

भारत
India

Bhubaneswar
Puri
Konark



Lingaraj Temple, Bhubaneswar

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Area	11.2 sq. km		
Altitude	sea level		
Temperature		Max.	Min.
	Summer	40.5°C	26.6°C
	Winter	26.8°C	10.5°C
Best season	October to March		
Population	3, 00,000 (approx)		
Languages Spoken	Hindi, English, Oriya		

HOW TO GET THERE

Air

Nearest airport is at Bhubaneswar

Rail

On a branch line from the main Calcutta-Madras railway, Puri is directly linked to Howrah, New Delhi and Calcutta. Connections from Bhubaneswar link it to all major centres of the country.

Some of the trains that service Puri are:
8007/8008 Howrah-Puri Express; 8009/8010 Sri Jagannath Express (Calcutta); 8477/8478 Kalinga Utkal Express; 2815/2816 Neelachal Express; 2119/2120 Konark Express.

Road

Puri is conveniently approachable by road from Bhubaneswar, and from it, to all important centres in the region.

Some important road distances are:

Calcutta 541 km

Visakhapatnam 486 km

Madras 1285 km

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Tourist Taxis

Taxis are available from all major hotels, at Taxi

Stand, Tel: 2161 or from travel agencies.

Cycle Rickshaws

Most widely used transport. Rates negotiable.

WHERE TO STAY

Hotel Nilachal Ashok

near Raj Bhawan Complex; Tel: 2973

Toshali Sands

Konark Marine Drive (8 kms out of Puri);
Tel: 2888, 2999, Telex: 675-395 TOSH IN

South Eastern Railway Hotel

C.T. Road; Tel: 2063

Panthanivas

C.T. Road; Tel: 2562, 2740

Pantha Bhavan

near Swarg Dwar; Tel: 2507

Hotel Vijaya International

C.T. Road; Tel: 2701, 2702

Cable: MANISA

Hotel Holiday Resort (cottages and rooms)

C.T. Road; Tel: 2440, 2430, 2919, Cable; SANDY

WHAT TO SEE

Lord Jagannath Temple

The 65 meter high temple built in the typical Kalinga style of architecture dominates the town visually as well as spiritually. The temple was constructed sometime in the 12th century AD during the reign of Chodaganga Deva. Within the precincts are other shrines devoted to Vimala, Vishnu and Lakshmi, which also merit a visit. Ananda Bazaar – the biggest food market in the world – is another attraction.

The broad road leading to the temple is crowded with dharmashalas built by various sects; shops and stalls

clamour for attention; holy men and ascetics mingle with the stream of devotees.

Entry to the temple is restricted to Hindus only.

Gundicha Ghar

Or the Garden House, is a much smaller sanctum where the deities from the main Jagannath Temple are brought for a sojourn of one week during the Rath Yatra festival. It is also known as the house of Lord Jagannath's aunt.

Indradyumna Tank

The reservoir has a small shrine to King Indradyumna.

Beach

Puri's beach attracts sunbathers and swimmers, because of the calmness of the water. Monsoon months – July-September – are the only time in the year that swimming is not safe.

EXCURSIONS

Shashi Gopal. 25 km

A temple devoted to the Child Lord Krishna or Gopal has a beautiful life-size image of the god. The legend relates that when 'Gopal' came here regarding a dispute between two brahmins, he fell in love with the place, hence the temple.

Chilika Lake

Nestling in the heart of coastal Orissa, the 1100 sq km lagoon is connected to the Bay of Bengal by a narrow mouth. Chilika is the largest inland lake in India. Dotted with numerous islands, which have been given very colourful names like Honeymoon Island, Breakfast Island, the lake is rich in aquatic fauna and migratory avian species. Hundreds of fishermen scour the waters of the lake for mackerel, prawn or crab.

Various centres around Chilika Lake are connected by bus services from Bhubaneswar, Puri, Cuttack and Behrampur. Taxis are also available from these centres.

Orissa Tourism Development Corporation provides water transport facilities for visiting different islands or for cruise on the lake from Barkul and Rambha.

