

# Soul of tribal India

An adventure with Sudhakar Selwyn  
OCT 2023



## Highlights of the trip

- Only 7 Travelers for this trip
- Bastar Dussehra ( Tribal Festival)
- Tribal Markets - Barter system
- Pottery village- Goudaguda
- Stay with Kanker Royal Family
- Day in life of Tribal village
- Artists workshops in Kondagaon
- Chitrakote waterfall
- No Single Supplement

## Unique Accommodations

- Kanker Palace  
<https://www.kankerpalace.com/>
- Chandoori Sai Guest House  
<http://www.chandoorisai.com/>
- Desia Eco Camp  
<https://www.desiakoraput.com/>

Dates of the trip

Base trip

15 to 30 OCT 2022  
16 Nights / 17 Days

## Destinations

Visakhapatnam	3 NIGHTS
BENTALBIRI	2 NIGHTS
GOUDAGUDA	3 NIGHTS
JAGDALPUR	3 NIGHTS
KANKER	2 NIGHTS
HYDERABAD	3 NIGHTS

## STATES

- CHATTISGARGH
- ODISHA
- TELANGANA

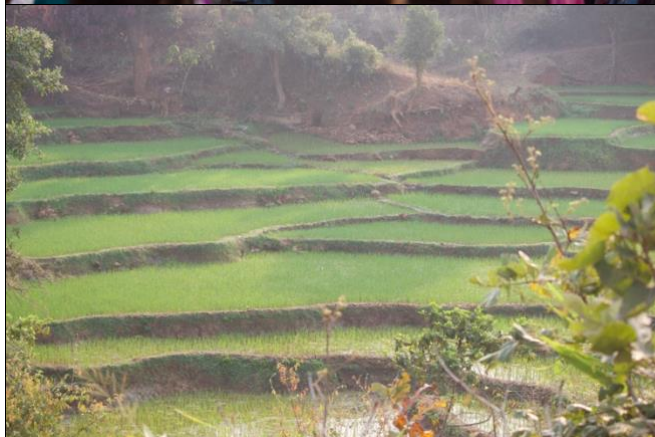
Tour Price  
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(only 3 Single rooms)

## Inclusions:

1. All Meals except on Day 1 and Day 17
2. All entrances, domesestic flights and transfers
3. Mineral water and Beverages in the evening

# ITINERARY



Day	Places	Activity	Hotel
Day 1 15 Oct 23 Sunday	Visakhapatnam	You will be transferred to our hotel and the rest of the day is for your leisure activities	Gateway Hotel
Day 2 16 Oct 23 Monday	Visakhapatnam	This morning after our small meet with the fellow travelers, we set on to explore the city of Vizag and the old neighbourhood. Later in the evening we have a welcome Dinner. B, L, D	Gateway Hotel
Day 3 17 Oct 23 Tuesday	Visakhapatnam	This morning after Breakfast, we drive to the neighbouring village see the farming activities and return to the Hotel Afternoon on your own for beach activities B, L, D	Gateway Hotel
Day 4 18 Oct 23 Wednesday	Visakhapatnam Borra Caves BENTALBIRI	In the morning after breakfast, we set in for drive to new another tribal state of Odisha. Enroute, we stop at the Borra caves to learn about the nature reserve. The regional geology in the Eastern Ghats mobile belt, where the caves are located, is represented by the khondalite suite of rocks (garnetiferous sillimanite gneisses, quartzofeldspathic garnet gneisses) of Archaean age. Later after lunch, we continue to drive into Odisha and arrive at our eco camp. The camp today is a very simple and rustic one but has been there to the benefit of the local community. B, L, D	Desia Village Eco Camp
Day 5 19 Oct 23 Thursday	Bentalbiri Onukudelli	B, L, D This morning we will set on for an excursion to a unique village which comes to live on every Thursday due to the weekly market. We get to learn about a unique tribes called "Bonda". We learn about their dressing and life in the market. Later we drive back to our camp, and we spend the late afternoon with the village women and learn about the community program of the women and children.	Desia Village Eco Camp
Day 6 20 Oct 23 Friday	Bentalbiri Koraput Gaoudaguda	We drive this morning into the state of Odisha through the tribal heartland. We arrive in a beautiful village, Gaoudaguda, where we will be staying for three nights to learn about the tribals in deep. The Guest house is visioned, built, and operated by Leon who lives in India permanently since 1991. We will learn more of stories about the tribals and life in this area as he joins us in most of our meals and he hangs around to explain about his dream house. B, L, D	Chandoori Sai

