



Odissi

An extravaganza of dance and music on a journey of 8 nights and 9 days will immerse you in the world of the classical dance of Odissi, along with the exploration of traditions, art and culinary marvels of the state of Odisha - a fantastic mixture of culture and a pleasant holiday!

*To understand the culture, study the dance. To
understand the dance, study the people.*
— *Chuck Davis*

Odissi was a form of temple worship dance performed by Devdasis. This dance form originated in Orissa, now known as Odisha and from archaeological evidence it is said to be the oldest dance forms.

Odissi is performed to music accompaniments. These instruments include flute, cymbal, sitar and the dancer wears beautiful traditional sari and filigree silver jewellery. The jewellery is always silver or white. The dance places emphasis on independent movement of the head, chest and pelvis and the square stance symbolising Lord Jagannath. The dance celebrates the eternal love between Lord Krishna and Radha.

This dance form was patronised by the Mughals which caused the loss of religious and spiritual aspect of Odissi. Today this dance form remains one of the most popular classical dance forms of India.

On this trip you will visit temples and witness spectacular dance performances and interaction with dancers. There is no doubt you will be mesmerised by the beauty of Odissi. Visit Odisha with us and discover Odissi in its truest form.



The Journey

Day 1: Bhubaneswar

Upon arrival at Bhubaneswar Airport in the morning airport pick up & transfer to hotel. Freshen up & visit Lingaraj Temple, Rajarani Temple, Vaital, Mukteswar Temple and Parsurameswar Temple. Then Khandagiri - Udayagiri Jain caves. Evening ,spend time at Ekamra Haat (the craft market). Overnight at Bhubaneswar.



Day 2: Bhubaneswar

After breakfast, we embrace our senses to the musical dance introduction to Odissi at a premier dance school. Here we will interact with the gurus and students, while getting a glimpse of the enactment through music and dance. After a lovely cultural session, we drive away from the city to the quietness of the jungles, a drive towards Bhitarkanika National Park. Enroute you will visit Barabati Fort & Netaji Birth Place museum. Check in to the resort. Evening enjoy campfire with snacks. Dinner & Overnight at Sand Pebbles Jungle Resorts.



Day 3: Bhitarkanika:

After a delicious home style Breakfast visit the Bird Sanctuary, trekking to Hunting tower of Ancient King and cruise to different creeks on countryside boat approved by Wildlife Department, to spot crocodiles, visit the Museum and Project Area. Then enjoy the

surrounding nature's beauty and paddy field. In the late afternoon visit the Jagannath temple to participate in the Live Aalati Darshan. Dinner & Overnight at Sand Pebbles Jungle Resorts.

Day 4: Bhitarkanika -

Bhubaneswar :

Morning after a delicious home style Breakfast check out from the Resort & drive to Bhubaneswar on the way visit Ratnagiri-Lalitgiri-Udayagir (the Diamond Triangle) a Buddhist circuit. Upon arrival at Bhubaneswar check in to hotel. Freshen up & free for own activities. Overnight stay at Bhubaneswar.



Day 5: Bhubaneswar - Konark - Pipli - Puri :

Post breakfast check out from the hotel. Drive towards Puri. Enroute you will visit Dhauli (Peach Pagoda), Piipili applique village & Konark Sun Temple (Black Pagoda), Ramachandi Temple & Chandrabaga Beach. Check in to the hotel. Evening relax at Golden beach or shopping at beach market. Overnight stay Puri.



Day 6: Puri - Satpada (Chilka lake) - Puri :

In the Morning visit World famous Lord Jagannath temple (non-Hindus are not allowed) to watch morning Arati. Back to hotel & have your breakfast. Then visit to Satpada at Chilika Lake. Enjoy a boat cruise inside the lake to view Sea Mouth & Irrawaddy Dolphins. En route you will visit the Alarnath Temple. Back to Puri and overnight stay.

Day 7: Puri - Gopalpur :

After Breakfast, we visit another notable dance institute that has immensely contributed to Odissi, and produced several wonderful classical dancers. We witness their dance style, and spend quality time interacting with the guru and students. Following that, we check out from the hotel & visit the local temples of Puri, like: Loknath Temple,



Gundicha Mandir, Sonar Gourang Temple . Then drive to Gopalpur. En-route visit raghurajpur/ nayakpatna artisan village, Sakhigopal Shree krishna temple. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Freshen up & relax at Gopalpur beach . Overnight stay at Gopalpur.(Gotipua dance can be arranged on Raghurajpur).



*Day 8: Gopalpur - Bhubaneswar:
After Breakfast check out from hotel and drive to Bhubaneswar. En-route visit Taratarini temple, Narayani Temple. Check in to the hotel. Free for own activities & overnight stay at Bhubaneswar Hotel.*

*Day 9: Gopalpur - Bhubaneswar:
Post breakfast & check out from the hotel. Visit to Nandankanan Sanctuary and Biological Park, established in 1979, offering its inhabitants a true feel of their natural habitats, Gharials (crocodile) and White Tiger Nandankanan also runs a lion and a white tiger Safari. Then to Tribal museum (closed on Monday). Finally airport transfers to Bhubaneswar Airport/ railway station for your onward journey.*

Journey Inclusions

Airport Transfers from a common major airport in Europe.

Sightseeing.

Accommodation is arranged on twin sharing basis in a standard double in 4 star hotels (or similar standard) with all meals included.

Driver fees, toll , parking.

Same driver will be there with you for the entire trip.



Journey Exclusions

4% service tax.

Adventure Activities/ Sightseeing Cost/

Entrance fees.

Single supplement.



Hotels

All hotels are at 4 star quality. If in case of unavailability, good 3 star hotels with excellent reviews are arranged.