Country-boats, however, can be hired from many centres.

OTDC provides accommodation facilities at Rambha and Barkul.

Panthanivas, Rambha; Tel: 46

Panthanivas, Barkul; Tel: (Balugaon) 60

Ashoka Hotel, Balugaon; Tel: 8,9

Hotel Chilika, Balugaon; Tel: 68

Tourist Information Services:

Tourist Office, Rambha; Tel: 44, Cable: Orissatour.

Gopalpur-on-sea

Gopalpur is an ideal seashore resort for a quiet holiday amongst surf, sun and sand. Gopalpur was an important port in the mediaeval times, though, now only traces of the old jetty survive.

Accommodation at Gopalpur

Hotel Oberoi Palm Beach; Tel: 23

Motel Mermaid; Tel: 50

Hotel Holiday Home; Tel: 49

Hotel Sea Breeze; Tel: 56

Hotel Kalinga; Tel: 33

WHERE TO EAT

Every major hotel has its own restaurant/dining area. Other than these there are no fine restaurants – Puri is full of roadside stalls and eateries.

FESTIVALS

Chandan Yatra

A festival to mark the Hindu New year. Images of Lord Jagannath and other deities are taken in procession on boats which are profusely decorated.

Snana Yatra

Closely following the Chandan Yatra, this festival celebrates the annual ritual bath of the images of Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra. During the period of the Snana Yatra, devotees pray to paintings or *patta chitras* of the three deities.

Rath Yatra (June/July)

This is Orissa's most important festival, attracting lakhs of devotees from all parts of the country. Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra are taken in great pomp and ceremony on chariots to a location a mile away in a procession that lasts nearly 24 hours.

The festival starts with the rhythmic clash of gongs, as the deities are helped onto the chariots by the devout. The arrival of the Raja of Puri is heralded by gaily decorated elephants. He ceremoniously cleans the platforms of the chariots and sprinkles holy water, symbolising equality of all before God.

Then amidst music and cries to the glory of God and dancing the chariots start their journey. During the Yatra all other activities of the town come to a standstill. The festival lasts for a week and terminates with the return journey of the deities.

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TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Govt. of Orissa Tourist Office
Station Road; Tel: 2131

Tourist Counter
Railway Station; Tel: 2519

TOUR OPERATORS

Orissa Tourism Development Corporation
Pantha Bhavan; Tel: 2507

NN Mukherjee
C.T. Road; Tel: 2267, 2247

Mohapatra Tour Travel
Swargadwar; Tel: 2661

Konark Travels
Sea Beach; Tel: 2465

HOSPITALS

District HQ Hospital
Tel: 2062

ID Hospital
Red Cross Road; Tel: 2094

Gopabandhu Ayurvedic Hospital
Armstrong Road; Tel: 2072

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police 2039
Ambulance 2062
Fire Station 2101
Roadways (OSRTC) 2163
Roadways (ORT) 2141

KONARK

Standing alone amongst the sand dunes along the Bay of Bengal, the Sun Temple of Konark, also known as the Black Pagoda, is a splendid example of ancient Orissan temple architecture. Centuries of myth and legend shroud its history.

According to one legend, Samba, the son of Lord Krishna, was afflicted by leprosy because of a curse by his father. He was cured by the sun god after a penance of 12 years, in whose honour he built the temple. Another legend holds that the son of the craftsman who built the temple sacrificed his life in the neighbouring river to keep his father's reputation.

The Sun Temple is, by far, the most important reason for every visitor to Konark, though, the sea shore and the beach is an added attraction.

HOW TO GET THERE

Air

Nearest airport is at Bhubaneswar.

Rail

Nearest railhead is at Puri.

Road

Konark is connected by road to Bhubaneswar (65 km) and Puri (31 km).

Bus service

Konark is connected by regular bus services with Bhubaneswar and Puri.

