

BEACHES

ing Ramsar Wetland famous for its fantastic mangroves, the second largest in India, its huge salt-water crocodile population and the avifaunal varieties. The national park is home to many reptiles, mammals and vertebrates, including cobras and Indian Pythons, the endangered water monitor lizards, chitals, jungle cat, wild boar, Rhesus monkeys, sambar, chital and fishing cat. The Gahirmatha Marine Wildlife Sanctuary is the world's largest nesting site for the endangered Olive Ridley turtles, but it is out of bounds for visitors in the nesting season.

Stay Option
 ■ Pentha- Bhitarkanika Eco –Retreat

PARADIP
Paradip Beach
 Set along the shoreline of Paradip Port it offers glorious sunset views and fun experiences. The clear waters of the meeting point of the Bay of Bengal and the mighty Mahanadi River offer a wonderful foil to the lush forest cover around this beach. A high point of the beach experience is a leisurely drive down the Marine Drive during



sunset. The cargo ships anchored at the port offer great photops as stunning silhouettes in the dying rays of the sun. Always engage the help of a lifeguard for any activity in the waters by the beach. Do explore the Paradip Marine Aquarium; kids love it. Be here during the annual celebrations of the Kalinga Bali Yatra festivities in November/December.

Stay Option
 ■ Panthanivas Paradeep



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Odisha Tourism is working apace to capitalise on the state's beautiful beaches, some of which are still undiscovered by tourists, to promote it as a global beach destination. With hundreds of miles of coastline available along the Bay of Bengal, Odisha has many super beaches with glorious sands and mind-blowing sunsets. Whether you are looking for some R&R by the sea, coastal family fun, water sports, or getting up close with marine life – there's a beach in Odisha that's just perfect for you.

the sea waters are pretty calm, most of the time here one can enjoy a leisurely swim or go for a boat ride. Scuba diving is quite popular here as well. Shop for trinkets and sample seafood at beach shacks which add that extra allure to the experience. You can join the locals visiting the Ramchandi Temple. The annual Ramchandi Festival draws devotees and visitors alike. The Konark Sun Temple is just 7km away if you feel like bestirring yourself to go exploring.

Stay Option
 ■ Konark Eco-Retreat Camp on Ramchandi Beach, with views of the Konark Sun Temple on one side and the Bay of Bengal offers customized, upscale luxury Swiss tents, gourmet food, watersports, cultural programmes,
 ■ Lotus Eco -Beach Retreat



BALASORE
Chandipur Beach
 You will love the serene beauty of Chandipur Beach, where the tidal pull of the sea in the morning and evening gives you the beach for a little while and then takes it away, only to return it to you for a brief spell again. Adventurous tourists love this intriguing phenomenon and make the most of the time they have the beach at low tide to enjoy walking on the seabed, before the tidal waters rush back and cover it again. Look for endangered horse shoe crabs, starfish, sea urchins and other small marine creatures which lure hosts of egrets and seagulls for a rich banquet. Bathing is no fun as the beach is quite muddy because of the tidal conditions. Mingle with picnicking locals at the scenic spot where

the Buddhbalanga River meets the sea. On the **Talasari-Udaypur Beach**, indulge in fun-filled sea-n-sand leisure activities.

Stay Option
 ■ Panthanivas Chandipur

GANJAM
Gopalpur-on Sea Beach
 At Gopalpur-on Sea Beach, enjoy the uncrowded vistas and gorgeous sunsets. Take a leisurely stroll down the beautiful promenade. You can plunge into the pleasures of a number of aqua activities from cruises to watersports like surfing, windsurfing, water scooter rides, paddle boat rides,. Dig into delicious preparations of prawns and crab and other fish, cooked Odia-style.



Ganjam's Sonapur Beach is perfect for those looking for a tranquil, laid-back beach experience.

