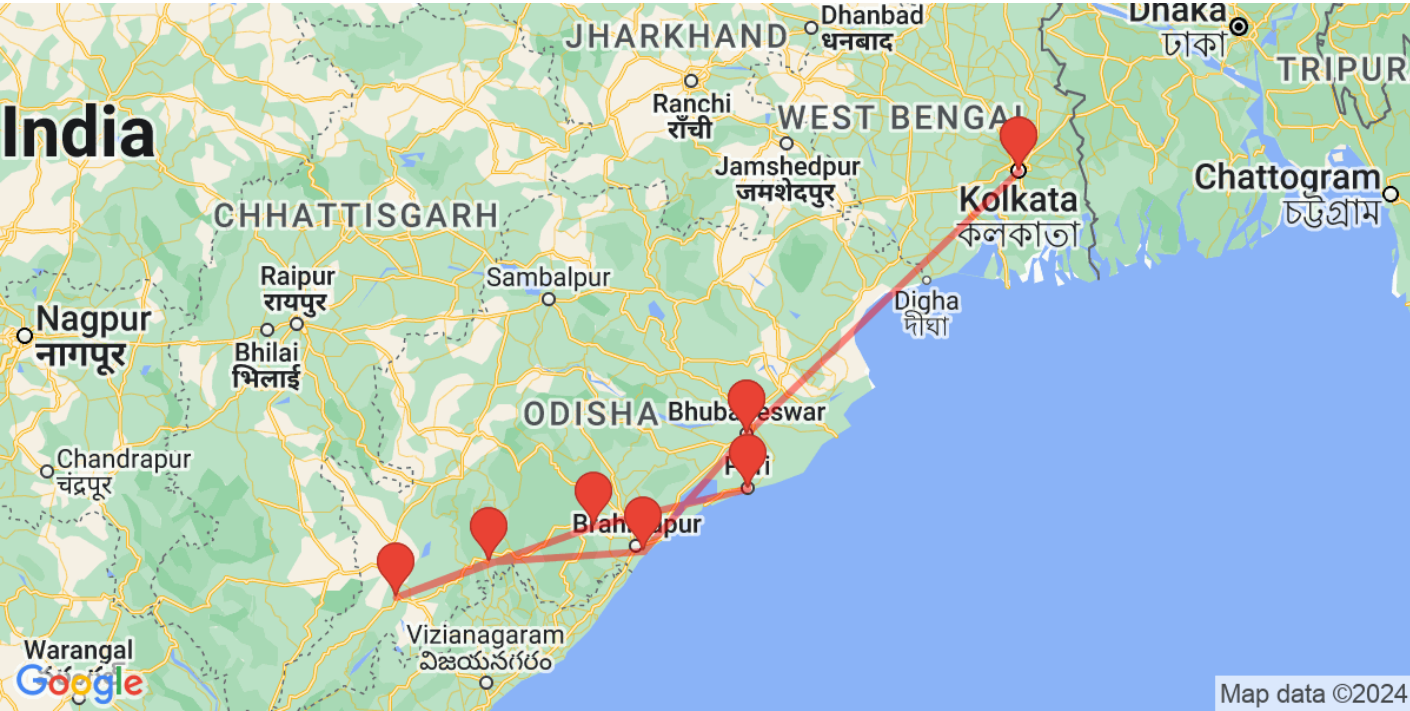
Kolkata 📍

- Today, we first visit the royal, grandiose and gorgeous **Victoria Memorial**. It is the most popular building of Kolkata made up of white marble in a European architectural style. It houses several rare and unique antiques. Later we visit the divine **Kali Temple** situated on the bank of Hooghly (the Ganges) River. This huge and artistically constructed temple is dedicated to the Hindu Goddess Kali and is one of the 51 Shakti Peethas.
- Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the International airport or any point of convenience for onward journey to respective countries.

🍳 Breakfast

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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-3	4-5	6-8
2645 USD	1945 USD	1695 USD

Included

- Accommodation for 13 nights in a double room in the hotels mentioned or equivalent on breakfast basis
- All ground transportation included in the program using private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Entrance fees to the park and monuments as described in the program
- English speaking Tribal guide from D:05 - D:09 (It is mandatory)
- Professional English-speaking tour leader throughout India
- Govt. Taxes
- Remark: Tribal Guide is must for tribal region. Even if you are accompanied by professional tour leader.

Not included

- International flight tickets
- Travel insurance
- These rates will not be valid for peak season from 20 December 2019 to 10 January 2020 , Christmas and New Year's extra supplement cost will be charged during this period
- Domestic flight tickets for the two sectors: (Kolkata - Bhubaneswar & Bhubaneswar - Kolkata)
- Miscellaneous Expenses - drinks, souvenir, personal expenses etc.
- Lunch and dinner throughout the trip
- Tips for driver and other local staff
- Charges for Camera in the monuments and Parks
- The cancellation and baggage insurance, assistance and repatriation
- Indian Visa
- All services not mentioned in "Inclusion"