WHERE TO STAY

Panthanivas (OTDC); Tel: 31
Travellers Lodge (OTDC); Tel: 23

WHAT TO SEE

Sun Temple

Built by King Langula Narisimha Deva in the 13th century AD, the temple is a splendid example of Hindu temple architecture. Visualised as a chariot for the sun god as he glides on his daily celestial journey, its architecture and sculpture is a sheer poetry in stone. Although only the entrance hall has remained intact, this magnificent ruin has on its walls sculptures of beauty covering every aspect of life. Scenes of love and war, trade and court transactions, hunting, catching of elephants, sages teaching, child birth, amorous dalliances, dancers and mythical figures vie with each other for attention on the panels and niches of this immortal work of art.

MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES

Museum of Archaeological Survey of India

EXCURSIONS

Ramchandi Temple. 10 km

Along the beach on the bank of the river Kushabhadra.

Kuruma

Site of archaeological remains of a Buddhist monastery.

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TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Tourist Office
Government of Orissa
Panthanivas; Tel: 21

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IN INDIA

Agra
191, The Mall, Tel: 72377

Aurangabad
Krishna Vilas,
Station Road, Tel: 4817

Bangalore
K.F.C. Building
48, Church Street
Tel: 579517

Bhubaneswar
B-21, Kalpana Area
Tel: 54203

Bombay
123-Maharishi
Karve Road
Opp. Churchgate
Tel: 291585/293144

Calcutta
Embassy
4-Shakespeare Sarani
Tel: 441475/443521/
441402

Cochin
Willingdon Island
Tel: 6045

Guwahati
B.K. Kakati Road
Ulubari, Tel: 31381

Hyderabad
3-6-369/A/25&26
Sandozi Building
2nd Floor
26 Himayat Nagar
Tel: 66877

Imphal
Old Lambulane
Jail Road
Tel: 21131

Jaipur
State Hotel
Tel: 72280

Khajuraho
Near Western
Group of Temples
Tel: 47

Madras
154-Anna Salai Road
Tel: 88686/88685

Naharlagun
Sector 'C', Tel: 328

New Delhi
88-Janpath
Tel: 3320008/3320005/
3320342/3320109/
3320266

Panaji
Comunidade Building
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Tel: 3412

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Paryatan Bhavan
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Port Blair
(Andaman & Nicobar
Islands), Tel: 21006

