

PURI

Pilgrimage Hub

Your visit to the centuries-old Jagannath Temple at Puri presents you with a moving insight into the intense spiritual attachment of Odisha to Lord Jagannath, also considered to be another manifestation of Lord Krishna. Rich narratives and myths are wrapped around this amazing Abode of Lord Jagannath, one of the Char Dhams, the four primary pilgrimage hubs, for Hindu devotees. In the sanctum the Lord of the Universe is flanked on either side by his sib-



lings, Lord Balabhadra, his brother and sister Devi Subhadra. If your visit to Puri coincides with the annual Rath Yatra you will be treated to one of India's most mind-blowing spiritual festivals, legendary for being one of the largest religious gatherings on earth. This massive ceremonial procession, held in June/July, features the three principle deities being carried in the sacred chariot, pulled by hundreds of devotees along Puri's Grand Road. The Mahaprasad or Chappan Bhog, is a daily sacred offering of 56 dishes to Lord Jagannath. The temple kitchen, believed to be the largest in the world, is said to feed over a lakh people on festival days.



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Puri & Konark

The beautiful coastal stretch from Puri to Konark offers visitors a fantastic range of activities to enjoy. Apart from visiting the iconic temples, the clean and sunny beaches and other landmark sites, tourists can indulge in lovely glamping experiences, beach festivals, water sports, shopping and delicious sea food.

Evolving Beach Destination

Puri's development as a tourist-friendly, clean and safe beach destination continues to grow apace. Beach buffs can enjoy the exciting range of recreational facilities including scuba diving,

parasailing, and surfing; they can also shop for trinkets and visit the numerous food stalls. Plan a trip during the annual Puri Beach Festival and join hundreds of visitors in the activities on offer. Exceptional beach experiences can be had at



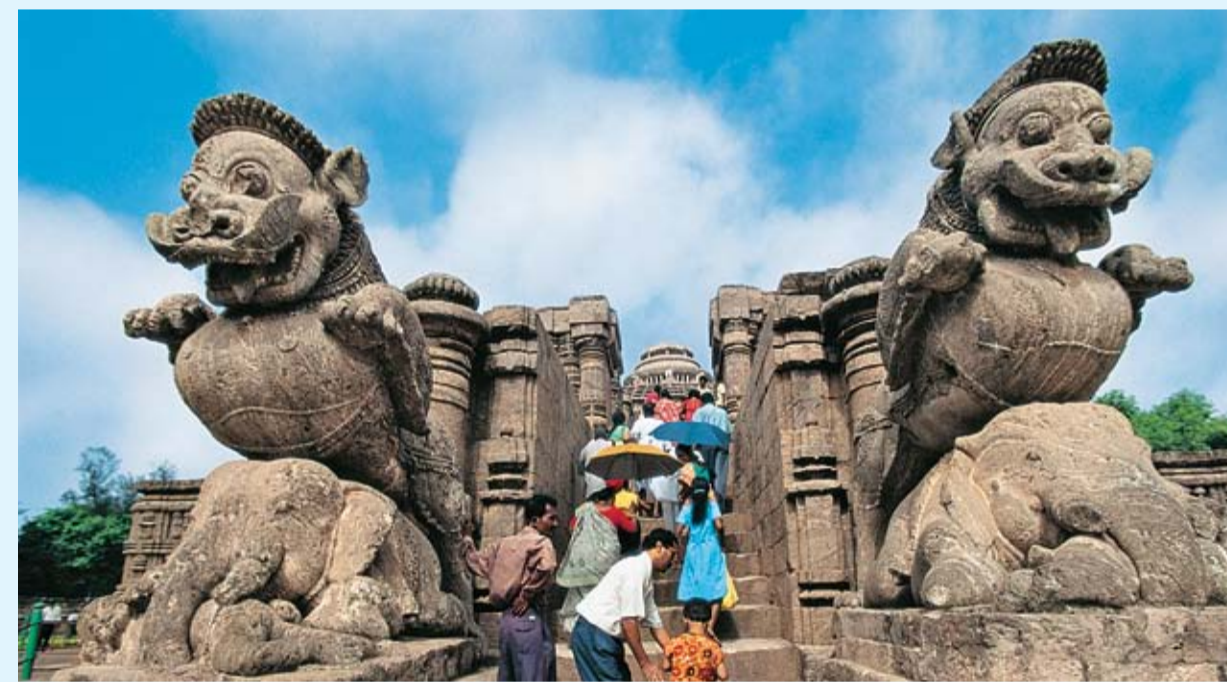
the pristine expanses of the Golden Beach, which has, for the second year running, claimed the coveted Blue Flag certification. Adjoining it is the newly developed Niladri Beach, a lovely stretch between Bankimuhana and Mayfair Hotel; it houses an amphitheatre, lawn and garden, beach huts, deck chairs etc, and is rigorously maintained for cleanliness.