Stay Option
 ■ Panthanivas Gopalpur

BHITARKANIKA
Pentha Beach
 Savour the pleasures of this uncrowded beach in Bhitakanika National Park. Stay at the seasonal eco-retreat at the virgin Pentha Beach and take a boat rides in the creeks to explore this amaz-



Chandrabhaga Beach
 The clean and golden Chandrabhaga Beach at Konrak lies in proximity to the legendary Konark Sun Temple. It is also renowned for its coral reef, one of the prominent living coral reefs in India. Join the many visitors indulging in snorkelling, surfing, and sailing, which are some facilities available along the marine drive from Puri to Konark . Unmissable experiences here also are the glorious sunrises and sunsets. At dawn the beach is is less crowded so you can have this special experience as a high point of your visit. The beach also plays host to the annual Chandrabhaga Mela, held in honour of the Sun god.



Be here during the annual International Sand Art Festival (1st-5th December) to witness the enthralling skills of sand sculpture artists from around the world.

Stay Option
 ■ Yatriniwas Konark, Toshali Sands Resort Ramchandi Beach

Ramchandi Beach
 You can spend hours simply soaking in the tranquility of the silvery expanses of Ramchandi Beach as it's less crowded than the other beaches in the area. Surrounded by casuarinas, the beach experiences the most spectacular sunrises and brilliant sunsets, which are bound to keep you enthralled. As




PURI-KONARK
 The Puri-Konark stretch of virgin beaches is a huge draw for visitors from around the globe. While there are ticketed beaches like the Blue Flag Golden Beach and Niladri Beach, there are plenty of other stretches where you can go free. At Digabarini, enjoy yummy sea food and trinkets to buy. At Pir Jahania Beach, one can visit the old Muslim shrine.



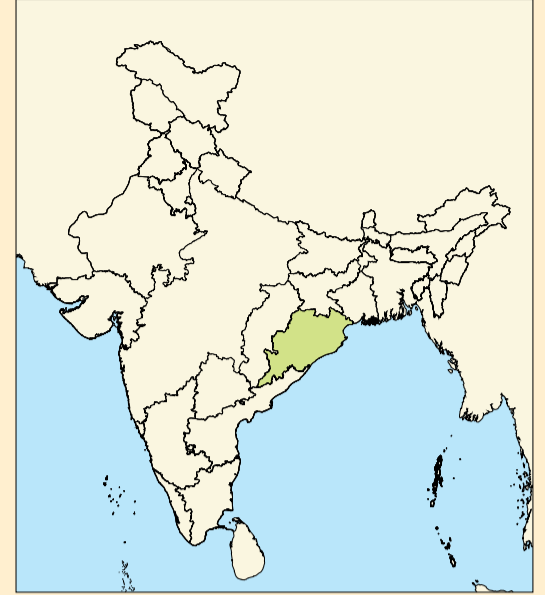
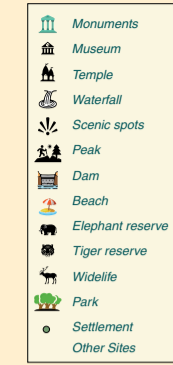
Golden Beach
 You will love to spend leisurely moments on this pristine tourist beach at Puri, considered amongst the safest in India. Clean and beautiful, with visitor friendly waters, it invites travellers to enjoy a leisurely time taking to the sea. That said, it's a sensible thing to do to take the help of a Nulia (life guard) before stepping into the sea. This beautiful clean beach has, for the second time running, claimed the coveted Blue Flag accreditation. Soak up vignettes of the incredible sunrise and sunsets. In the evening a lively pop-up market offers anything from souvenir to utility items to shacks hawking delicious sea-food snacks. Camel rides and horse ride also available here keep visitors enthralled. Along the beach road there's a jolly line-up of shops where you can stock up on Odisha handlooms, textiles and handicrafts. Odisha Tourism's Nimantran Restaurant, which overlooks the Golden Beach, treats you to specialties of traditional Odiya cuisine.

Stay Option
 ■ Chanakya BNR Hotel Mayfair Heritage Hotel
 ■ Konark Eco-Retreat, Ramchandi Beach, is a glamping extravaganza, and serves as a lively base to explore the offerings of the Puri -Konark beach stretch



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