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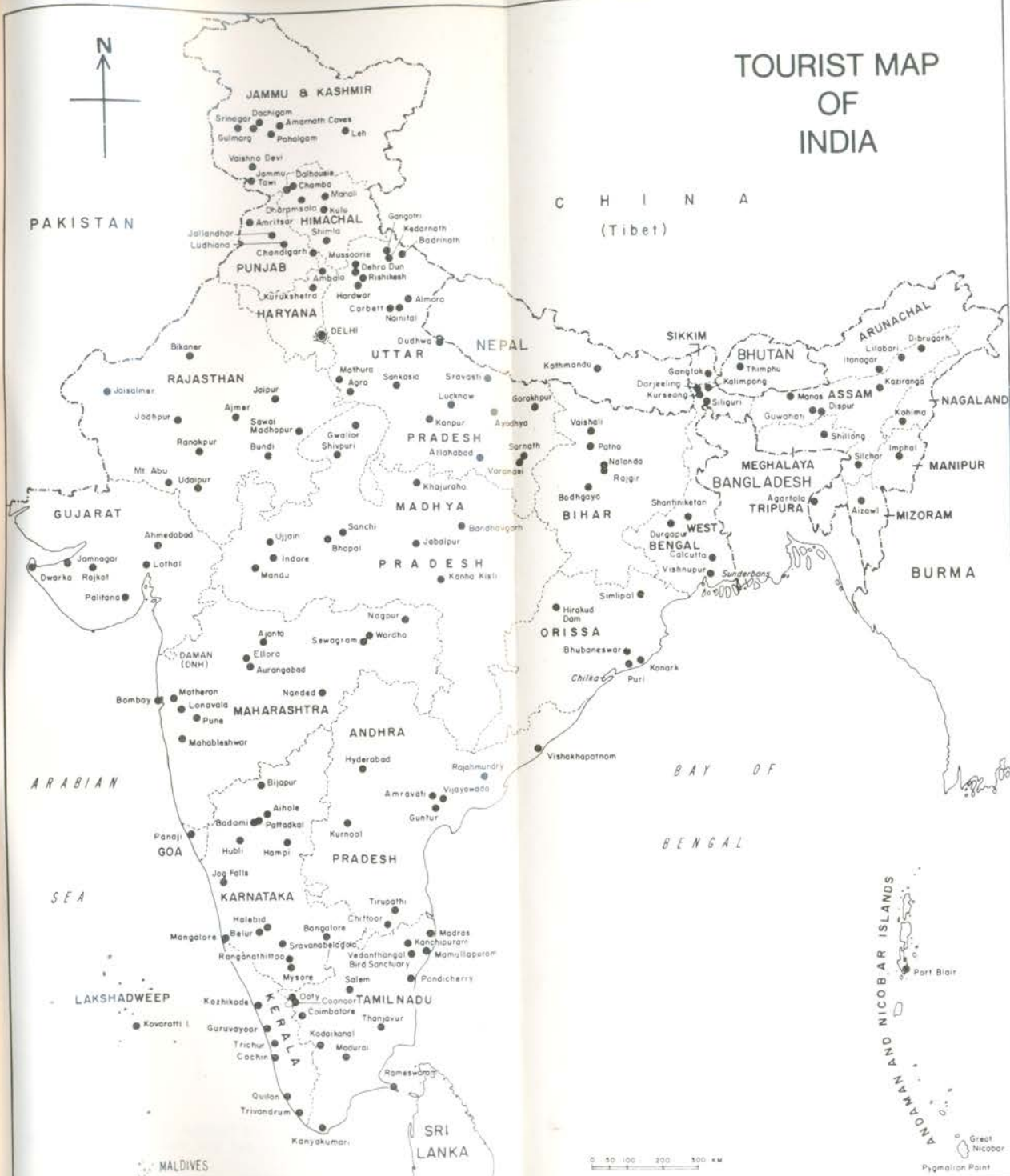
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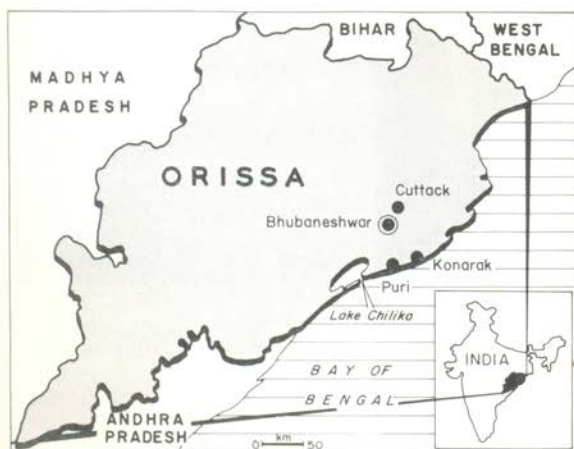
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BHUBANESWAR

Bhubaneswar, seat of an ancient Kingdom and the present capital of the state of Orissa has long been considered as the jewel of eastern India. The present city marks the merger of the cultures of over two millenia.

Standing near the site of the ancient capital of the kingdom of Kalinga Bhubaneswar has a history that dates back to over 2,200 years. It was here that in 3rd century BC Emperor Ashok of the Mauryas fought his last great battle against the petty kingdom of Kalinga. Unable to bear the guilt of massive destruction of life and property, he forsook war and adopted the path of lord Buddha, of peace and amity.

Various dynasties have imprinted on Bhubaneswar their message of peace and at one time it is said the city could boast of 7000 temples. Of these only about 500 still survive in varying degrees of repair.

It was only in 1950 AD that the capital of the state of Orissa was shifted from Cuttack to Bhubaneswar. With the result that the present city is lush and green and a charming departure from the bustle of modern cities. Few buildings exceed two stories, fruit trees line every road, and occasionally lush green paddy fields and rivers add a delightful rural touch.

Orissa is poised on the brink of large-scale industrialization which could result in its competing in importance with other major industrial towns of India's eastern region. Already Bhubaneswar and Puri are popular venues for conferences, not only from Calcutta but from multi-national companies based in Bombay.

