



Odisha Journeys

16 days immersive
Cultural journeys in
Odisha



About the tour

The 11-day curated journey in Odisha, India offers a diverse and immersive experience focused on exploring the rich indigenous culture, relishing local cuisine, visiting archaeological sites, witnessing spectacular mountains and waterfalls, staying in community-driven eco-resorts, immersing in music and dance performances, learning about sustainable agricultural practices and fishing, and understanding sustainable living and clothing choices.

Throughout the journey, you will be able to engage with indigenous communities, experience their deep connection with nature, and learn about their traditions and way of life. You will visit tribal villages, attend music and dance performances, and explore local markets showcasing traditional crafts and food resources. The journey also includes visits to archaeological sites, such as ancient temples, to appreciate Odisha's historical and architectural heritage

Additionally, you will have the chance to enjoy the natural beauty of Odisha, including mountains, waterfalls, and scenic Landscapes. You will stay in eco-resorts that prioritize community involvement and sustainable practices.

Moreover, the journey aims to educate participants on sustainable agricultural practices, fishing techniques, and the importance of sustainable living and clothing choices. This holistic experience allows you to better understand Odisha's indigenous culture, its people, and their harmonious relationship with the environment.



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Odisha Journeys is the immersive travel wing of Sara Educational And Cultural Services. Odisha Journeys being its flagship product provides travel experiences in a whole new way in Odisha, a state in southeastern India.

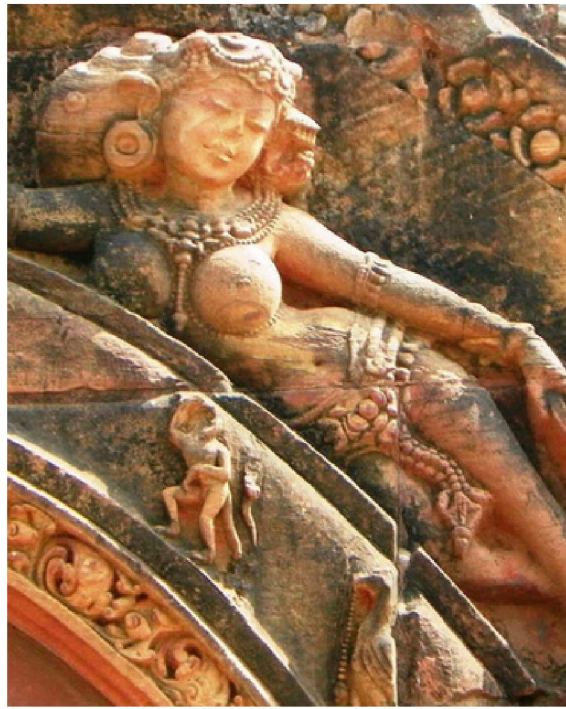
Odisha Journeys has been curated to present the rich culture and captivating stories of Odisha to our travellers as memorable experiences



Detailed Itinerary

Travel is more than the seeing of sights, it is a transformative experience that opens our hearts and minds to new cultures and perspectives.





Day 1 / (feb 5th) **Bhubaneswar capital of** **Odisha - 4* hotel**

Late morning arrival and check in the beautiful 4* hotel in Bhubaneswar. Check in the rooms and Light lunch at the hotel relax time, rest at the hotel swimming pool and in the late afternoon sightseeing of some of the most important temples in town: the Vaital temple dedicate to Goddess Xhamunda, the Muktesvara and Brahmeswar temple built by reigning king's mother in honor of the Brahmeshwar deity (a form of lord Shiva) and a visit to the Rajarani temple (11th century) .

