

DAY 6 TOUR PLAN:

Puri → Konark Coastal Drive (Stay Overnight at Konark)

Theme: "From Jagannath's Blessings to the Sun God's Chariot - A Journey Along the Ocean Road"

Vehicle: Innova AC

Total Distance: 40 km (one way)

Total Duration: 8 hours (with sightseeing)

Start Time: 8:00 AM

End of Tour: 5:30 - 6:00 PM (check-in at Konark stay)

Stop 1: Puri Beach (Morning View / Short Drive Along Marine Drive Road)

🕒 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Distance: Within Puri city

Highlights:

Soak in the golden morning light and refreshing sea breeze.

Optional stop near Swargadwar for photos and quick tea.

Perfect start before entering the scenic coastal highway.

Depart: 9:00 AM

Stop 2: Balukhand - Konark Wildlife Sanctuary (Scenic Forest Drive)

🕒 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (en route, 15 - 20 km)

Highlights:

Entire coastal stretch between Puri and Ramachandi passes through this protected forest.

Dense casuarina and eucalyptus groves with glimpses of the sea.

Possible sightings of deer, peacocks, and migratory birds.

Optional quick stop at Baliharachandi Point for panoramic views of dunes and ocean.

Depart: 9:45 AM

Stop 3: Baliharachandi Temple & Beach

🕒 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Distance: Small detour (3 km from main coastal road).

Highlights:

Temple dedicated to Goddess Harachandi, perched near the river mouth where a stream meets the sea.

Breathtaking 360° view of the Bay of Bengal.

Peaceful, hidden coastal shrine rarely crowded.

Depart: 10:15 AM

Stop 4: Ramachandi Temple & Beach

🕒 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (approx. 10 km further)

Highlights:

Sacred Temple of Goddess Ramachandi, guardian deity of Konark region.

Located where the Kushabhadra River meets the Bay of Bengal.

Calm and serene setting, perfect for a light refreshment break.

Nearby stalls serve coconut water, jhalmuri, and pakodas.

Depart: 11:00 AM

Stop 5: Chandrabhaga Beach

🕒 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (10 min drive from Ramachandi)

Highlights:

India's first "Blue Flag" certified beach — clean, safe, and scenic.

Lighthouse nearby with elevated sea view.

Excellent spot for photography and short walks along the sand.

Depart: 11:45 AM

Stop 6: Konark Sun Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

🕒 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (5 km from Chandrabhaga)

Highlights:

The iconic 13th-century Sun Temple, designed as a massive stone chariot with 24 carved wheels drawn by seven horses.

Explore the ASI Museum and Archaeological Garden nearby.

Guided tours available on site (₹200–₹300).

Entry Fee: As Applicable

Parking: As Applicable

Depart: 2:00 PM

🍽️ LUNCH BREAK (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Recommended Options:

Lotus Eco Resort, Ramachandi Beach - Scenic riverside restaurant.

Sun Temple Restaurant - Opposite temple entrance.

OTDC Panthika Konark - Clean, affordable Odia thali.

Menu Suggestion: Odia thali with fish curry, rice, dalma, and fresh coconut water.

Depart: 3:00 PM

Stop 7: Konark Museum & Craft Market

🕒 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Highlights:

ASI Museum housing sculptures and carvings excavated from the temple site.

Nearby Konark Craft Market for miniature Sun Temple models, sand art, and palm-leaf paintings.

Try local handmade stone carvings as souvenirs.

Depart: 4:00 PM

Stop 8: Sunset at Chandrabhaga Beach / Lighthouse Viewpoint

🕒 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Highlights:

Experience the mesmerizing golden sunset over the Bay of Bengal.

Lighthouse area offers elevated views of the sea and Konark coastline.

Ideal for evening strolls, photography, or simply enjoying the sound of waves.

Evening Check-in at Konark

🕒 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Recommended Stay Options:

Lotus Eco Resort, Konark - Beachside cottages & restaurant.

OTDC Yatriniwas, Konark - Budget, clean, and near the temple.

Nature Camp - Ramachandi Eco Retreat - Seasonal luxury tents (Oct - Mar).

Enjoy dinner by the riverside or near the beach under the stars.

✔ Key Takeaways - Day 5: From Jagannath's Blessings to the Sun God's Chariot - A Journey Along the Ocean Road

A Journey of Divine Continuity - transitions gracefully from Lord Jagannath's sacred shores in Puri to the majestic Sun Temple of Konark, merging devotion, nature, and heritage into one golden coastal trail.

Short Yet Scenic Route - just 40 km one way, but filled with mesmerizing landscapes — beaches, forests, rivers, and ocean vistas - offering Odisha's most picturesque drive.

Morning Serenity at Puri Beach - perfect start with cool sea breeze and golden sunlight, setting a peaceful rhythm for the day's journey.

Nature in Motion - the drive through Balukhand-Konark Wildlife Sanctuary delivers a sensory experience: whispering casuarina groves, deer crossings, and glimpses of the Bay of Bengal.

Spiritual Interludes - visits to Baliharachandi and Ramachandi Temples bring sacred calm and stunning coastal views where rivers merge with the sea.

Chandrabhaga Beach Magic - India's first "Blue Flag" beach, pristine and photogenic, ideal for a refreshing walk or lighthouse view.

Architectural Grandeur - Konark Sun Temple stands as the day's cultural pinnacle — a UNESCO World Heritage masterpiece symbolizing the brilliance of ancient Odishan art and cosmic vision.

Cultural Depth - nearby Konark Museum and Craft Market showcase intricate stone carvings, palm-leaf paintings, and handmade souvenirs for travelers to take a piece of Odisha home.

Leisurely Lunch Options - dine by the coast at Lotus Eco Resort, Sun Temple Restaurant, or OTDC Panthika — all offering authentic Odia flavors and seaside ambiance.

Golden Sunset Finale - end the day watching the sun dip into the Bay of Bengal from Chandrabhaga Beach or the lighthouse viewpoint - a poetic close to a day drenched in beauty and faith.

Perfect Overnight Stay at Konark - relax in beachside resorts like Lotus Eco Resort or OTDC Yatriniwas, enjoying dinner by the riverside or under the starlit coastal sky.

Essence of the Day: a journey of faith, art, and ocean breeze - moving from the chants of Puri's temples to the eternal rhythm of the Sun God's stone chariot at Konark.

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