Quite apart from its business connection, Bhubaneswar is an important landmark for sightseers; a convenient base for excursions to other parts of the state; the variety of handicrafts makes it popular with every shopper; an abundance of freshwater fish and prawns is the delight of the seafood lover. Best of all is the little known fact that Bhubaneswar is one of the least expensive destinations in the entire country.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Temperature		Max	Min
	Summer	38°C	27°C
	Winter	28°C	15°C
Best season	October to March.		
Rainy season	August-September		
Clothing	Summer: light cottons		
	Winter: woollens		
Population	3,50,000 (approximately)		
Languages	English, Hindi, Oriya		

HOW TO GET THERE

Air

Indian Airlines connects Bhubaneswar with daily flights from Delhi via Raipur and Calcutta; and thrice weekly flights to Hyderabad and Nagpur.

Vayadoot links Bhubaneswar with Hyderabad.

The airport is 4 kms from the Government of Orissa Tourist Office.

Indian Airlines Airport Tel: 56472, 51084. City office: 52380.

Rail

On the main broad gauge line from Calcutta to Madras, Bhubaneswar is a stop for all trains from Calcutta/Howrah to Madras, Puri, Sikandrabad, Tirupati. Trains from Bhubaneswar leave for Sambhalpur, New Delhi, Bombay, Cochin and Trivandrum.

Some of the important trains reaching Bhubaneswar are: 2841/2842 Coromandal Express (Calcutta-Madras); 6003/6004 Calcutta-Madras Mail; 8079/8080 Calcutta-Tirupati Express; 2651/2652 Howrah-Cochin Express; 2611/2612 Guwahati-Trivandrum Express; 2649/2650 Guwahati-Cochin Express; 8045/8046 East Coast Express (Calcutta-Hyderabad); 2821/2822

Calcutta-Bhubaneswar Dhauli Express; 8007/8008 Calcutta-Puri Express; 8409/8410 Sri Jagannath Express (Calcutta-Puri); 8477/8478 Kalinga Utkal Express (New Delhi-Puri); 8475/8476 Neelachal Express (New Delhi-Puri) 2815/2816 New Delhi-Puri Express; 2119/2120 Konarak Express; 8147/8148 Hira Khand Express.

Road

On the National Highway No.5 linking Calcutta and Madras, some distances from Bhubaneswar are:

Calcutta 480 km

Cuttack 32 km

Puri 62 km

Chilika Lake 130 km

Visakhapatnam 426 km

Vijayawada 792 km

New Delhi 1745 km

Madras 1225 km

Bombay 1691 km

Bangalore 1430 km

Trivandrum 2015 km

Ahmedabad 1829 km

Bus Service

Orissa State Road Transport Corporation as well as private buses operate daily between Bhubaneswar and Calcutta, Ranchi, Raipur, Durgapur, Visakhapatnam and Tata-Nagar in addition to towns in Orissa.

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Coach operators

Orissa Tourism Development Corporation (Transport Division) Tel: 55515, on Lewis Road has coaches and mini coaches (a/c and non a/c) for hire. Rates are

charged on per km or per hour basis.

Tourist Taxis

OTDC Transport Division, Lewis Road Tel: 55515. In addition, tourist taxis can be hired from the hotels and travel agencies/tour operators.

Auto Rickshaws

Rates negotiable

Other Transport

Cycle rickshaws are the chief means of transport. Charges are negotiable. City buses ply frequently. Minimum fare is 50 p.

