ODISHA – CHHATISHGARH CENTRAL INDIA





ROUTE: Kolkata – Bhubaneswar – Pipili – Konark- Puri – Raghurajpur – Chilika- Gopalpur - Rayagada – Bisam katak- Chatikona – Jaypore - Ankadeli- Kunduli – Jagadalpur - Kondagaon- Kanker – Bhoramdeo – Raipur -Mumbai – Aurangabad – Ajanta - Ellora

Day 01: Arrive Kolkata (No meals)

Arrive Kolkata International Airport. Meet and assist at airport and transfer to hotel. Hotel check-in at 1400 hours. Overnight stay at Kolkata

Day 02: Kolkata

Morning sightseeing tour of Kolkata visiting Mother Teresa's House, Victoria Memorial and Dalhousie Square. Overnight stay at Kolkata.

Day 03: Kolkata – Bhubaneswar (Fly)

In time transfer to airport to connect flight for Bhubaneshwar. On arrival transfer to hotel for night stay. Afternoon half day city tour to visit Khandagiri, Udayagiri Jaina Cave, Lingaraj temple, Mukteswar temple and Rajarani temple. Overnight stay at Bhubaneswar.

Day 04: Bhubaneswar – Pipili – Konark- Puri. (150 Kms/5-6 Hrs)

After breakfast drive to Puri, en-route visit Pipili the appliqué and colorful Orissan handicrafts village of Odisha. Then to Konark to see the world heritage UNESCO monuments' Sun temple Konark, then Chandra Bhaga beach. In the evening to see Lord Jagannath temple Puri, from Raghunandan library as Non-Hindus are not allowed to see the temple from inside. Overnight stay at Puri.

Day 05: Puri – Raghurajpur – Chilika- Gopalpur. (235 Kms/6-7)

After breakfast drive to Gopalpur. En-route visit Raghjurajpur artisan village famous for "Pattachitra." Then Barkul Chilika lake (the largest Brackish water Lake of Asia) to see the Migratory birds by boat cruise. Then after to Gopalpur on sea via Biranarsinghapur, the virgin beach. Night stay.

Day 06: Gopalpur – Rayagada. (260 Kms/06 Hrs appx)

After breakfast drive to Rayagada. En-route visit Taptapani hot Sulphur water scenic spot and Soura tribal villages, Arrived at Rayagada. Check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at Rayagada.

Day 07: Rayagada – Bisam katak- Rayagada. (80 Kms one way)

After breakfast drive to Bisam katak. Visit the Desia Kondh & Lanjia Soura villages at Putasingh, & Jhigidi market village to see the tribal ornaments etc. Return to Rayagada. In evening visit the Maa Majhighariani temple in Rayagada. Overnight stay at Rayagada.

Day 08: Rayagada- Chatikona – Jaypore(230 Kms/7-8 Hrs)

A day excursion to Chatikona a largest Dongaria Kondh weekly market (<u>the tour must be on</u> <u>Wednesday</u>) in the bottom of Niyamgiri hill who come to the market with their traditional dresses wearing with tribal ornaments . Then drive to Jaypore. Check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at Jaypore.

Day 09: Jaypore- Ankadeli- Jeypore (80 Kms one way/2 Hrs)

After breakfast drive to Ankadeli to witness the primitive tribe BONDA at Ankadeli weekly market (<u>the</u> <u>tour must be on Thursday</u>), en-route visit some Gadaba & Paraja tribal villages. Overnight stay at Jeypore.



Day 10: Jeypore - Kunduli – Jaypore- Jagadalpur (250 Kms / 5Hrs)

After breakfast drive to Kunduli one of the biggest tribal market of Sana Paraja & Mali of Koraput district. En-route visit Sabarshreekshetra Koraput, Tribal Museum and then Kotpad traditional weaving village. Arrived at Jagadalpur. Check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at Jagadalpur.

Day 11: Jagadalpur- Kondagaon- Kanker. (260 Kms/5 Hrs appx)

After breakfast drive to Kanker. En-route visit Tokapal Nayanar Bison Horn Muria tribal village, Kondagaon, in the middle heart of Baster. Discovered the local craft industry, bronze sculptures to the lost wax, figurines on cooked earth, wrought iron etc. Arrive at Kanker & check-in at Hotel. Overnight

Day 12: In Kanker

After breakfast a day excursion with Picnic lunch to Muria tribal village. Have picnic lunch and spend the moments in their hamlets and visit different villages. Return to the hotel for night stay.

Day 13: Kanker - Bhoramdeo. (300 Kms/6 hrs appx)

After breakfast drive to Bhoramdeo. En- route visit Raipur, kankali Temple, Mahamayi Durga Temple, and Maharajabandh Lake. Continue to Bhoramdeo for night stay.

Day 14: Bhoramdeo.

After breakfast visit Gonds and Baiga tribes Villages. After lunch visit the enchanting Bhoramdeo temple. Night stay.

Day 15: Bhoramdeo – Raipur - Mumbai (Drive 150 Kms/3-4 Hrs appx and fly to Mumbai)

Transfer to Raipur Airport to connect flight for Mumbai. Arrive and transfer to Hotel. Rest day free in Mumbai. Night stay.

Day 16: Mumbai–Aurangabad (Fly)

Early Morning transfer to Mumbai airport to board flight for Aurangabad. Meet and assist in Aurangabad and transfer to hotel. Later excursion to Ajanta Caves <u>(closed on Mondays)</u> Overnight at hotel

Day17: Aurangabad – Mumbai (Fly) – Departure

Morning sightseeing tour of Aurangabad visiting Daulatabad Fort and Bibi Ka Maqbara. Later visit Ellora Caves <u>(closed on Tuesdays)</u>. Later transfer to Aurangabad airport to board flight for Mumbai. From Mumbai international airport fly back home

Important Remarks:

 The Human Safari has been banned in tribal areas of Orissa especially at Rayagada and Jaypore. Please note, we need to apply for local permission from District Collector office with scanned copies of valid passport and visa at least four weeks in advance to process the permit for visiting the tribal areas. To value the local sentiments of the tribal community photography is also prohibited at the tribal weekly markets+ primitive village. The tour can only be operated by a tour operator recognized by the State Government and clients to be accompanied by a licensed local guide. Since Nov 2012 tribal tours are successfully operating but with conditions mentioned above. All visits to the tribal areas/tribal markets are subject to local conditions prevailing at the time of visits and permission from respective District Collectorate. Accommodation in tribal areas are extremely basic.

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