

DAY 1 TOUR PLAN:

Ashok Nandini Guest House → Bhubaneswar Heritage Temple & Science Trail

Theme: “From the Sacred Stones of Ekamra to the Stars of the Cosmos”

Vehicle: Innova AC

Total Distance: 55 - 60 km (city circuit)

Total Duration: 10 hours (with sightseeing, lunch & short breaks)

Start Time: 7:30 AM

End Time: 7:00 - 7:30 PM (Return to Guest House)

Stop 1 - Lingaraj Temple (Morning Darshan)

🕒 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

Distance: 1.2 km from guest house

Highlights:

Bhubaneswar's holiest and grandest shrine, dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Architectural marvel with 180-ft spire, built in the 11th century.

Non-Hindus can view from the northern platform outside the compound.

Depart: 8:15 AM

Stop 2 - Kapileswar Temple

🕒 8:15 - 8:45 AM

Distance: 2 km

Highlights:

Guardian temple of South Bhubaneswar.

Ancient Shiva shrine believed to protect the southern entrance of Ekamra Kshetra.

Depart: 8:45 AM

Stop 3 - Kedar Gouri Temple

🕒 8:45 - 9:15 AM

Distance: 1 km

Highlights:

Dedicated to Lord Kedareswar (Shiva) and Goddess Gouri.

Beautiful stone temple with twin sanctums and sacred pond.

Ideal for peaceful morning prayers.

Depart: 9:15 AM

Stop 4 - Mukteswar Temple

🕒 9:15 - 9:45 AM

Distance: Short drive / walk

Highlights:

Known as the “Gem of Odishan Architecture.”

Famous arched gateway (torana), detailed carvings of yogis, musicians, and scrollwork.
Depart: 9:45 AM

Stop 5 - Bhaskareswar Temple

🕒 **9:45 - 10:15 AM**

Distance: 2 km

Highlights:

Houses a massive 9-foot Shivalinga - one of the tallest in India.

Unique circular sanctum structure.

Depart: 10:15 AM

Stop 6 - Brahmeswar Temple

🕒 **10:15 - 10:45 AM**

Distance: 3 km

Highlights:

11th-century temple built by Queen Kolavati Devi.

Rich exterior carvings and elegant tower structure.

Depart: 10:45 AM

Stop 7 - Megheswar Temple

🕒 **10:45 - 11:15 AM**

Distance: 2 km

Highlights:

Dedicated to Lord Megheswar, "The Cloud Bearer."

Local favorite, calm and leafy surroundings.

Depart: 11:15 AM

Stop 8 - Tankapani Sai Baba Temple

🕒 **11:15 - 11:45 AM**

Distance: 2.5 km

Highlights:

Modern shrine of Shirdi Sai Baba.

Noon Aarti often takes place around this time - great for devotees.

Depart: 11:45 AM

🍽️ **11:45 AM - 1:00 PM | Lunch Break**

Recommended Venues:

Dalma Restaurant (Janpath) - Authentic Odia cuisine.

Truptee Restaurant - Popular family restaurant near Master Canteen.

Depart: 1:00 PM

Stop 9 - Rameshwar (Mausi Maa) Temple

 **1:00 - 1:45 PM**

Distance: 1.7 km

Highlights:

Called Mausi Maa Temple of Lord Lingaraj.

Important pilgrimage spot - believed that Lord Rama worshipped Shiva here before returning from Lanka.

Peaceful atmosphere with ancient stone pond.

Depart: 1:45 PM

Stop 10 - Forest Park / Indira Gandhi Park

 **2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Distance: 4 km

Highlights:

Bhubaneswar's lush city park with walking paths, fountains, and lotus ponds.

Great for post-lunch stroll and relaxation.

Depart: 3:30 PM

Stop 11 - Pathani Samanta Planetarium

 **3:45 - 5:00 PM**

Distance: 3 km

Highlights:

Odisha's premier space & astronomy centre, named after astronomer Pathani Samanta.

Watch the 45-minute Sky Show (in Odia/Hindi/English; showtimes around 4:00 PM).

Learn about the solar system, constellations, and India's space missions.

Excellent for children and science enthusiasts alike.

Depart: 5:00 PM

 **5:00 - 6:00 PM | Tea or Early Dinner Option**

Suggested Venue: Odisha Hotel / Priya Restaurant near Master Canteen Square.

Enjoy: Odia snacks (Chhena Poda, Bara-Ghugni, Tea).

Depart: 6:00 PM

After Pathani Samanta Planetarium guests may opt to visit market / malls etc

8:00 - 8:30 PM | Return to Ashok Nandini Guest House

Drive through evening Old Town lanes glowing with temple lamps.

End of a spiritually and intellectually fulfilling day.

✓ Key Takeaways – Day 1: Bhubaneswar Heritage Temple & Science Trail

Perfect Starter Day - introduces guests to Bhubaneswar's soul: its legendary Ekamra Kshetra temples, living traditions, and modern scientific pride.

Short, Comfortable City Circuit - covers 55–60 km within the city; smooth roads, minimal travel fatigue.

Chronological Flow - from ancient 7th- to 11th-century temples in the morning → relaxing greenery post-lunch → cosmic exploration at the Planetarium in the evening.

11 Major Stops - including Lingaraj Temple, Mukteswar Temple, Rameshwar Temple, Forest Park & Pathani Samanta Planetarium.

Balanced Experience - combines devotion, architecture, heritage, and science in one immersive loop.

Ideal Timing - early morning darshan when temples are calm; mid-day rest and lunch indoors; shaded gardens and air-conditioned venues in the afternoon.

Dining Highlights - authentic Odia lunch at Dalma or Truptee; evening tea/snacks at Odisha Hotel or Priya Restaurant.

Family-Friendly - minimal walking strain, clean restrooms and parking at most sites, interesting for all ages.

Flexibility - optional evening visit to nearby markets or malls after Planetarium show.

Return by 8 PM - relaxed finish back at Ashok Nandini Guest House, completing a day that moves gracefully from the sacred stones of Ekamra to the stars of the cosmos.

The texts marked with this **COLOUR** indicates as desired by Guests / Optional

Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, and Dinner shall be borne by the party and are not included in the trip charges.