Detailed Plan for Day 1

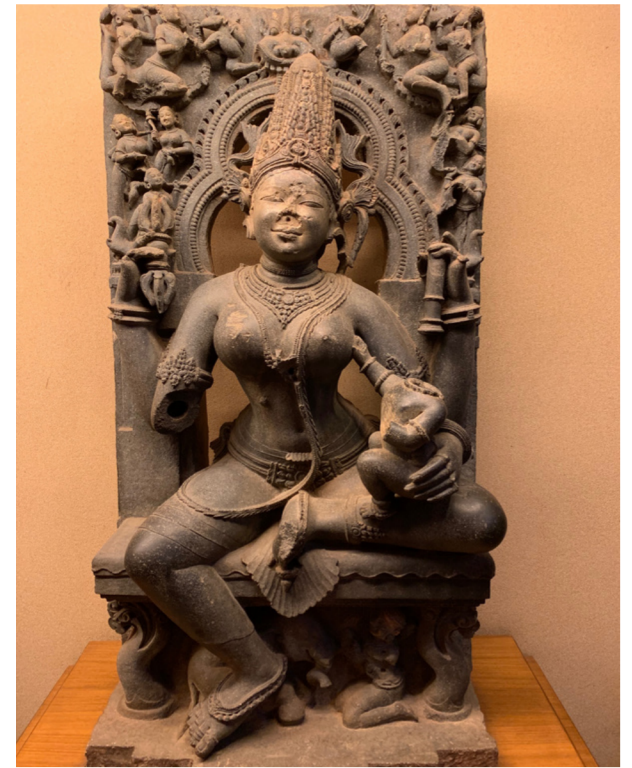
TRANSFER FROM BHUBANESWAR
AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL

LIGHT LUNCH AND RELAX

ITINERARY AND GUIDE PRESENTATION

AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE
MAGNIFICENT TEMPLES IN THE CITY

ODISHA FOOD DISCOVERY DINNER
NEAR THE HOTEL



Day 2

Chausat yogini Temple of Hirapur and Odisha state museum

Visit to the extraordinary yogini temple of Hirapur: a tantric shrine, where 64 stone Yogini goddess figures are carved on its inside walls, representing 64 forms of the diving mother fighting demons. Rituals involve worshipping the bhumandala (environment consisting all the 5 elements of nature - fire, water, earth, air and ether), and the yoginis believe to be capable of flight. The yogini idols represent female figures standing on an animal, a demon or a human head depicting the victory of Shakti (Feminine power). After lunch visit to the Odisha State Museum, where we discover the beauty of Indian statues and gods.

Detailed Plan for Day 2

AFTER BREAKFAST AND TRANSFER FROM
THE HOTEL TO THE YOGINI TEMPLE

ARRIVE AT HIRAPUR YOGINI
TEMPLE

VISIT TO THE TEMPLE ARTISTS
LUNCH AT 1.30 PM

IN THE AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE
WONDERFUL ODISHA STATE MUSEUM