Food Trail Overlooking Golden Beach

Odisha Tourism's new culinary initiative, the Nimantran Restaurant, specialises in traditional Odia cuisine. Enjoy samplings of delicious sea food at the food stalls at Digabirini Beach, reputed for



the best fresh catch each day from the sea. Pick up trinkets sold in the stalls along the lively promenade. An unmissable treat, when visiting the Jagannath Temple, is the Chappan Bhog—a sacred offering of 56 dishes, prepared by the massive temple kitchen, for the Lord of the Universe. You can buy the Mahaprasad at the Anand Bazar in the temple complex. Khaja, a dry layered flaky sweet (made with flour, sugar and ghee) is one of the must-try dishes in the Chappan Bhog. As it stays fresh for days, travellers like to buy this Puri favourite to take home from the shops near the temple.



KONARK

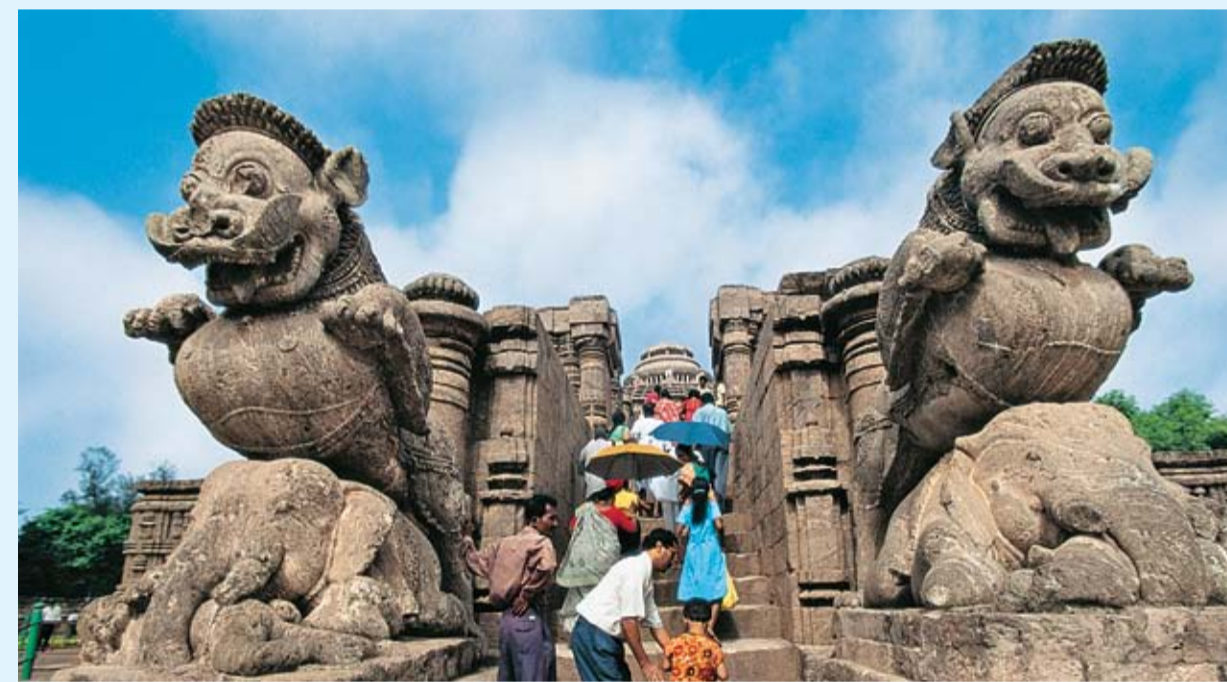
Konark Temple

As you gaze upon the fantastic 12th century Sun Temple at Konark, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will realise why this spectacular structure is considered the pinnacle of Kalinga temple architecture. Try and be here during the annual Konark Dance Festival held in winter when its stunning ruins transform into a spectacular backdrop for this fiesta of Indian classical dance forms. The seasonal Konark Eco-Retreat, Odisha's glamping extravaganza, set up from December to March, is a lively base to explore the temple and the beach. The eco-retreat, located on Ramchandi Beach, provides Swiss cottage tents featuring an AC, room heater, LED TV, and a luxurious bath area; it has a restaurant and arranges water sports ATV rides, beach volleyball, archery and a local sightseeing tour. Join devotees on their way to pay their respects at the famous Ramchandi Temple located here. Unmissable

nearby attractions include the Sun Temple, Konark Museum and Puri's Blue Flag-certified Golden Beach. Quick excursions to Balukhand Sanctuary and Raghurajpur heritage crafts village are well recommended.