WHERE TO STAY

HOTELS

The Oberoi

Nayapalli;

Tel: 56116, Telex: 675-348 HOB IN

Kalinga Ashok

Gautam Nagar;

Tel: 53318, Cable: TOURISM,

Telex: 675-282 HKLG IN

Swosti

103 Janpath;

Tel: 54178, 54179, 57470, Telex: 675-321 HSPL IN,

Cable: SWOSTI

Prachi

6 Janpath;

Phone: 52689, 52521, 52733, 52728, Telex: 675-278

PRCH IN, Cable: DESTINY

New Kenilworth

Gautam Nagar;

Tel: 54330, 54331, 55683-55734, Telex: 675-343 KNRK

IN, Cable: NEWKEN

Pantha Niwas (OTDC),

Lewis Road

Tel: 54515, 55314

WHAT TO SEE

Temples

Bhubaneswar's 500 temples are grouped in a few well known temples complexes. They are all located in the old part of the city, within a radius of 3 km. Thus cycle rickshaws are a convenient means of sightseeing. Most temples are still used for daily devotions and it is not permitted for non-Hindus to enter within the boundary wall, two temples excepted. However, it is the ornate relief work on the exterior of each temple which lends, to admiration and study of sculpture by all.

Parusurameswara is the city's oldest surviving temple, having been built around 650 AD.

Mukteswar temple bridges the early and later phases of the Kalinga school of temple building, and contains a stunningly beautiful archway.

Raja Rani temple was constructed in the 11th century. It is situated in a large garden, popular because the setting sun forms a dramatic backdrop to the chiselled lines of the temple.

Brahmeswara, like the *Mukteswara*, is open to non-Hindus. It has a number of architectural and sculptural elements in common with the latter.

Lingaraj, the culmination of the Orissan style of temple architecture, its soaring spire dominates the landscape for miles. From close quarters, the majestic proportions are derived from the entire complex of large and small spires, set within a boundary wall. A viewing gallery has been specially built for non-Hindus.

Kedargauri, *Ananthavasudev* and *Mausima* are three other temples near Bindu Sagar, a large tank around which most of the temples are located.

Dhauigiri. 8 km

Has Ashokan edicts etched on rock which date back to the 2nd century BC. At the top of a low hillock at Dhau, a Buddhist temple built with Japanese collaboration affords a fine view of the surrounding countryside.

Udaygiri and Khandagiri. 8 km

Situated to the north of Bhubaneswar are the twin hills of Udaygiri and Khandagiri. The ruler of Kalinga is said to have made his way here through an underground tunnel after being defeated by Emperor Ashoka in the battle of Kalinga. The enormous outcrop of rock that covers a hillside had been carved out in the pre-christain era to make human habitations for the ruler of Kalinga and his queens. Caves were also used by monks and sages, like Hari Das, Tulsi Das and Jagannath Das, who meditated here. Some of the notable caves are Rani Gumpa or Queen's Caves, a two-storeyed complex remarkable for its art and architecture, with delicately carved walls; Hathi Gumpa or Elephant Cave, though austere in architecture it records the life chronicle of king Kharavela. Khandagiri has a series of cave temples belonging to the Hindu and Jain faiths. Thirty three rock cut caves still exist.

Guides, desirable because of the labyrinthine nature of the caves, are easily available on the spot.

Nandan Kanan Zoo. 25 km

Open from 8 am to 5 pm, the zoo is one of India's finest. Royal Bengal tigers and white tigers are what Nandan Kanan is famous for. From 10 am visitors are taken in a coach to the 50 acre lion safari park, whose geographical conditions are a close approximation of those at Sasan Gir, Gujarat. 25 lions roam this area singly and in groups. At nightfall they return to their enclosures.

MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES

Closed Mondays and Public holidays.

Orissa State Museum, Gautam Nagar. Open 10 am to 4 pm; Monday closed.

Handicrafts Museum, Secretariat Road. Open 10 am to 5 pm. Sunday closed

EXCURSIONS

Pipli. 29 km

On the main road to Konark, this small village is the

only place in Orissa where applique work is done. Bright colours are used for the background cloth and the motifs, which are stitched on by means of needle embroidery. Many workshops cum shops line the roadside from where visitors can watch the craft in progress as well as make a purchase. Garden umbrellas, wall hangings, cushion covers are some of the articles.

Atri Springs. 42 km.

Hot sulphur springs are noted for their curative properties. A bathing complex has been constructed for the convenience of the visitors. Near the springs is the famous Hatakeswara Temple.

Yogini Temple. 15 km

One of the five Yogni temples in the country, it is located in Hirapur village on the road to Puri. The temple is noted for 64 beautifully carved Yogni images of black chlorite stone.

