



This journey courses relentlessly along the wonderful countryside, fascinating past, lively people, and abundance of architectural wonders; from caves to museums, from relishing in the colonial architecture to visiting primitive crafts village - these 12 days show you all and more



Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

Arriving into Kolkata - the cosmopolitan capital of West Bengal, offers a lovely introduction to this program. With number of spectacular gardens that surround Kolkata, art and culture that abounds throughout its streets; 2 days here will see you appreciating the rhythms, the sounds and the absolute heart of its locals.

As exciting as it is diverse, Kolkata has the art, food & nightlife of a big city, with the soul and heart of a small town. If you arrive early, consider heading out to the nearby area and explore its range of shopping stores, cafes and restaurants.

Our Recommended Experience

For those looking for something a little more laid-back, simply walking around the streets and people watching will be an experience all of its own.



Day 2: Kolkata

Spend your day exploring the beautiful hooks and corners of Kolkata.

Ramble in the streets spilling over with distinct imperial character, lose yourself in its history, chat with locals about their lives and experience a way of life that is extremely foreign to all your senses.

Take a chance and visit Victoria Memorial; city's most famous landmark stands amidst beautiful garden grounds, dotted with patterned palms, ponds and statues. Inside, the 25 galleries cover a fascinating selection of paintings that depict Kolkata's history, an exquisite set of Persian manuscripts, and other objects of historic value.

Even if you don't want to go in, the building is still worth admiring from afar.



Day 3: Kolkata – Rajbari Bawali (35 Km – 1h30)

After the sumptuous breakfast, proceed in the direction of the beautiful and extravagant 300-year-old palace – Rajbari Bawali and witness the grand heritage of Kolkata. A stay here offers you to experience the tradition, culture and cuisines of the Zamindars of Bengal.

Adorn the sparkling charisma of its lavish accommodations; participate in the regular mystifying evening prayers highlighting the cultural essence, step inside the kitchen and get the hang of the magical culinary skills and get to know about the traditional Bengali cuisines.

By the end of the day, submerge yourself in natural oils; blend your mood with the calm environment distress yourself by getting a relaxing massage at the highly acclaimed Mantra Spa.

Both the inside and the outside of this palace are equally mesmerizing and enchanting, with all power to leave you dazzled and peaceful.

Our Recommended Experience

Give yourself a breath of fresh air by riding a bicycle along the riverside – interact with local fishermen, spot embroidered saris and fishing nets. Or stroll in the easing yet vibrant surroundings of Rajbari Bawali and embrace the simplicity of village life.



Day 4: Rajbari Bawali

Step into another day at this wondrous location and be ready for an eventful day ahead. Rajbari Bawali presents to you the authentic and finest Bengali experiences.

Take a look into the glorious history of Bengal at the library; learn about the staunchness of the Zamindars and experience their supremacy by eyeing the antique restored furniture, immerse yourself in the rich flavours of Bengal and relish some fusion delicacies.

At the end of your day, feel the air, appreciate the architectural heritage and recognize the grandeur of where you are.

Our Recommended Experience

Come out of this aesthetic beauty and move around in the natural realm for further insightful experiences. Head over to Komagatamaru Gurudwara for a pacifying moment or join a local gathering for a hearty connection and knowledge of Bengal. Take a tour of the local textile or enjoy a night of exuberant traditional dance performances and drum beatings by the wandering Bauls of the region.



Day 5: Rajbari Bawali – Belgadia Palace (Baripada) (210 Km – 5h30/6h)

Up next is the beautiful, Victorian and exclusive – belgadia palace for a wholesome experience of cuisine, culture and history. The silvery white bricks and the lush greenery around will make your eyes shine. Located in the ‘soul of India’ – Odisha, this palace will leave you awe-struck with its perfectly balanced blend of the bygone and the recent.

Explore the palace; cherish the beguiling architecture and ravishing décor. Wander through the rooms and catch sight of the unique aesthetics that showcases a fusion of style coming from the royal families of Nepal and Jaisalmer.

Spend your day among the Santhal tribe people which is the third largest tribe of India and educate yourself about the British regime times, be entertained by their dances and unique music and know about the concealed corners of their lives.

Our Recommended Experience

Take a walk down the memory lane and lay your eyes upon structures constructed before the British times and pre-independence.

Give yourself a unique experience and witness the eminent, illustrious and opulent event of the Simlipal city – Rath Yatra also known as the Car Festival. The ambience and aura of the festival is elevating and enriching.



Day 6: Belgadia Palace

On the second day of your stay in this remarkable palace, feed your soul with divinity and blessings from the chain of temples that surround the Palace.

The most renowned temple is the temple of Kichakeswari at Khiching which is known for its colossal spiritual power and bewitching sculptural carvings. Enveloping area of the temples are enormous artisans – crafting, carving and creating astounding sculptures and art. Simply standing next to them and watching them create is a blissful experience.

Coming out of the Palace, you will find yourself amidst profoundly thick forested grounds, green vegetation and extraordinary natural life. You are in the land of India's most famous wildlife parks – Barheipani Falls, Simlipal National Park, Jaranda Falls are the must-see attractions of this place.