Day 7 21 Oct 23 Saturday	Gaoudaguda	<p>Here you relax and still can follow the work of potters, their various steps of preparation, from where they collect the clay on the riverbed to the final stage of baking in the kilns and follow them to the market where they used to sell by BARTER SYSTEM.</p> <p>We involve with the tribal community and learn about the Pottery making and baking. You can even order with the potter to make your image in the terracotta pottery and ship it back home! Will be a great learning experience.</p> <p>Explore the tribal market and a hike to their villages and various activities involving the tribes in this region</p> <p>B, L, D</p>	Chandoori Sai
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Day 8 22 Oct 23 Sunday	Gaoudaguda	<p>This morning, our local tribal guide will join us and take us to nearby town Laxmipur and mix with the Kondh tribes in their weekly market. We also explore their place of spiritual gathering before we get back for lunch.</p> <p>In the afternoon we explore a nearby village to learn about their dances and involve with them as they show us their traditional dances and attire which are still today used by them during festival activities.</p> <p>Later dinner in our Guest House</p> <p>B, L, D</p>	Chandoori Sai
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Day 9 23 Oct 23 Monday	Gaoudaguda Kopad Jagdalpur	<p>This morning, we will have the opportunity to join the potters to open their kiln and help them to arrange their pottery. They will be busy to take it to the nearby market to sell it. We see them leaving from the village and meet them in the nearby village Kakiriguma, where all the action takes place.</p> <p>Later after breakfast, we leave for Jagdalpur, which becomes the main attraction for most of the tribes during this festival times. The Dussehra festival is already on and the tribals are preparing for the climax which will take place shortly</p> <p>B, L, D</p>	Hotel Devansh Residency
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Day 10 24 Oct 23 Tuesday	Jagdalpur	<p>Today, we Follow the tribes, witness and experience special tribal dances and their spiritual preparation for the festival which happens mostly in the town of Jagdalpur.</p> <p>We will have time to go on an excursion to the nearby waterfall (Chitrakote) and explore some of the villages there.</p> <p>In the evening we will join the tribal gathering in Jagdalpur.</p> <p>B, L, D</p>	Hotel Devansh Residency
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Day 11 25 Oct 23 Wednesday	Jagdalpur	<p>Today is the final day celebration of the tribal festival in Jagdalpur. We would see the chariot has been pulled back into the town with the Bison Horn tribals dancing around.</p> <p>Later in the afternoon, we have time to do some shopping in the tribal market.</p> <p>B, L, D</p>	Hotel Devansh Residency
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Day 12 26 Oct 23 Thursday	Jagdalpur Kondagaon Kanker	In the morning drive past the artist's towns Kondagaon to learn about various artist's studios. Enroute, we stop at the Artists village of Kondagaon and learn about the Dhokra art. Later we drive to a Tribal village and check into the Home of tribal and join them for lunch. Later, we continue to drive to Kanker and arrive at Kanker Palace. We meet here the wonderful family of Jai and learn about them. B, L, D	Kanker Palace
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Day 13 27 Oct 23 Friday	Kanker Girhola Kanker	After a relaxed morning breakfast, we explore the royalty of Kanker, Depending on the season, we drive to J Farm, which was built in 1900 as a granary for the Maharaja's paddy fields in Girhola, one of the hundreds of agricultural plots of the state. Earlier called 'Raja Dhaba' or the king's barn, it is now called J Farm after the nick names of Jolly and Jai, who often personally supervise cultivation in the fields. Jai is greatly devoted to the welfare of village as well and is loved by the village folk as a friend and benefactor. After our lunch break here, we drive back to Kanker and explore the old town of Kanker. Dinner with the Royal family in Kanker B, L, D	Kanker Palace
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Day 14 28 Oct 23 Saturday	Kanker Raipur Hyderabad	This morning after our breakfast, we drive to Raipur to connect to our flight to Hyderabad. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel and explore the Old Town of Hyderabad. Hyderabad is known for their unique cuisines. Dum Ka Biryani, Qubani Ka Meetha, Hyderabadi special biryani, Irani Chai, are among those specialities. Hyderabad is a testimony to this philosophy of brotherhood and peace between various religious and cultural groups. In short, Hyderabad is a beacon of multi-religious, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi linguistic society at peace with itself. The food, dressing habits, lifestyle and every other aspect varies in the city which has now acquired the tag of a global city in an increasingly globalized world, where it has seamlessly blended with new ideas and people with various nationalities! We will have lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, you have time for your shopping in the streets of Hyderabad for Pearls and other precious artwork of this state. B, L, D	Radisson Blue
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Day 15 29 Oct 23 Sunday	Hyderabad	Hyderabad District is a city-district in the state of Telangana. It is the smallest in terms of area, among all the districts in the state, but has the highest human density.	Radisson Blue
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Hyderabad is known as the City of Pearls, as it had once flourished as a global centre for trade of rare diamonds, emeralds as well as natural pearls. We will explore Charminar and the surroundings this morning. Later in the afternoon, we get dressed to explore the Faluknama Palace, for a High Tea Later in the evening on our own time for shopping.  
B, L, D

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Day 16 30 Oct 23 Monday	Hyderabad	This morning we drive to the Golconda Fort ruins and explore the magnificent Fort. We have more than 900 steps to climb to the summit of this magnificent fortress and a stunning view of the surrounding landscape. In the evening we meet for our farewell dinner in a fine dining restaurant at Hyderabad. B, L, D	Radisson Blue
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Day 17 31 Oct 23 Tuesday	Hyderabad USA	Transfer to the Airport to connect your flights B	
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There is **no single supplement** for this adventure.

The single rooms will be allotted on the first cum first served basis on signing up.

There are only 3 single rooms available in this departure.

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