SOUTH INDIAN DINNER WALKING
DISTANCE FROM THE HOTEL

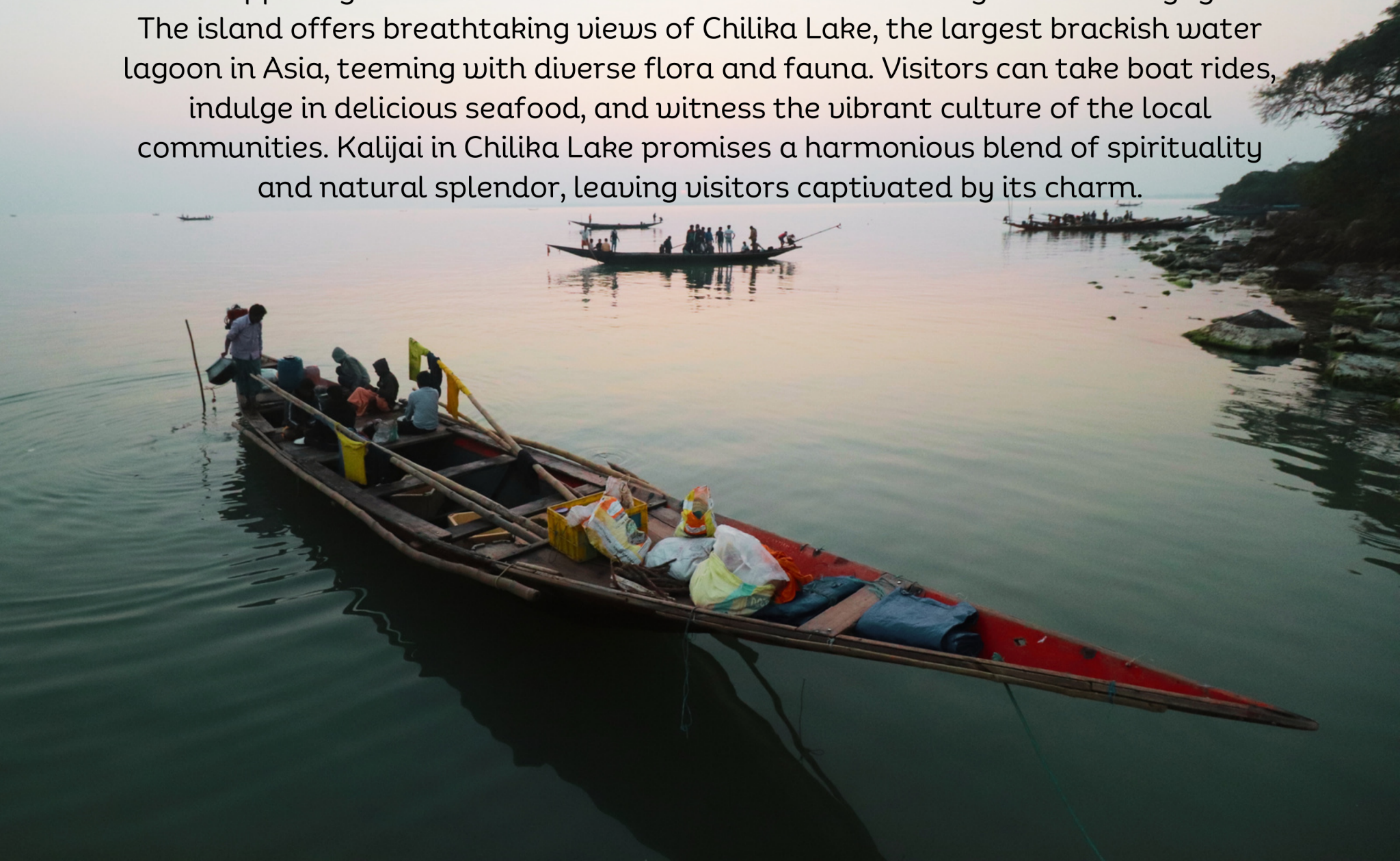


Day 3

Night Stay at Pipul Odiart Museum Resort

Experience the cultural extravaganza of Odisha at Odiart Museum Resorts, a vibrant cultural centre nestled on the serene bank of Chilika Lake. This unique resort showcases the rich tapestry of Odisha's folk and indigenous art, providing an immersive and enlightening experience. The aesthetically designed bamboo cottages offer a perfect blend of comfort and tranquillity. Immerse yourself in the captivating world of traditional art forms and engage with local stories. With its picturesque setting, Odiart Museum Resorts invites you to unwind, connect with nature, and explore the vibrant cultural heritage of Odisha in an unforgettable way.

Kalijai, situated on the shores of Chilika Lake in Odisha, is a revered religious site and a picturesque destination that encapsulates the essence of spirituality and natural beauty. This sacred island is home to the revered deity Kalijai, worshipped by fishermen and sailors who seek her blessings for safe voyages. The island offers breathtaking views of Chilika Lake, the largest brackish water lagoon in Asia, teeming with diverse flora and fauna. Visitors can take boat rides, indulge in delicious seafood, and witness the vibrant culture of the local communities. Kalijai in Chilika Lake promises a harmonious blend of spirituality and natural splendor, leaving visitors captivated by its charm.