Chandrabhaga Beach – International Sand Art Festival

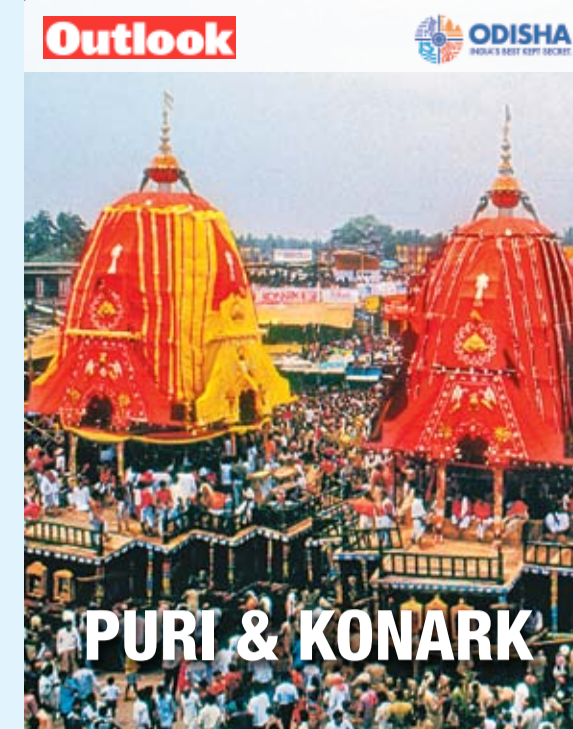
Spiritually significant for its proximity to the Konark Sun temple, the clean and golden Chandrabhaga Beach is renowned for its coral reef, one of the prominent living corals reefs of India. You'll find many visitors enjoying the snorkelling, surfing, and sailing facilities available



here. This beautiful site also plays host to the annual Chandrabhaga Mela, held in honour of the Sun god. Time a visit here during the annual International Sand Art Festival (1st-5th December) to witness the enthralling skills of sand sculpture artists from around the world.

Satapada

Located in Puri District at the spot where Chilika Lake debouches into the Bay of Bengal,



Satpada is one of the three main gateways to the iconic lake – famous for being Asia's largest brackish water lake. The spectacular sunrises and sunsets at Satpada are a rare treat. You can hire a boat for a day trip to enjoy the beauty of the lake, but it's even more exciting heading out to Dolphin Point for some thrilling Irrawaddy dolphin-spotting experiences in the early morning or evening. You can make a quick halt to sample the fresh fried fish sold from makeshift stalls on a sandy stretch along the shoreline.

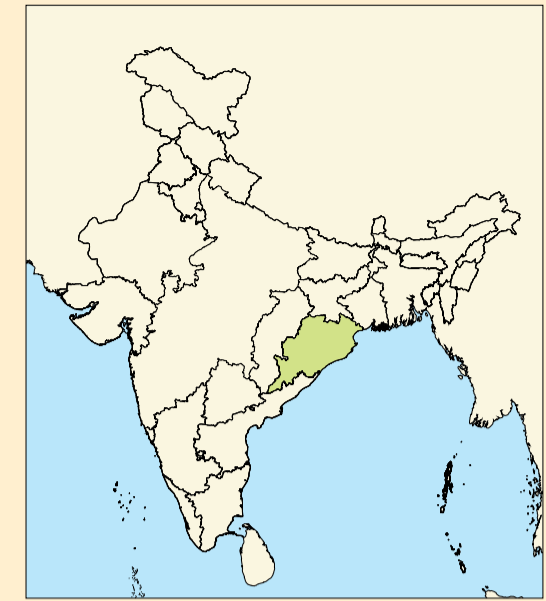
Raghurajpur Crafts Village

Following a study by INTACH the village was developed as Odisha's first heritage village and crafts village. The artisans, of Raghurajpur are the custodians of the ancient art of Pattachitra. The highly skilled Mahapatra or maharanas would make these small handmade paintings of the divine trinity of Lord Jagannath and his siblings, to be sold as souvenirs to pilgrims. These religious pictures, painted on piece of cloth treated with tamarind seed glue, are created with a primary palette of vegetable and mineral colours. The paintings also feature episodes from the Rama Leela and Krishna Leela.



You can also pick up beautiful souvenirs in the form of palm-leaf paintings here. This ancestral art form from medieval times was used in writing manuscripts. The drawing is etched into long rectangular palm leaf strips and then rubbed over with a mixture of charcoal, leaves, turmeric and oil. This is then rubbed clean with the cloth, but the residue paste gets embedded in the etching, leaving behind a beautiful picture.

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