Our Recommended Experience

Mingle with the tribal communities by physically stepping in their areas, make arts with them or do the unusual and learn chhau – martial arts dance form. The surroundings have cluster of varied art forms that hold you back from going anywhere else. Know about the famous black stone carving and perceive the startling art of dhokra.



Day 7: Belgadia Palace – Bhubaneswar (255 Km – 5h30)

After the sumptuous breakfast, travel onwards in the direction of temple city – Bhubaneswar. Along the route, stop off at Orissa Buddhist Heritage Site. Witness the grace and placidity of the Buddhist stupas consisting of Ratnagiri-Udayagiri-Lalitgiri.

Then it's on to Bhubaneswar. Have a moment to yourself and get the vibe of the city, look around or involve yourself in a conversation with some locals.

In the evening, head over to the Ekamra Crafts Village for a rustic-rural feel. As the name suggests, it really is a craft village, promoting and supporting handicraft and handloom artisans of Odisha and other states. You will encounter hut shaped shops made of mud and grass with beautifully created work pieces formed using leaf, cane and bamboos. The place will serve you with authentic Odiya food and fill both your heart and belly.



Day 8: Bhubaneswar

Being the ‘temple city’, Bhubaneswar has a plethora of temples, amongst which the finest is the Lingaraj Temple of Shiva built in the 11th century, its elephantine structure makes it the biggest in the city. Visit the Mukteswara temple, this temple displays through its fine carvings the tales from the Panchatantra and is a superlative example of Orissan architecture. You cannot miss the gorgeous and neat carvings of floral, animal and human figures on the walls of the Rajarani temple.

After the temple hopping experience, while away the evening by being part of the vibrant traditional cultural performances of the Odissi community. If you’re curious, they will tell you the significance of their wardrobes in relation to their environment.

Don’t miss visiting Tribal Research Institute Museum for some interesting facts and intricate knowledge of the past of the State's tribal heritage. The 5 halls in the museum will showcase every detail related to the tribal community.

Our Recommended Experience

Go for a heritage walk around the city and traverse through all the mighty, massive and mesmerizing temples. Listen to the mythical stories attached to them, run your hands over the rough carvings, hear the stigmas and stereotypes connected to them and know about the glory and grace linked to their names.



Day 9: Bhubaneswar

Another day in the mystic city of Bhubaneswar. Drop in on the Udayagiri & Khandagiri Caves. These caves highlight the architectural genius of ancient India and uphold the message of adoration and sympathy.

Marvellously carved, these caves let you travel back in time and give you glimpse into the simple lives of Jain monks and the sculptures within will captivate you with their meanings and beauty. A visit here will broaden your understanding of the bygone era.

After diving into the enriching carvings of the Udayagiri & Khandagiri Caves, time to immerse into the splendour of primitive crafts at the Kala Bhoomi Odisha Crafts Museum. Eye upon the handicrafts and handlooms pieces kept in the galleries or get inside the live section of the museum with the open-air theatre.

The caves and the museum will leave you spellbound with their respective brilliance and know-how.



Day 10: Bhubaneswar - Konark – Puri (70 Km – 1h30)

Enjoy your last breakfast in Bhubaneswar before you hit the road in the morning departing on the 66 km (1 ½ hour) drive to Konark.

En route visit the famous artistic appliqué village of Pipli. The radiant appliqué work of Pipli is known for its folk character and liveliness. With an artist's eye, the Pipli tailors skilfully stitch motifs of elephants, peacocks and flowers on a cloth background, to form harmonious and colourful patterns. Stroll the village, halt at shops and buy the perfect souvenir.

On arrival in Konarak, a world heritage site, visit the Chariot temple of the Sun God. Situated on the sands of the Bay of Bengal, this 13th century temple is an architectural marvel and is most famous for its erotic art. It is designed as a celestial chariot of the Sun God, complete with twelve pairs of wheels and seven horses. This legendary structure has sculptures of great beauty covering all aspects of life.

In the afternoon, continue on to the seaside town of Puri.

Our Recommended Experience

Ascend to the local fisherman's village near the Chandrabhaga beach. Saunter through the village, watch the boats return and leave the harbour, eavesdrop the conversations and also peep into the supplies of fishes.



Day 11: Puri

In Puri, go and visit World's second largest and Asia's largest brackish water Chilka Lake. Take a boat ride in the lake and enjoy sighting the Irrawaddy dolphins. Go on at the south end of the 1165 sq.- km lagoon and glance at the mouth of the lagoon and witness the beautiful virgin beaches enveloped in startling blue sea. The nearby eateries serve freshest catch of the day – Crabs and prawns are a must try.

Puri, is a major pilgrim centre in India and so next up for visit is the renowned Jagannath temple. The fame of Puri emanates from the Temple, which contributed the word Juggernaut to the English language. This 12th century temple is known for its annual Chariot Festival. It is one of dham of the char dham of Hindu pilgrimage having about one lakh temple inside of it other than the main temple. The architecture and history will fascinate you; the positive energy around the temple will grasp your soul and fill your heart with divinity. Fold hands from outside the temple and take the blessings of the deity.

Explore the grand road in Puri on a rickshaw and connect with the locals.



Day 12: Puri – Bhubaneswar (70 Km – 1h30)

This morning, you have some free time to take in some more of this town's laid-back vibes.

As per your flight timings, depart from Puri towards Bhubaneswar airport to connect with your onward destination.