Detailed Plan for Day 3

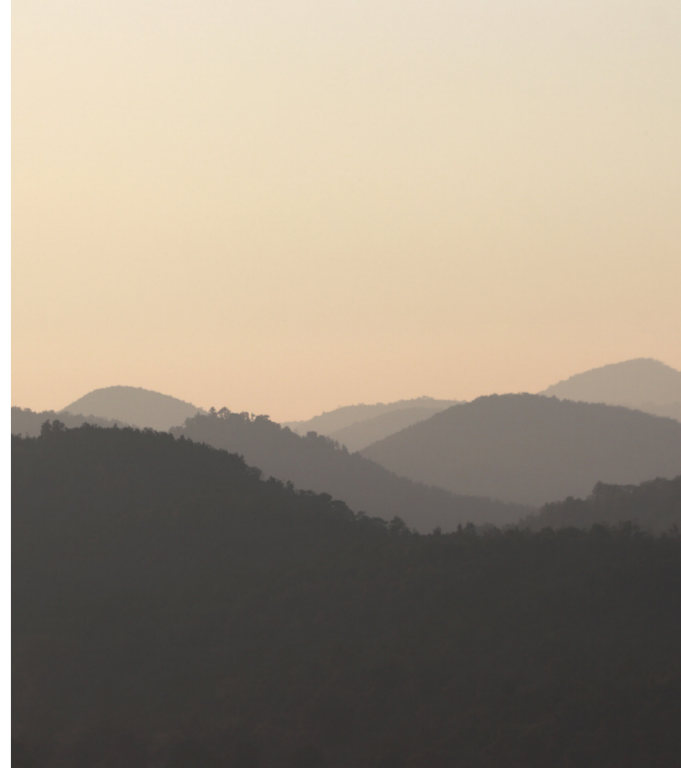
CHECK OUT YOUR HOTEL IN
BHUBANESWAR AFTER BREAKFAST

ARRIVE AT ODIART MUSEUM BY
11 AM

CHECK-IN AND RELAX
LUNCH AT 1.30 PM

IN THE AFTERNOON BOAT CRUISE TO
KALIJAI ISLAND IN SCENIC CHILIKA

IN THE EVENING EXPLORE THE
ODIAART MUSEM FOLLOWED BY DINNER



Day4

Night Stay at Utopia Resort at Darigbadi

Daringbadi, located in the Kandhamal district of Odisha is a mesmerizing hill station. Nestled amidst the Eastern Ghats at an elevation of around 3,000 feet, Daringbadi offers a cool and pleasant climate throughout the year. The town is renowned for its lush green landscapes, dense forests, cascading waterfalls, and picturesque valleys. It is also famous for its coffee and spice plantations. Visitors can explore the scenic beauty, indulge in nature walks, visit the nearby Belghar Sanctuary, and witness the indigenous tribal culture. Daringbadi provides a serene and rejuvenating escape amidst nature's bounty.

