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Classic Odisha

The standard temple-and-coast loop: two nights in Bhubaneswar for temples and caves, two in Puri for Jagannath darshan and the beach, a day each for Konark and Chilika, and a last night back in Bhubaneswar before the flight home.

5 nights / 6 days Route: **Bhubaneswar – Puri – Konark – Chilika – Bhubaneswar**

From **₹26,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

BHUBANESWAR**Arrive and settle in**

Land in Bhubaneswar (one-stop from Ahmedabad, usually arriving by early afternoon) and check in. If time allows, an easy first evening at Mukteshwar and Rajarani Temples, both a short walk apart and open till around 6 pm. Rest of the evening free; dinner at the hotel or a nearby pure-veg restaurant.

Stay: **Bhubaneswar** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

BHUBANESWAR**Temples and caves**

Morning at Lingaraj Temple — non-Hindus view the sanctum from the Alauddin Platform outside the wall — followed by Mukteshwar and Rajarani if not covered the previous evening. After lunch, Udayagiri–Khandagiri Jain caves (open 8 am–6 pm, small entry fee), an important stop for Jain families. Optional late-afternoon visit to Nandankanan Zoological Park for its white tigers and botanical garden, about 20 km from the city.

Stay: **Bhubaneswar** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
3

BHUBANESWAR → DHAULI → PURI

Dhuli and Jagannath darshan

Leave after breakfast, stopping at Dhuli (20 km, 30 minutes) to see the Ashokan rock edict and the Shanti Stupa. Continue to Puri (65 km further, about 1.5 hours) and check in by early afternoon. Afternoon darshan at Jagannath Temple — plan for security queues and modest dress — followed by Mahaprasad at Ananda Bazaar inside the temple complex. Evening walk on Puri beach.

Stay: **Puri** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

PURI

Konark and craft villages

Early start to Konark (35 km, 1 hour) to see the Sun Temple in the soft morning light before the crowds and heat build up; allow 1.5–2 hours to walk the full complex. On the return, stop at Raghurajpur artist village to watch pattachitra painters at work, and at Pipli for appliqué work. Back in Puri by late afternoon, free evening on the beach.

Stay: **Puri** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

PURI → SATAPADA → BHUBANESWAR

Chilika dolphins and back

Early departure to Satapada (50 km, 1.5 hours) for a boat ride on Chilika Lake to spot Irrawaddy dolphins (best sightings 7–10 am) and, in winter, migratory birds at the lake's bird sanctuary sections. Return via Bhubaneswar (100 km, 2.5 hours), arriving by evening for a last night before the flight home. Free time for last-minute shopping at Bhubaneswar's Ekamra Haat crafts market.

Stay: **Bhubaneswar** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

BHUBANESWAR → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Bhubaneswar airport is centrally located, 15–20 minutes from most city hotels. Most Ahmedabad connections route through Hyderabad or Kolkata; check onward connection timing before booking a late checkout.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + 5 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Private AC vehicle for the whole trip
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Chilika boat ride at Satapada
- + Konark Sun Temple entry
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Flights Ahmedabad–Bhubaneswar
- Lunches on sightseeing days
- Nandankanan Zoo entry
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹26,000–32,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹40,000–52,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, excluding flights (add ₹12,000–20,000 return depending on route and season). Rath Yatra week (June/July) runs 30–40% higher where hotels are even available. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: there is no reliable daily non-stop Ahmedabad–Bhubaneswar flight; IndiGo runs a direct service on some days of the week, otherwise expect one stop via Hyderabad or Kolkata, total travel time 4–5 hours. Check the day-of-week schedule when booking, as direct availability changes seasonally.

Food. Odia vegetarian food is mild and rice-based — dalma (lentils with vegetables), khatta (a sweet-sour curry), and kheer are easy for most Gujarati palates; ask hotels to reduce mustard oil if it isn't to your taste. Jagannath Temple's Mahaprasad, served at Ananda Bazaar within the temple complex, is prepared without onion or garlic and is strictly vegetarian — a meal worth building the Puri day around, though it is eaten communally and not private catering.

Permits and rules. No permits are needed anywhere on this circuit. Jagannath Temple in Puri admits only Hindus (a declaration may be asked at the gate); phones, cameras, leather items and footwear are not allowed inside and must be deposited at a counter outside — carry small change and expect a short queue. Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar has a similar restriction, but the sanctum can be viewed from the Alauddin Platform just outside the boundary wall regardless of religion.

Pack

- Modest, covering clothing for temple visits — no shorts or sleeveless tops at Jagannath or Lingaraj
- Comfortable walking sandals that slip off easily, since footwear is left outside most temples
- Sun hat and sunscreen — Konark and Dhauili have long stretches with little shade
- A light jacket for December–January mornings, especially at Chilika
- Swimwear and a change of clothes for Puri or Chandipur beach
- Hand sanitiser and wet wipes — useful after temple queues and beach visits
- A printed or offline map, since mobile network can be patchy around Chilika and Simlipal

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