

South Odisha

Southern Odisha offers you a fabulous range of tourism experiences. From gorgeous sea beaches, to waterfalls and lakes, pristine forests and hilly splendour—along with a rich tribal culture, the region will charm you every step of the way on your explorations



Chilika Lake

Asia's largest brackish lake offers access to visitors from three districts—Barkul from Khordha District, Satpada from Puri District; Rambha is in Ganjam District.

The lively entry point of Rambha offers great boating experiences for island-hopping, dolphin-spotting and bird watching to the scattering of islands such as Breakfast Island, Beacon Island and Bird Island. The lake is the largest wintering ground for migratory birds. An unmissable jaunt is to Nalbana Island at the time of the National Chilika Bird Festival held annually in January. Over 1 million birds of 180+ different species, both domestic and migratory gather at Chilika and nearby Mangalajodi during the festival. The Nalbana Bird Sanctuary is the core area of the Ramsar-designated wetlands of this lake. As



the lake is a rich source of freshwater jumbo prawns, crabs and a variety of fish, brought in by the fishing boats, on shore enjoy popular dishes like Chilika Chingudi, Chilika crab/kankada curry, Chilika roti. You should try the flavourful Chilika curd, traditionally prepared in a cup-shaped bamboo basket; this is made from the milk of the Chilika Buffalo by the ethnic community living around the lake. Taste these many delights from the riches of the lake at the OTDC Panthanivas at Rambha and the Chilika

Dhaba. Shop for local trinkets from the pop-up shops here.

Stay Options

- Panthanivas Rambha

Gopalpur, Tampara Lake

While exploring the Chilika area in Ganjam District, one should make it a point to visit the serene environs of Gopalpur-on Sea Beach and the picturesque Tampara Lake. As opposed to the

brackish Chilika Lake, the re seclused Tampara Lake, which is nearby, is Odisha's largest fresh-water lake. The development of the Tampara Lake area has been a boon for visitors who can



now indulge in boat rides on the lake and a range of thrilling watersports. You can also enjoy a leisurely stroll along the cashew plantations here.

Stay Options

- Panthanivas Gopalpur

Berhampur City

You will love your explorations of this old maritime hub where wonderful culinary experiences await the visitor. Dig deep into its textile heritage in the well-stocked shops in the bazaar and craft centres. Odisha's weavers have long been renowned for their exceptional skills and the rich



sericulture activities support its excellent production of tassar silk. Be sure to pick up some gorgeous tassar saris or fabric in the Berhampur's markets. And don't forget its reputation for lovely handlooms as well.

Taratarini Temple

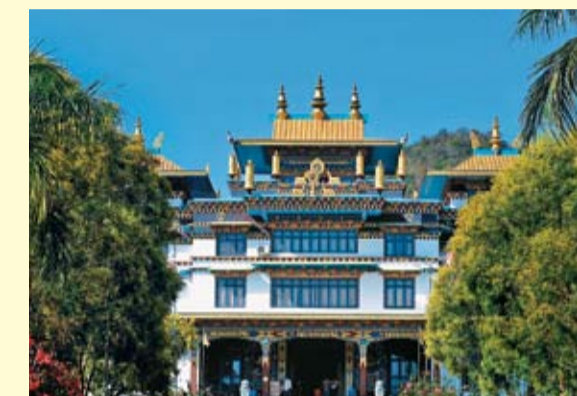
Pay your respects at this ancient Shakipeeth temple visited all year round by local devotees and pilgrims from afar. The Shakti cult has been spawned by the legend of Goddess Sati's dismembered body—parts of which fell in different spots in India. Now held in deep veneration these spots are marked by a shrine to the goddess, who is the spouse of Lord Shiva. Sati is revered as the Mother Goddess, and



symbolises female energy. Legend has it that the breast of Sati fell here, hence the shape of the idols. This shrine has been established as a seat of Tantrism since its inception. The twin goddesses Tara and Tarini represent one Shakti. The deity is the Ista Devi or tutelary deity of Ganjam. According ancient Hindu texts, there are recognize four major Shakti Peethas: Tara Tarini, near Brahmapur; Bimala, inside the Jagannath Temple, Puri; Kamakhya, near Guwahati; and Dakshina Kalika in Kolkata. There are 52 other sacred Shakti Peethas, which originated from the limbs of the goddess Sati's in the Satya Yuga.

