
Bhubaneshwar

The capital city of Orissa is all about simple pleasures and timeless beauties as it is home to various wonderful temples, thronged by visitors all across the year. There are several great places to visit in Bhubaneshwar like The Lingaraj Temple, ISKCON Temple, Hirakud Dam, Raja Rani Temple, Bindu Sarovar and The Brahmeswara Temple.

Bhubaneshwar, a cradle of art & culture, is a bustling modern city with mesmerizing temples, enchanting natural beauty and lovely people. Once a place known for its beautiful temples and grand architecture, Bhubaneshwar has slowly and gradually emerged as a commercial hub. It is also famous for Ikat sarees, Bidri-ware, Pipli applique work and cane furniture. You can visit the world renowned Lingaraj Temple, Bindu Sagar, Mukteswar Temple among others. Don't forget to pay a visit to the Regional Plant Resource Center, which maintains the largest rose garden in the country. For people who are interested in exploring caves, there are Khandagiri and Udayagiri caves. Make your vacation a memory of lifetime! Bhubaneshwar, the temple city of India, has the most spectator temple architecture and offers an enchanting spiritual experience. The famous Lingaraj Mandir is dedicated to Tri Bhubaneswar (Lord of three worlds) and is surrounded by over 50 small temples and shrines. It is accessible to the Hindus only, however, there is a viewing platform for the non-Hindus. The Parsurameswar Mandir, located west of Lewis Road, is an ornate, historically rich temple built around 650 AD. A trip to Bhubaneshwar cannot be complete without sampling the local Odia food. Dalma at Madhusudan Nagar, is one of the most famous places to try out delicious Odia food.

Famous For:

City

When To VISIT


Jan
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 29.20000076 2939453°C
Min: 15.19999980 9265137°C
Rain: 41.2999992370605 5mm

Feb
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 32.29999923 706055°C
Min: 18.70000038 2939453°C
Rain: 26.0mm

Mar
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 35.40000152 5878906°C
Min: 22.60000038 1469727°C
Rain: 27.7999992370605 47mm

Apr
Hot weather. Carry Light clothes.
Max: 37.0°C
Min: 25.0°C
Rain: 48.5mm

May
Hot weather. Carry Light clothes, umbrella.
Max: 37.5°C
Min: 26.20000076 2939453°C
Rain: 130.600006103515 62mm

Jun
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 34.70000076 2939453°C
Min: 26.10000038 1469727°C
Rain: 243.399993896484 38mm

Jul
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 32.29999923 706055°C
Min: 25.5°C
Rain: 340.600006103515 6mm

Aug
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 31.79999923 7060547°C
Min: 25.29999923 7060547°C
Rain: 401.100006103515 6mm

Sep
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 32.29999923 706055°C
Min: 23.29999923 7060547°C
Rain: 195.800003051757 8mm

Oct
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 32.0°C
Min: 23.29999923 7060547°C
Rain: 195.800003051757 8mm

Nov
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 30.70000076 2939453°C
Min: 19.10000038 1469727°C
Rain: 37.2000007629394 5mm

Dec
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
Max: 29.0°C  Min: 15.0°C  Rain: 38.5mm

What To SEE

5 Sights

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1. **Nandankanan Zoological Park**
   - Mayur Bhawan, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751007, India
   - Also known as the Garden of the Gods, Nandankanan Zoological Park is located about 15 km away from the city bounds of Bhubaneswar. The place is home to about 16000 animals from over 120 species. The Zoo is also well known for being India’s first Zoo that is registered with the World Association for Zoos and Aquariums and its low death rate. Visiting the zoo is a magical experience, as this is one of the best zoos in the country, where you can observe a massive and healthy variety of animals.
   - A part of the Nandankanan Zoological Park is reserved for the protection of rare and endangered animals like the White Tigers, Black Panthers, the Asiatic Lions, the Macau and many other birds, reptiles and mammals. Separate sections of the Zoo include an Aquaria, a Reptile Park and an Orchid House. What’s more, if you are impressed by all the creatures you spot here and want to do something to contribute, you can actually adopt an animal and promote the Zoo’s operation. This unique programme was started in 2008 to invite public participation in financing the zoo.

2. **Lingaraja Temple**
   - Lingaraj Nagar, Old Town, Bhubaneswar, Orissa 751002, India
   - Dedicated to Harihara, a combination of Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu, Lingaraja Temple is the largest in Bhubaneshwar. It is believed that this temple was constructed in the 11th century, by Jajati Keshari, a Somvanshi king. The temple also houses some essential Sanskrit scripts from the 6th and 7th centuries. Built in the traditional Kalinga style of architecture, the temple comprises of four main components: the vimana (the structure which contains the sanctum), the bhoga-mandapa (the hall of offerings), the nata Mandira (the festival hall) and the jagamohana (the assembly hall). The temple is mostly built with laterite and sandstone and displays impressive carvings of beast and man. This complex at Lingaraja Temple comprises of 150 shrines and is topped with a massive tower which is very intricately sculpted. The Lingaraja Temple is one of the few ancient temples in the city which is still used for worshipping and observing a rigorous pattern of rituals. There are scores of other minor temples around Lingaraja, but the 8th-century Vaital Temple deserves a special mention. It combines elements from tantric, Buddhist and Vedic traditions.
   - Lingaraja Temple is a centre for many festivals and events during the year, which adds so much allure to its calm and divine aura. Come here during Shivratri, the Rath Yatra and Chandan Yatra, to witness the temple taking on an all-new appearance!