Detailed Plan for Day 4

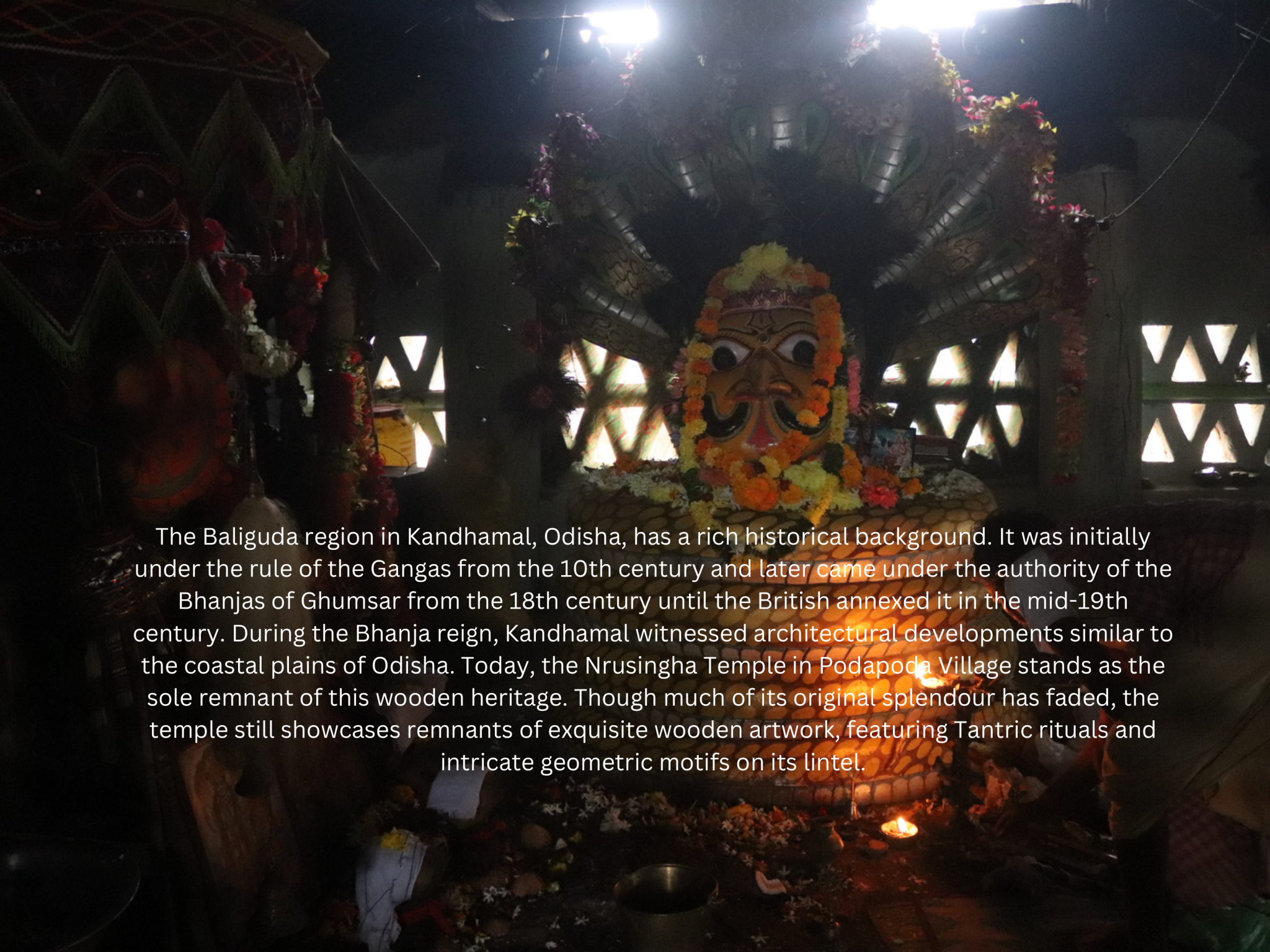
CHECK OUT ODIART MUSEUM RESORT
AFTER BREAKFAST

ARRIVE AT DARINGBADI BY 11
AM

CHECK-IN AT UTOPIA RESORT AND
RELAX LUNCH AT 1.30 PM

AFTERNOON DRIVE TO PODA PODA KNOWN
FOR ITS UNIQUE WOODEN TEMPLE

EVENING RELAX AT YOUR RESORT



The Baliguda region in Kandhamal, Odisha, has a rich historical background. It was initially under the rule of the Gangas from the 10th century and later came under the authority of the Bhanjas of Ghumsar from the 18th century until the British annexed it in the mid-19th century. During the Bhanja reign, Kandhamal witnessed architectural developments similar to the coastal plains of Odisha. Today, the Nrusingha Temple in Podapoda Village stands as the sole remnant of this wooden heritage. Though much of its original splendour has faded, the temple still showcases remnants of exquisite wooden artwork, featuring Tantric rituals and intricate geometric motifs on its lintel.



Day 5

Night Stay at Utopia Resort at Darigbadi

Embark on a culturally immersive experience in Kandhamal, where you can explore the indigenous culture of the Kondh tribe. Delve into their unique traditions and witness the artistry of their women, known for their distinctive facial tattoos. Immerse yourself in their vibrant music, dance, and rituals, understanding their ancient customs more deeply. As you venture into the region's spectacular mountains, you'll be treated to breathtaking vistas at every turn. Drive through the majestic landscapes, marvel at cascading waterfalls and discover the serene beauty that surrounds you. This cultural journey in Kandhamal offers a fascinating blend of indigenous heritage and awe-inspiring mountain scenery, creating an unforgettable experience.

