

Sikkim – Orissa Tribal Tour

Day 01 :: Delhi

Arrive Delhi. Met upon arrival and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 02 :: Delhi / Bagdogra - Darjeeling (Flight/Car)



Morning after breakfast transfer to domestic airport to board flight for Bagdogra. Met upon arrival and drive to reach Darjeeling (2134 M) by covering approx. 110 kms in 4 - 5 hrs. The route winds its way through tea estates. There is a narrow gauge railway line running parallel and crisscrossing the road. Darjeeling is called the jewel in the crown. Upon arrival check into hotel for overnight stay.

Day 03 :: Darjeeling

Morning visit Tiger Hill to see the sunrise and also get the best view of the world's third highest mountain Kanchenjunga and other peaks. On the way back visit Ghoom Monastery Enshrining Maitreyee Buddha. After breakfast proceed for a ride in the famous toy train for half an hour. Visit Botanical Gardens, Observatory Hill, mountaineering institute to know the history and the equipment and used in the first conquest of Mt. Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norge. Visit Zoological Park to see the Siberian Tigers, Llamas, Himalayan Black Bear and Panda. Visit tea estates and Tibetan Refugee self-help centre for woolen carpet and leather products. Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 04 :: Darjeeling / Pemayangtse

After breakfast drive to Pemayangtse (5 -6 hrs approx). Today's drive is truly a naturalist's delight. The hill sides and mountain slopes of Sikkim are strewn with bright patches of myriad colors. Afternoon at leisure. Evening bird watch at Rabdenste palace ruins. Leading ornithologists Dr. Salim Ali had spotted about 120 species of Himalayan birds in this small area. Overnight in hotel.

Day 05 :: Pemayangtse

Early morning we trek 3 kms uphill to visit the Sanga Choelling monastery perched on a hill top. On reaching, view the sunrise and excellent view of the khanchendzonga & the adjoining peaks. From here the Nepal valley can also be seen. Later visit the Pemayangtse monastery, also known as

the "Perfect sublime lotus" is one of the oldest in Sikkim.

Afternoon excursion to Kachoeatri lake a distance of 27 kms to be covered in almost 2 hrs. Considered holy by the locals. Although surrounded by thick forest, one might be surprised not to find a single leaf on the lake. Visit the monastery nearby. Return to hotel to watch the dusk (setting sun) from the hotel.

Day 06 :: Pemayangste / Gangtok (1660 M) via Tashiding Monastery



After breakfast drive to Gangtok (5 - 6 hrs approx) enroute visit the Tashiding monastery, a short trek from the main road. On arrival in Gangtok check-in hotel. Late afternoon visit the handicraft centre, the institute of Tibetology, Orchid sanctuary and Do - drul chorten. Overnight in hotel.

Day 07 :: Gangtok

Early morning visit Hanumatok to view another sunrise over Khanchendzonga & the adjoining peaks. After breakfast leave for excursion to Rumtek Monastery - the grandest of the monasteries in Sikkim and in wealth. It is about 45 minute drive from Gangtok. Return to Gangtok. Evening discover the local market. Overnight in hotel.

Day 08 :: Gangtok / New Jalpaiguri

After early breakfast transfer to New Jalpaiguri railway station in time to connect overnight train to Bhubaneshwar. Dep: 1500 hrs. Overnight on board train.

Day 09 :: Bhubaneshwar

Arrive Bhubaneshwar at 1241 hrs. Transfer to hotel. Afternoon half day sight-seeing of Bhubaneshwar visiting Parasurameshwara, Mukteshwar, Raja Rani & Ligaraja Temples. Overnight in hotel.

Day 10 :: Bhubaneshwar

After breakfast full day sight-seeing of Bhubaneshwar visiting Kandagiri, Udaigiri caves and Nandan Kanan zoological and botanical gardens. Overnight in hotel.

Day 11 :: Bhubaneshwar / Puri

After breakfast drive to Puri visiting Dhauri, Pipli & Konark on the way. On

arrival check-in hotel for overnight stay.



Day 12 :: Puri

Morning sight-seeing of Puri visiting Jagannath temple, Gundicha temple, Narendra Tank and Bada danda (The local market in front of the temple) Afternoon free to relax on the beach. Overnight in hotel.

Day 13 :: Puri / Baliguda

After breakfast drive to Baliguda (310 Kms / 8 hrs approx) visiting a few road side Semi - Tribal Villages. Overnight in hotel. (This day must be a Monday).

Day 14 :: Baliguda / Rayagada

After breakfast drive to Rayagada (220 Kms / 6 hrs) enroute visiting a few Kuttiya Kindha villages. Overnight in hotel / guest house. (This day must be a Tuesday).

Day 15 :: Rayagada / Jeypore

After breakfast drive to Niyamagiri hills, visit of a few Dongariya Kondha villages & weekly market (Weekly Market is only on Wednesday). Proceed to Jeypore (260 Kms / 6 - 7 hrs). Overnight in hotel.

Day 16 :: Jeypore

After breakfast drive to Onukudelli , visit of Bonda & Gadhaba market & a few Gadhaba Villages (Weekly market is only on Thursday) . Return drive to Jeypore for overnight stay (180 kms / 4 - 5 hrs drive round trip).

Day 17 :: Jeypore / Tatapani

After breakfast drive to Taptapani (310 Kms / 7 - 8 Hrs) visiting Jagannath Temple & Tribal museum at Koraput. Overnight in hotel.



Day 18 :: Tatapani / Bhubaneshwar

After breakfast drive to Bhubaneswar (235 Kms / 6 - 7 hrs) enroute visiting Chilka lake (Asia's largest Salt water Lake). Boat ride on the lake. Later proceed Bhubaneswar for overnight stay.

Day 19 :: Bhubaneswar / Delhi

After breakfast transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 20 :: Delhi / onward destination

After breakfast leave for full day city tour visiting Qutub Minar, India gate (war memorial), Lakshminarayan Temple - modern Hindu temple, drive past President's House, Parliament House & Secretariat Building. Afternoon sight-seeing of Old Delhi visit Rajghat & Shanti Vana (the cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru), Jama Masjid and drive past Red fort and Chandni Chowk. Await transfer to international airport for flight to onward destination.