Jirang Monastery & Khasada Waterfall

The largest Buddhist Monastery, also known as the Padmasambhava Mahavihara Monastery



or Sri Padmapada Vihara, in eastern India was inaugurated by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, at the Chandragiri Tibetan settlement. You should try to visit the nearby Khasada Waterfall and the beautiful expanse of the Mahendragiri Hills.

Duduma Waterfall And Rani Duduma Waterfalls

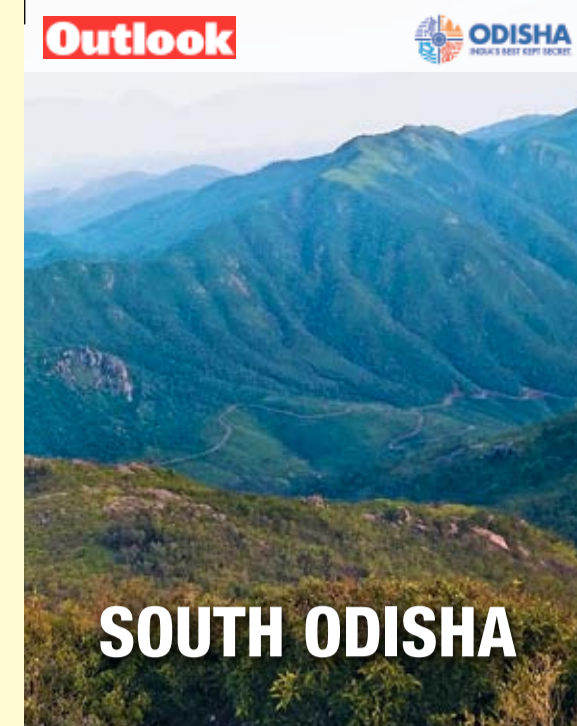
These two gorgeous waterfalls on the way to Koraput offer mesmerising views of the Odisha's stunning natural beauty. The Duduma Falls plunge from a height of 550ft. It is one of the tallest 'plunge' type waterfalls in India. This waterfall finds its origin in the River Machkund. The Rani Duduma Waterfalls, is a cascade-style, crystal



clean waterfall and offers a serene ambience at the bottom. Both falls draw many visitors for leisurely picnics.

Deomali Peak

You can travel by car or cycle, or even trek up to the top of Odisha' highest peak in its setting in the Eastern Ghats. Get ready to be blown away by those spectacular panoramas of its verdant surroundings. At the base of the mountain, the Odisha Tourism sets up a seasonal eco-retreat glamping site which is perfect for exploring the area.



SOUTH ODISHA

Tribal Areas

As the tribal population in this region mostly resides in remote forested areas, it's difficult for visitors to meet them. To delve into riches of



Odisha's tribal culture it's a good idea to plan to visit a haat where they gather to sell and buy their wares. The Onukadelli Tribal Haat, held in Koraput, is an excellent place for interactions with the ethnic communities, as are some of the smaller weekly tribal haats. Koraput District has settlements of the ethnic Gadaba, Omatyga, Paroja, Saura, Bhumia and Bhattara tribesmen. Raygada District is home to several Kondh tribal communities, like the Kutiga Kondh, Desia Kondh, and Dongaria Kondh.

Daringbadi

Travellers looking for a serene, uncrowded sojourn should head for Daringbadi hill station, in Kandhamal District. The seasonal eco-retreat glamping site, which comes up for three months



in the winter is the perfect base to head off for picnics by the nearby Midhubandha Waterfall and the Putudi Waterfall. Enjoy leisurely drives through pine forest and coffee estates. You should try to make a trip to the Emu Farm, which could be quite an eye opener.

Mandasaru Silent Valley

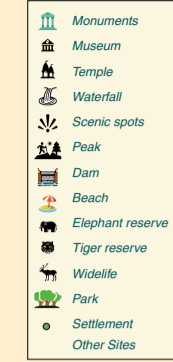
Mandasaru, or the Silent Valley, offers a wonderful opportunity to explore Odisha wealth of pristine bio-diverse environs. It is truly one of Odisha's lesser known hidden gems.



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