Detailed Plan for Day 5

EXPLORE THE EARLY MORNING LIFE IN
THE NEARBY KONDH VILLAGES

AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO BALIGUDA
TO EXPERIENCE KONDH LIFE

RETURN BACK TO THE RESORT FOR
LUNCH BY 1.30 PM

DRIVE TO MANDASURU MOUNTAIN GORGE
IN THE LATE AFTERNOON

IMMERSE IN THE CULTURAL
PROGRAMME IN THE EVENING



Day 6

Night Stay at Amrapalli Classic Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi

Explore the heritage-rich town of Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi, Odisha. Adorned with cultural treasures, the town is home to the revered Manikeswari Temple, a Shakti Peeth, and grand palaces that reflect its regal past. Surrounding the town is the dense forest of Kalrapat Sanctuary, offering a sanctuary for diverse flora and fauna. Discover the allure of gorgeous waterfalls cascading through the landscape. Immerse yourself in the vibrant music and dance performances that showcase the region's cultural richness. Encounter the indigenous Kondh and Gond tribes, gaining insights into their traditions and way of life. Bhawanipatna invites you to experience the cultural tapestry of Odisha amidst natural splendour.

Detailed Plan for Day 6

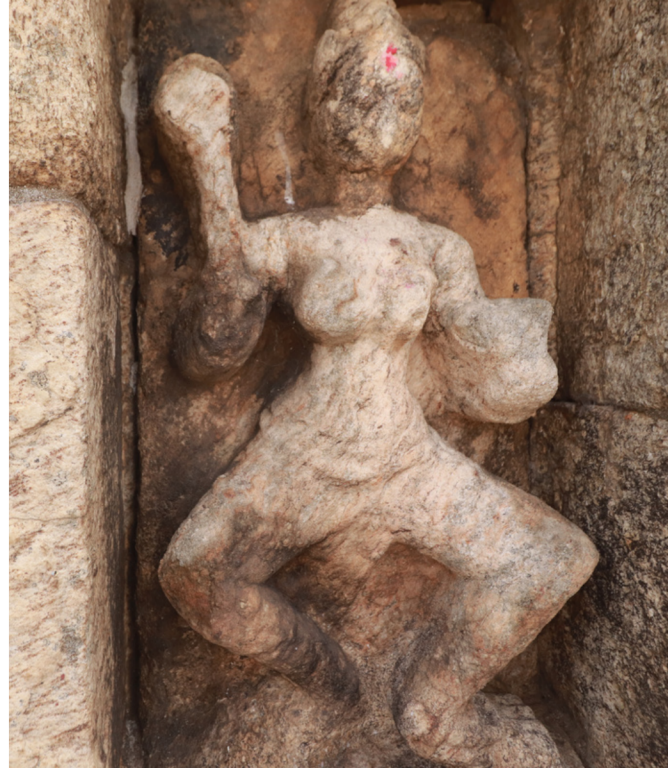
CHECKOUT YOUR RESORT AT
DARINGBADI AFTER BREAKFAST

DRIVE TO BHAWANIPATNA (4 TO 5
HOURS)

ARRIVE AT AMRAPALI CLASSIC IN
BHAWANIPATNA BY LUNCH TIME

CHECK-IN AND REST (LUNCH BY 1.30/2
PM)

EVENING VISIT MANIKESWARI TEMPLE



Day 7

Night Stay at Amrapalli Classic Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi

Ranipur Jharial Temple is a historic temple complex in Odisha. It dates back to the 9th or 10th century and is dedicated to the worship of Yoginies, female deities associated with tantra and yogic practices. The complex features a central temple dedicated to Mahamaya and 64 smaller shrines representing different forms of Yoginis. The temple's unique circular architecture and intricate sculptures make it significant for the study of ancient Yogini cults. Surrounded by lush greenery, it attracts pilgrims, scholars, and tourists interested in exploring the rich cultural and religious heritage of Odisha.

Detailed Plan for Day 7

EARLY MORNING DRIVE TO KALRAPAT
SANCTUARY AND FOREST

POST BREAKFAST DRIVE TO RANIPUR
JHARIAL (ONE HOUR DRIVE)

EXPLORE RANIPUR JHARIAL TEMPLE
COMPLEX

RETURN TO THE HOTEL BY THE
AFTERNOON FOR LUNCH

EVENING THE NEARBY FOREST OR
TRAMPUR (DEPENDING UPON THE TIME)



Day 8

Night Stay at Desia Lamtaput in Koraput

Desia Lamtaput Ethnic Resort, nestled in the mesmerizing mountains of Koraput, is a tranquil haven managed by the indigenous Gadaba tribe. Surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of the Eastern Ghats, this resort offers a unique experience for visitors seeking a blend of nature and cultural immersion. Guests can witness the traditional lifestyle and customs of the Gadaba tribe, known for their vibrant festivals and rich cultural heritage. The resort provides a comfortable stay amidst the picturesque surroundings, allowing guests to explore nearby spectacular waterfalls, hike through verdant forests, and indulge in the local cuisine. Desia Lamtaput Ethnic Resort truly showcases the beauty of the region and the deep-rooted traditions of the Gadaba tribe.