3. **Chaunsath Yogini Temple**
   - Hirapur Village, Bhubaneswar, India
   - One of the most important Chaunsath Yogini Temple from all over India, this temple is situated in Hirapur, about 15 km away from Bhubaneshwar. Set in the middle of swaying fields, this circular temple is surrounded by a small garden, making it a great place to relax. The basic temple architecture depicts all the 64 yoginis with their vahana (vehicle) set atop a small platform about 2 feet high. Marvellous as it may sound, each of these 64 yoginis is depicted in breathtaking detail and accuracy.
   - It is said that an idol of Lord Shiva was set in the middle of this circular complex, which was later stolen and taken away. The place is reverberating with a pious energy, so much so that you might not want to leave once you reach Chaunsath Yogini Temple. The local priest offer daily prayers to
the presiding deity in a small daily prayer which is good to observe, if you happen to be around.

4  **Udaygiri Caves**

Udaygiri Khandagiri Road, Udaygiri Hills, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, 751001, India

A set of wondrous caves which are a rare example of how man and nature can work together to create true beauty, Udaygiri Caves are one spectacular sight to behold. The caves are set atop the Udayagiri Hillock and are of religious and archaeological importance today.

These caves are partly natural in origin and were carved and inhabited by Jain monks during the reign of King Kharavela. Consisting of about 18 caves in total, Udaygiri houses some brilliant carvings, specially so in Ranigumpha, Ganeshagumpha and Hathigumpha. While the Ranigumpha houses some exquisite sculptures and intricate designs on rock, Ganeshagumpha and Hathigumpha are known for the Brahmi inscriptions on them which date to the 2nd Century BC.

When you visit Udaygiri Caves today, you can actually feel history reverberating in each and every nook and cranny. Don’t forget to take your camera along, some beautiful pictures wait to be clicked here.

5  **Dhauli Giri Hills**

8 kms south of Bhubaneswar Centre, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, 751001, India

The famous site of the Kalinga Battle, Dhauli Giri Hills is now a place of utter peace, housing a Shanti Stupa. The place is mainly known for King Ashoka’s Rock Edicts, that contain his concerns about the welfare of the world as well his thoughts on Buddhism. It is commonly believed that seeing the nearby Daya River turn red with the blood of the killed soldiers during the Kalinga battle, bought about the emperor’s change of heart.

Following this, Ashoka took up the task of building several chaityas, stupas and pillars in and around the place to propagate Buddhism. Today, atop this small hillock stands the spectacular Peace Pagoda built by Japan Buddha Sangha and the Kalinga Nippon Buddha Sangha. Apart from this, one can also see some age old sculptures, inscriptions, caves and temples at Dhauli Giri Hills.

**Where To Eat**

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1  **Mainland China**

The Crown, A1, Near IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751015, India  

The Mainland China in Bhubaneshwar has earned a reputation for dishing out great Chinese food, day in and day out! Classy interiors, great staff, awesome food and a good ambience are the reasons you should walk into this place. If you can't decide what to eat, you always have the option of eating from the lavish buffet here. The service is quick, making this place ideal for a quick bite as well!

The outlet here might not quite be up to the Delhi or Mumbai mark, but is undoubtedly amongst the best upper scale restaurants in town. The Lamb and Prawn starters served at Mainland China manage to stand out and the desserts are great to say the least. All in all, MC is a good place to head for a fine dine experience on your Bhubaneshwar holiday!

2  **Tangerine 9**

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The Mainland China in
 Known for its yummy Indian and Chinese cuisines, the Tangerine Restaurant in Bhubneshwar is one place you can rely on for a hearty meal. The menu offers a lavish spread by the local standards and it's very likely that you will find one of your favorite dishes on there. The staff here is very quick on their feet and willing to please and all this along with the cheery ambience of the place will surely brighten up your mood. Do try the Chicken Lollipop, Mushroom Masala and Masala Kulcha. If you happen to be here on a Friday or Saturday, you are surely in for a gala time as a musical night is organised on the former and on the latter, candle-light dinners.

3 Hare Krishna Restaurant

Good looking, decidedly ethnic interiors, great vegetarian food and pleasant services is Hare Krishna Restaurant in Bhubneshwar for you. The pretty atmosphere that you are enveloped in with your first few steps into the restaurant is bound to put you in a good mood! Trust us, what comes on the plate just makes the food even more better! Some must haves around here are the Biryanis and the Paneer Pasanda. A good place for families and couples, this place might not be enjoyed by lone foodies as it doesn't have the Thaali options.

4 Maurya Gardens

One of the nearest restaurants to the Railway Station, Maurya Gardens in Bhubneshwar is a decent place to enjoy Chinese food and a beer, before or after a train ride. Buzzing with people and yet dimly lit, this place might just be what you need if you would like to envelope yourself in a lot of action. The Chinese food here is remarkably good, specially the array of starters. Even at the cost of it sounding typical, you absolutely must try out the Manchurian and Fried Rice when here. If you are travelling with kids, you can still head to this place, as there is a separate section for those who would like to drink.

5 Golden Bird

A buffet where you get over 4 varieties of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food each, where the food is hot, hygienic and yummy, the staff is hospitable and the cost per person is little over INR 300 - sounds like a dream, doesn't it? Welcome to Golden Bird, where your dream actually comes true! Not just is the food served here authentic and true to its Indian roots, the dishes are so tasty that you will hate to stop eating when you do! Diners have the option to choose from Al-a-carte and Buffet, and each of the above shines out in a splendid manner! That's not the end to it, as most meals end with warm Gulab Jamuns! Now, isn't that sweet, literally?
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G: Hotel Royal Heritage
H: OYO 8195 Patia
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