Balasore

District headquarters town of Balasore was an important maritime centre in mediaeval times. Parts of the town were under French and Dutch occupation, traces of which still exist.

Places around Balasore:

Chandipur. 16 km

A seaside resort with one of the finest beaches in the country. The waters of the Bay are shallow and recede to 5 km away with the tide.

An excursion into the sea is possible with fishermen.

Accommodation facilities:

Panthanivas (OTDC); Tel: 2151 and private hotels at Chandipur

Private hotels at Balasore

Cuttack. 32 km

One of the oldest towns of Orissa and its capital in the middle ages, Cuttack is virtually an island surrounded as it is with rivers except for a narrow strip of land.

A stone embankment on the Kathajuri river, built in the 11th century AD by a king of the Kesari dynasty, is an engineering marvel and still withstands the fury of the river in floods.

The shrine of Kadam Rasul, in the centre of the town contains some holy relics of Prophet Muhammad which were brought from Mecca.

Serene Hills. 97 km

The three hills of Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri and Udaigiri are a part of an ancient Buddhist complex. The University of Pushpagiri which once flourished here was visited by Hieun Tsang, the 7th century AD Chinese chronicler.

Excavations in the area have yielded many sculptures of post-Gupta period, including a three-meter high image of Lokeshwara which has 8th century AD inscriptions on it.

A number of Buddhist structures and images were also excavated from brick mounds on top of Lalitgiri Hill.

CONDUCTED TOURS

Conducted tours are operated by Orissa Tourism Development Corporation. Tickets and further information can be obtained from Pantha Niwas, Lewis Road, Tel: 55515

One tour operates daily (9 am to 6 pm) from Bhubaneswar to Konark and Puri and back. The other, also daily, is for local sightseeing: Khandagiri and Udaygiri caves, Nandan Kanan Zoo, Museum, temples and Dhauligiri.

WHERE TO EAT

Restaurants

(In hotels)

Oberoi; Multi-cuisine

Executive, Hotel Swosti; Multi-cuisine

Exclusive, Hotel Swosti; Multi-cuisine

Ganapati, Hotel Kalinga Ashok; Multi-cuisine

Golden Dragon, Hotel Prachi; Chinese

Orissa, Hotel Prachi; Indian

(Outside hotels)

Anarkali, Station Square; Indian, Chinese

Swapnapuri, Shahid Nagar; Indian

Venus Inn, Bapuji Nagar; Indian

Prohibition

Not in force.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cinemas

Kesari Talkies, Sachivalaya Marg.

Sriya Talkies, Unit 3

Swati, Unit 3

Stutee, Unit 3

Clubs

Bhubaneswar Club

Unit 6, Rajpath: Tel: 52277.

WHERE TO BUY

Orissa's main handicrafts are, cotton woven in a resist-dyed process called *ikat*; applique work; silver filigree; stone carving of religious themes in soapstone, serpentine, black granite and sandstone; paintings known as *patta chitra* and drawings on palm leaf with religious themes and *dhokra* or metal cast sculptures. In addition to these are a few others, less well known, like basketry, paper mache mask making, and wooden carvings. Bhubaneswar's main shopping centre is Capital Market.

Emporium

Utkalika (Orissa Government Emporium)

Capital Market

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Yoga

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Yoga Centre, Sahid Nagar;

Tel: 53482

Iskcon, Nayapalli; Tel: 53128

Sri Aurobindo Bhawan, Kharabela Nagar; Tel: 50332

Gouranga Ashram, near Baiyaabada Math, Sahid Nagar

Arya Samaj, Sahid Nagar Market

Ramakrishna Math, Vivekananda Marg; Tel: 50228

FESTIVALS

Ashokashtami (March/April)

It falls on the 8th day of the waxing moon in the month of Chaitra. The image of Lord Shiva (Lingaraj) is taken in a chariot to the Rameshwara temple and brought back after four days.

Kali Puja (October/November)

Kali Puja or Diwali is celebrated on the first new moon day after Dussehra when the goddess Kali is worshipped. Houses and buildings illuminated with candles or clay lamps present a spectacular sight.

