

# Odisha Culture And Tribal



Days: 14  
Price: 1470 EUR  
International flight not included  
Comfort: ★★★★★  
Difficult: ★★★☆☆  
📍 Culture

The antiquity of **Odisha(Orissa)** is endorsed by its ancient people who continue to inhabit their traditional dwelling places in remote areas in deep forests and hilly interiors. Steeped in the mystery that surrounds their ancient ways the Odishan tribals continue to be a source of deep interest not only for anthropologists and sociologists but also for numerous tourists who flock to Odisha(Orissa) in search of the exotic mystique of this relatively unexplored state. In this trip we travel across fascinating state of Odisha(Orissa) - Land of Myths and Legends; Exotic and Unexplored.

We begin this tour by visiting Kolkata followed by **Bhubaneswar**, the city of temples, where as many as 1000 temples existed at one point of time. In the first part of our trip we visit the rural part of Odisha(Orissa) to see the local tribes. Odisha(Orissa) has as many as 62 tribes that constitute an impressive 24 percent of the total population of the state. Their economy here is based on food gathering, hunting and fishing, the activities that bind them to this forest region. The most primitive groups of Tribes which we see are **Kutia Kondhs, Dongria Kondhs and Bondas**. Men and women come down from the mountains with different kinds of fruits and livestock to sell in the weekly market. After visiting their villages we can also watch their interaction with other communities in these weekly markets. Bondas live in the remote hills and keep themselves isolated. They are normally seen only when they come to trade at the local market. Our visit must be timed to coincide with the weekly market day on Thursday. We also visit the spectacular temples of Jagannath at Puri and Sun temple at Konark with very beautiful and intricate carvings. Later we reach Bhubaneswar from where we fly back to Kolkata, the city of joy which has a fascinating history that highlights its rich culture and literary flavors. The city survived even in the British era with a grace that can be seen even now. It's a happening place where activities like fine arts, music, dance, theatre and writing continue to flourish.

- *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*

## 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 Bhubaneswar, **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 Bhubaneswar. We visit the splendid **Bhubaneswar 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)



Raygada 📍

- 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)



Raygada 📍  
🚗 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 ancients 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 Onkudelli 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



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.

🍳 Breakfast	Hotel Shree Hari
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Shree Hari

## Day 12. Puri – Bhubaneswar (Monday)



Puri   
 🚗 70km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
 Bhubaneswar 

### Puri - Bhubaneswar

- 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



Bhubaneswar   
 ✈️ 380km - ⌚ 1h  
 Kolkata 

### Bhubaneswar - Kolkata

- On arrival, we would be received by our representative and will be transferred to the Hotel.

🍳 Breakfast	The Crown
🏠 Accommodation	The Lindsay

## Day 14. Departure



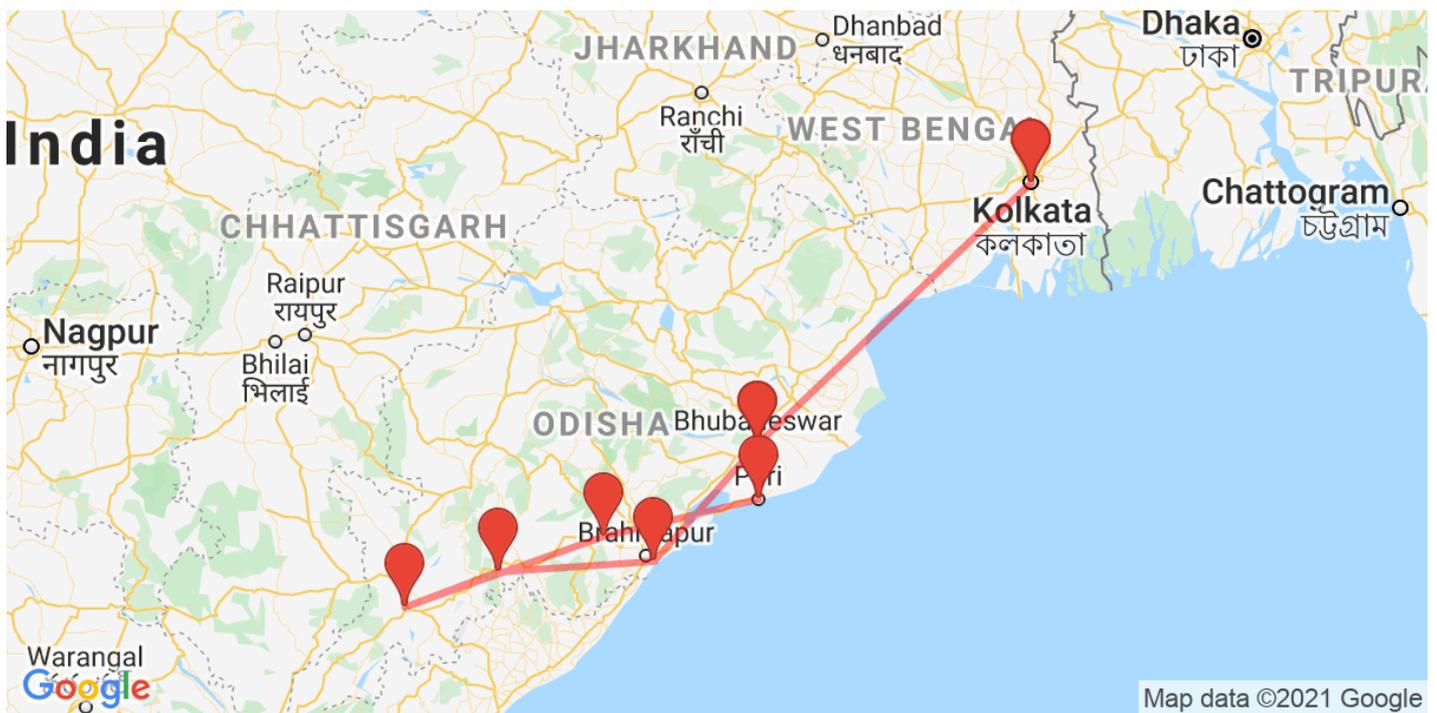
Kolkata 📍

- On arrival, transfer to hotel. Later 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.
- This tour concludes today. We will be transferred to **Kolkata International airport** to catch our flights to our respective destinations.

🍳 Breakfast

The Lindsay

## Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-5	6-8
2320 EUR	2035 EUR	1680 EUR	1470 EUR

## Included

- Accommodation for 13 nights in a double room in the hotels mentioned or equivalent (only breakfast included)
- 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 the trip
- Govt Taxes

## Not included

- International Flight tickets
- Domestic Flight for two sectors :  
(Kolkata - Bhubaneswar & Bhubaneswar - Kolkata)
- Indian Visa
- Miscellaneous Expenses - Drinks and souvenir 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
- All services not mentioned in "Inclusion"