Detailed Plan for Day 8

CHECK OUT YOUR HOTEL AFTER
BREAKFAST

DRIVE TO LAMTAPUT (5 HOURS)
ARRIVE BY LUNCHTIME

AFTER CHECK-IN HAVE LUNCH AND
RELAX

LATE AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE
SPECTACULAR DUDUMA WATERFALL

EVENING ENJOY THE DHIMSA DANCE IN A
NEARBY GADABA VILLAGE



Day 9

Night Stay at Desia Lamtaput in Koraput

Kotpad, a small town in Koraput, Odisha, is renowned for its vibrant textile tradition. The skilled Mirigan weavers use natural dyes derived from plants like Aul to create unique fabrics in rich red, black, and brown hues. Indigenous tribes like the Bhatara and Gond contribute to this heritage, showcasing intricate designs inspired by nature and folklore. Kotpad textiles are celebrated for their eco-friendliness and sustainability, attracting attention from both local and international markets. The town's weekly tribal market adds to its charm, serving as a platform for trading and displaying a diverse range of handicrafts and agricultural produce.

Detailed Plan for Day 9

AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO KOTAPAD
(2 AND HALF HOURS)

EXPLORE KOTPAD AND ITS NEARBY
VILLAGES

RELISH A TRIBAL LUNCH

RETURN TO DESIA LAMTAPUT BY EVENING

CULTURAL INTERACTION WITH THE STAFF
IN THE EVENING



Day 10

Night Stay at Desia Deomali in Koraput

Desia Deomali Ethnic Resort is a captivating retreat nestled at the base of Deomali, the highest peak in Odisha's Eastern Ghats. It embraces the essence of the Kondh indigenous community, showcasing their sustainable way of life, agricultural expertise, and breathtaking terraced fields. The resort immerses guests in incredible tales and traditions, offering a glimpse into the rich heritage of the region. Alongside these cultural experiences, visitors can indulge in the resort's delectable cuisine, which embodies the flavours and essence of the local cuisine. Desia Deomali Ethnic Resort promises an enchanting getaway that combines natural beauty, cultural immersion, and culinary delights.

Detailed Plan for Day 10

AFTER BREAKFAST CHECK OUT DESIA
LAMTAPUT AND DRIVE TO DESIA DEOMALI

ENROUTE VISIT THE JAIN
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AT SUBEI

ARRIVE AT DESIA DEOMALI BY 11 AM -
CHECK IN AND RELAX

AFTERNOON DRIVE TO DEOMALI,
ODISHA'S HIGHEST PEAK AT 1672 METRE

EVENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
RELISH LOCAL DINNER



Day 11

Night Stay at Desia Deomali in Koraput

Located amidst the majestic Deomali Mountains, Desia Deomali offers a serene and eco-friendly retreat where guests can unwind and connect with nature. The resort is surrounded by Kondh and Gadaba villages, allowing visitors to engage with the local communities and learn about their sustainable farming practices. The terraced fields showcase the remarkable agricultural techniques employed by the villagers. Guests can also delve into the art of ginger cultivation, a prominent crop in the region. As the sun sets, the resort comes alive with captivating local stories that transport guests to the heart of the indigenous culture, making for a relaxed and memorable stay.