Bali Yatra (October/November)

This festival is held in Cuttack on the banks of the river Mahanadi. It is celebrated on a full-moon day in memory of traders of ancient times who set sail to the Indonesian islands of Bali, Java and Sumatra. From early in the morning people go to the river and after a bath set tiny boats made of pith and paper on the river. A big fair is also held on the occasion.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Hindu

Lingaraj Temple, Old Town
Sri Ram Mandir, Janpath

Christian

Catholic Church, Janpath
Christ Union Church, Unit 4

Muslim

Masjid, Sachivalaya Marg, Unit 4

MISCELLANEOUS

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Govt. of India Tourist Office.
B/21 BJB Nagar (Kalpana Area); Tel: 54203

Govt. of Orissa Tourist Office
5 Jayadev Nagar; Tel : 50009

Tourist Information Counter
Railway Station; Tel: 54715

Tourist Information Counter
Airport; Tel: 54006

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS

Air

Indian Airlines
Airport, Tel: 56472, 51084
Reservations, Tel: 400533, 400544

Vayudoot

City office: Tel 57985

Rail

Bhubaneswar Railway Station, Tel: 51637

TRAVEL AGENTS/TOUR OPERATORS

Swosti Travels
Hotel Swosti, Janpath; Tel: 56617, 54359, 57470,
Telex: 675-321

Kalinga Travels

Market Building; Tel: 50980

Travel Wings

Bapuji Nagar; Tel: 52689

Konark Export & Travels

8 Bapuji Nagar; Tel: 53465

Minakshi Tours & Travels

6 Janpath

Nava Gunjar Travels

Badadanda; Tel: 50859

Sita Travels

Hotel Kenilworth, Gautam Nagar; Tel: 53330

Mercury Travels

Hotel Oberoi; Tel: 54216

Life Travels

22 Janpath

Arya Travels

Hotel Prachi, Janpath; Tel: 53668

Travel Link
76 Satya Nagar

Mezzoforce
Lewis Road; Tel: 57997

BANKS AND MONEY CHANGERS

Banks are open to the public on all days from Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm; Saturdays from 10 am to 12 noon. Sunday closed

All nationalized banks on Lewis Road, Bapuji Nagar, Gautam Nagar and Sachivalaya Marg are licensed to deal in foreign exchange.

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

Capital Hospital, Unit 6; Tel: 50688
Jagannath Seva Sadan, Bapuji Nagar; Tel: 51233
Sunflower Nursing Home, Cuttack Road; Tel: 51016
Rajdhani Nursing Home, Sahid Nagar; Tel: 53860

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Studio Neel Kamal, Capital Market; Tel: 51491
Art Studio, Bapuji Nagar; Tel: 51440
Studio Sonali, Lewis Road
Oddisi, Rajmahal Chowk

POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES

General Post Office, Sachivalaya Marg
Central Telegraph Office, Sachivalaya Marg

PURI

Often called Jagannath Puri, it is amongst the best known coastal towns of eastern India. Adi Shankaracharya, the 8th Century AD Hindu religious reformer and sage, provided the town sanctity by establishing one of the four Dhams, or the holiest of all holy places, here. It, thus, became the home of Lord Vishnu, here called Jagannath, literally Lord of the Earth.

Over the centuries many a fine temple have been added to the city marking its eminence amongst Hindu pilgrimages. Puri throngs with pilgrims from all parts of the country throughout the year, the peak season being during the annual Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath. Then a sea of humanity, of all faiths and religions, descends on the town, some to worship and participate, others to see and marvel.

And though, the Jagannath Temple precincts maybe barred for non-Hindus the excellent sea coast of Puri is open to all. Miles and miles of golden sands, blue waters of the Bay of Bengal, the silvery surf breaking on the beaches are another facet of the city's attractions.

Puri is also, a souvenir hunters delight. Miniature stone sculptures, wood carvings, patta-paintings, mementoes and decorative items made of seashells and a host of other articles attract visitors to the city's markets and sea shore.