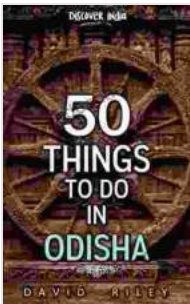


50 Things to Do in Odisha: Discover India's Hidden Gem

Nestled on the eastern coast of India, Odisha is a land of ancient temples, pristine beaches, bustling cities, and serene countryside. With its rich tapestry of culture, history, and natural beauty, Odisha offers a captivating destination for travelers seeking an unforgettable Indian experience.



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To help you plan your journey, we've compiled an extensive list of 50 things to do in Odisha, ensuring you experience the best of what this vibrant state has to offer.

1. Marvel at the Konark Sun Temple



A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Konark Sun Temple is one of India's most iconic landmarks. Built in the 13th century, this architectural marvel is dedicated to the Sun God Surya and features intricate carvings depicting scenes from Hindu mythology.

2. Relax on Puri Beach



Puri Beach is one of the most popular beaches in Odisha, known for its pristine sands, clear waters, and lively atmosphere. Take a refreshing dip, build sandcastles, or simply soak up the sun on this beautiful stretch of coastline.

3. Explore Bhubaneswar City



Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha, is a bustling city with a rich cultural heritage. Visit the ancient Lingaraj Temple, explore the Odisha State Museum, or wander through the bustling markets for a glimpse into the local life.

4. Visit Chilika Lake



Chilika Lake is the largest brackish water lagoon in India, home to a diverse array of flora and fauna. Take a boat ride to spot migratory birds, explore the surrounding villages, or simply relax on the shores of this scenic lake.

5. Hike in Similipal National Park



Similipal National Park is a vast and diverse protected area, home to tigers, elephants, leopards, and a variety of other wildlife. Embark on a trek through the dense forests, spot wildlife from a jeep safari, or camp under the stars for an unforgettable experience.

6. Visit the Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves



The Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves are a group of ancient rock-cut caves located near Bhubaneswar. These caves were carved out by Jain monks in the 2nd century BC and feature intricate carvings and sculptures depicting the life of Lord Mahavira.

7. Explore the Dhuli Hills



The Dhauili Hills are a historical site located on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar. This is where the Kalinga War between Ashoka and the Kalinga kingdom was fought in 261 BC. Today, the Dhauili Hills are home to the Dhauili Shanti Stupa, a Buddhist peace pagoda, and the Ashokan Rock Edicts, which provide insights into the life and teachings of Ashoka.

8. Visit the Nandankanan Zoological Park



Nandankanan Zoological Park is one of the largest and best-maintained zoos in India. Spread over an area of 400 acres, the zoo is home to a wide variety of animals, including tigers, lions, elephants, rhinos, and a variety of birds and reptiles.

9. Indulge in Odia Cuisine



Odisha is known for its delicious cuisine, which is characterized by its use of fresh seafood, vegetables, and spices. Try local delicacies such as dahi bara aludum, a lentil dumpling served in a yogurt sauce, or chhena poda, a sweet cheese dessert.

10. Experience Odia Culture



Odisha has a rich cultural heritage, which is reflected in its music, dance, art, and literature. Attend an Odissi dance performance, visit an art gallery showcasing traditional Pattachitra paintings, or participate in a local festival to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Odisha.

11. Attend the Puri Jagannath Rath Yatra



The Puri Jagannath Rath Yatra is one of the most famous festivals in India, attracting millions of pilgrims each year. During this festival, the deities Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Subhadra are taken out of the Jagannath Temple and paraded through the streets on massive chariots.

12. Visit the Hirakud Dam



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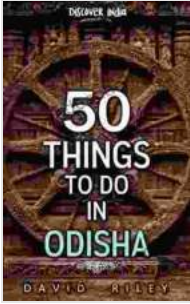
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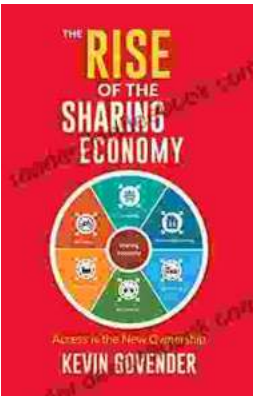
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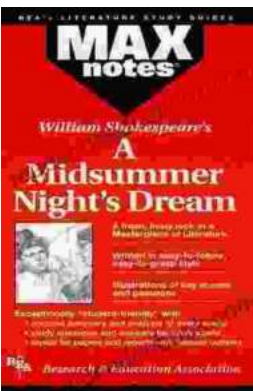


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