Detailed Plan for Day 11

TODAY IS A RELAXED DAY. ENJOY THE
EARLY MORNING LIFE IN THE RESORT

AFTER BREAKFAST DRIVE TO A KONDH
VILLAGE NEARBY TO EXPLORE THEIR LIFE

ENJOY YOUR LUNCH LEISURELY WHILE
LISTENING TO THE LOCAL STORIES

AFTERNOON VISITS TO ANOTHER KONDH
VILLAGE OBSERVE TERRACED RICE FIELDS

EVENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
RELISH LOCAL DINNER



Day 12

Night Stay at Starling Resort in Chandragiri, Gajapati

Nestled amidst the picturesque hills of Gajapati district, Chandragiri Tibetan Buddhist Camp offers a tranquil escape. Surrounded by lush greenery and stunning waterfalls, the camp is a sight to behold. The verdant corn fields add to the natural beauty of the surroundings. Guests can savor mouthwatering Tibetan snacks that tantalize the taste buds, offering a delightful culinary experience. The camp provides a serene environment for visitors to immerse themselves in Tibetan Buddhist practices and teachings, fostering a sense of peace and introspection. Chandragiri Tibetan Buddhist Camp is a haven for those seeking solace in nature and a taste of Tibetan culture.

Detailed Plan for Day 12

AFTER BREAKFAST CHECK OUT DESIA
DEOMALI AND DRIVE TO CHANDRAGIRI

ARRIVE AT CHANDRAGIRI BY LUNCHTIME.
CHECK INTO STARLING RESORT

LATE AFTERNOON VISIT THE LARGEST
BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF PADMASAMBHAVA

ENJOY THE LOCAL TIBETAN SNACKS IN
THE EVENING

TODAY IS THE LAST EVENING OF THE
TOUR EXPERIENCE SHARING



Day 13-14-15

Stay at Kila dalijoda

Kila Dalijoda experience! Only a very few ancient families and their properties remain to tell stories of the glorious history of royalty, heritage and romantic past. If you are one of those who is searching to live and experience a part of that dream then take a pause. At the first look, you may pass it off as one of those offbeat resorts which are scattered all over the Indian landscape. Stop your search and take a closer look, go deep because, you will be really surprised with this one. This sublime heritage home stay will take you to new level of that experience you were hungry for in every way, be it their family heritage, culture, food, rural lifestyle,

Detailed Plan for Day 13

AFTER BREAKFAST MORNING HIKING TO
THE SURROUNDING VILLAGE

BEAUTIFUL AND AUTHENTIC PUJA TO THE
FOREST GODDES.

LUNCH AT KILA DALIJODA

FREE TIME REST AND RELAX

NIGHT MEDITATION ON THE ROOFTOP

Detailed Plan for Day 14-15

KASHMIRIAN YOGA SESSION IN THE
ROOFTOP

AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT TO THE
ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

LUNCH AT KILA DALIJODA

FREE TIME REST AND RELAX

NIGHT MEDITATION ON THE ROOFTOP
LAST NIGHT IN ORISSA

Detailed Plan for Day 16 (feb 20th)

AFTER BREAKFAST TRANSFER TO THE
BHUBANESWAR AIRPORT AND DEPARTURE
TO EUROPE

The tour includes

Travel in a 17-seater air-conditioned bus: This means transportation throughout the tour will be provided in a comfortable bus with air conditioning, allowing you to travel conveniently and enjoy the journey.

Comfortable stay: The package includes accommodation arrangements to provide you with a comfortable place to stay during the tour at every destination.

Travel insurance: It's great that the package includes travel insurance. This is important for your peace of mind, as it provides coverage for unexpected events that may occur during your trip, such as medical emergencies, trip cancellations, or lost luggage (specific coverage may vary, so be sure to check the details).

Expert tour guide: Having an expert tour guide is valuable as they can provide you with information, insights, and assistance throughout the tour. They are knowledgeable about the destinations and can enhance your overall experience.

Cultural programs: The inclusion of cultural programs suggests that the tour package offers opportunities to engage with the local culture and traditions. This could involve attending performances, visiting cultural sites, or participating in cultural activities.

All meals: It's convenient that the package covers all meals. This means you won't have to worry about arranging or paying for food separately during the tour. Meals are typically provided at designated times and may include breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Tickets and parking fees: The package covers the cost of tickets for attractions, sites, or activities included in the itinerary. It also includes parking fees, which is useful if the tour involves visiting multiple locations by bus.

Expert resource persons: The mention of expert resource persons implies that the tour may include specific educational or informative elements. These individuals can share their expertise and provide valuable insights related to the destinations, history, culture, or any other relevant subject.



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WITH US