

Eco-Tourist

As an Eco Tourist, your experience will be enriching, if you keep the following in mind:

- Do not litter in and around the lake.
- Dispose all non-degradable litter such as empty bottles, tins, plastic bags etc. in dustbins only.
- Ask for prior permission before taking a photo.
- Smoking & Drinking are prohibited.
- Respect the local culture. Pay particular attention to customs such as greetings.
- Give a fair price to rural produce by buying local.
- Following "Birding Rules & Ethics" displayed at Mangalajodi. Violation of Rules will invite penalty.



Suggested Itineraries

While visiting Mangalajodi you can also visit following nearby destinations

Chilika Birding Tour: Birding Tour to Nalabana Bird Sanctuary, Rambha and other birding spots in Chilika can be arranged for birders.

Wildlife Tour: Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Bhatnoi Black Buck Sanctuary and Rushikulya.

Religious Tour: Puri, Konark, Ugratara, Barunei and Taptapani

How to reach Mangalajodi



Mangalajodi is approx. 75 Kms from Bhubaneswar en route to Chennai on NH-5. Bhubaneswar is well connected by Air and Train. Nearest Bus stand is Chandpur Tangi. Nearest Railway stations are Kalupada ghat and Mukteswar.

For booking and other information contact

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Note:

Indian Grameen Services (visit to us at www.igsindia.org.in), a section 25 not for profit company extending the handholding support to the community in managing the facilities. Revenue generated by Eco-tourism will be owned by Mangalajodi Eco-tourism Trust promoted by the community and not by any particular individual.



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Ecotourism is more than just a trendy word for nature loving travel and recreation. Ecotourism is meant to preserve and sustain the diversity of the world's natural and cultural environments. It accommodates and entertains visitors in a way that is minimally disturbing or harmful to the environment. It sustains and supports the native cultures in the locations it is operating in. Ecotourism focuses on local traditions wilderness and learning to forgotten ways to exist sustainably on our planet.

Mangalajodi Ecotourism

Mangalajodi Ecotourism is an initiative to support livelihoods and community conservation initiatives which recently received prestigious TOFT Wildlife Tourism Awards 2010. The local communities have been proactive in protecting the environment over a period of two decades. However, what is important is that it gives the traveler an opportunity to feel close to nature and to experience a harmonious coexistence with it.

Ecotourism at Mangalajodi is an effort to provide sustainable livelihoods for community by providing quality services to travelers and encourage conservation efforts.



Mangalajodi- A Birds' Paradise

Mangalajodi is a small village on the northern banks of the Chilika Lake. Until recently it was known as a "poacher's village". That was until Wild Orissa intervened and after over a decade of persuasion managed to convert them into protectors. Transition was not easy but continuous efforts through awareness and support from different agencies proved effective. Now the birds are returning, and each census is registering greater numbers. Normally the lake hosts over 1,50,000 birds of 200 species during the peak season of which at least 80 are migratory birds.



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What to do at Mangalajodi

- Birding from the Watch Towers: Mangalajodi is nearest place from Bhubaneswar to see birds in Chilika.
- Guided Boat ride on special routes to spot birds: Knowledge of Birds, their migratory patterns and breeding cycles from ecoguides.
- Taste Chilika cuisines;
- Hear the story "Poachers to Protectors" from the locals;
- Stay in tents and bamboo cottages at Mangalajodi

Note: Accompaniment of Eco-Guide is compulsory. Binoculars are available for hire at nominal Rent.



Accommodation & Training facilities:

Visitors can enjoy overnight stay in comfortable Bamboo Cottages, Tents built in sprawling and secure campus situated at Mangalajodi village. Home stay facilities are also available. We also arrange facilities for Organisation meeting or weekend excursions with comfortable space for indoor/outdoor activities.