

## SHREE JAGANNATH TEMPLE COMPLEX

Puri, Odisha, India

God

Lord Jagannath is the main deity of this temple, who is an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The temple is home to three deities - Lord Jagannath, his elder brother Balabhadra, and sister Subhadra - whose substantially sized wooden idols sit on a throne. Balabhadra is six feet tall, Jagannatha is five feet, and Subhadra is four feet tall. Unlike the stone and metal icons found in most Hindu temples, the image of Jagannath is made of wood and is ceremoniously replaced every twelve or nineteen years by an exact replica.

Goddess

Goddess Vimala is regarded as tantric consort, who is an incarnation of Goddess Parvathi.

### Interesting Facts

The world's largest kitchen where the mahaprasad is cooked in clay pots. Apparently, the kitchen produces enough food to feed 100,000 people each day.

A small museum called Niladri Vihar near the western gate, dedicated to Lord Jagannath and the 12 incarnations of Lord Vishnu.

Koili Baikuntha, where Lord Krishna was believed to have been cremated after being accidentally killed by hunter Jara Savara. It's in the northwest corner of the temple, between the inner and outer compound wall. During the Nabakalebar ritual, new idols of Lord Jagannath are carved out of wood and the old ones are buried there.

The flags tied to the temple's Neela Chakra are changed every day at sunset in a ritual that's been going on for 800 years.

## Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit the temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to February.

## Weather

Highest - April to June (45°C during day and 35°C during night)  
Average - May (35°C during the day and 25°C during night)  
Lowest - December to February (26°C during day and 21°C during night)  
Monsoon season - August to October

## Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

## Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking and drinking is prohibited in this temple.

Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.

All Types of leather items are not allowed in this temple.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Nabarangpur Bus Stand

1.2 KM

18004194287

Maligura Railway Station

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Airport Bastar Jagdalpur

81.5 KM

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