

ODISHA

Tantric History in Temples and Dance

1st - 7th December 2026



Inspired by "In the Footsteps of the Alasa Kanyā"
with Rekha Tandon



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Bhubaneswar – Where Temples Breathe

Explore ancient Shiva-Shakti temples shaped by mantra and cosmic geometry

Trace the evolution from sacred shrines to temple-palace complexes

Walk Old Town's living ritual landscapes

Discover the roots of Odissi in sculpture, ritual, and devotion



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Hirapur & Puri – The Living Body of the Divine

Enter the Yogini circle at Hirapur

Experience a city where ritual flows day and night

Visit the sacred realm of the Jagannath Temple

Meet artisans and dancers carrying living traditions

Sense the confluence of tantric, tribal, and devotional lineages

Feel the rhythm of sea, temple, and procession as one



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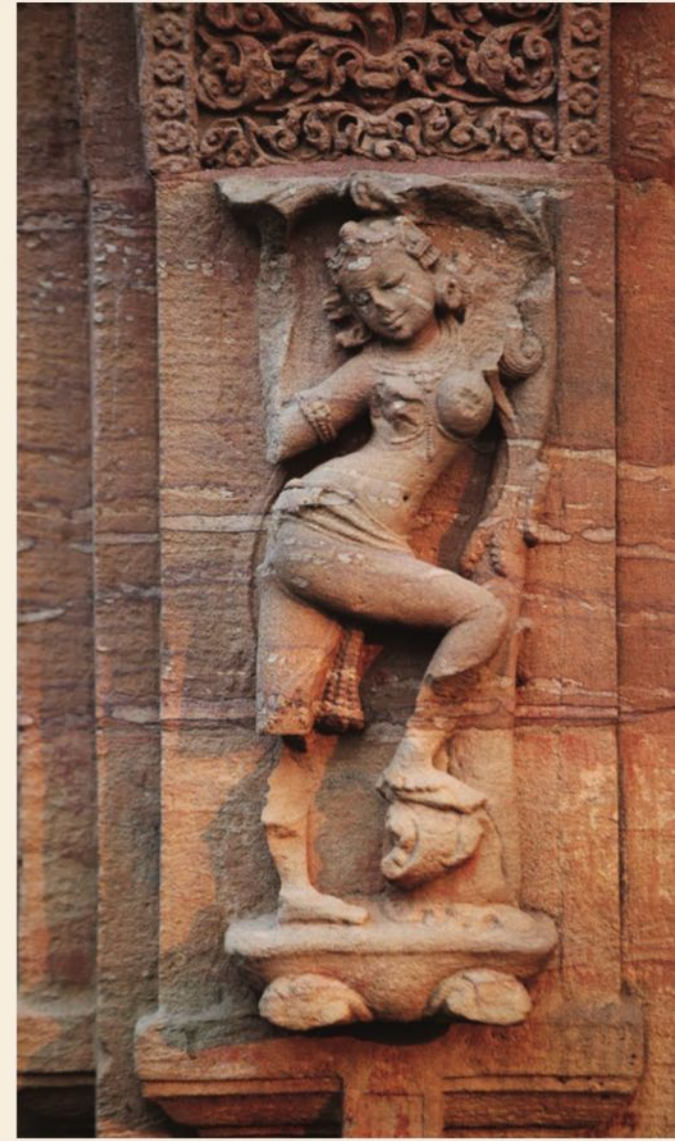
Konark – The Sun in Stone

Encounter the great solar temple as a cosmic chariot
Read tantric symbolism through sculpted bodies and forms
Explore the union of movement, time, and sacred geometry
Sense the presence of dance, light, and solar energy
Experience architecture as a living mandala of creation



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Who Is This Journey For?

This journey is for those drawn to the sacred feminine pulse of Odisha—the tantric Śakti lineages, goddess temples, and cosmological traditions that shape its landscape and living culture.

Whether you are a dancer, architect, designer, researcher, or seeker of ancient wisdom, this immersion invites you into a world where devotion, ritual, sculpture, space, and myth flow together. Within this tapestry, Odissi arises as the embodied expression of Śakti's tradition.

If you long to feel sacred culture through its roots and experience how the body becomes a vessel for tantric wisdom—this journey is for you.

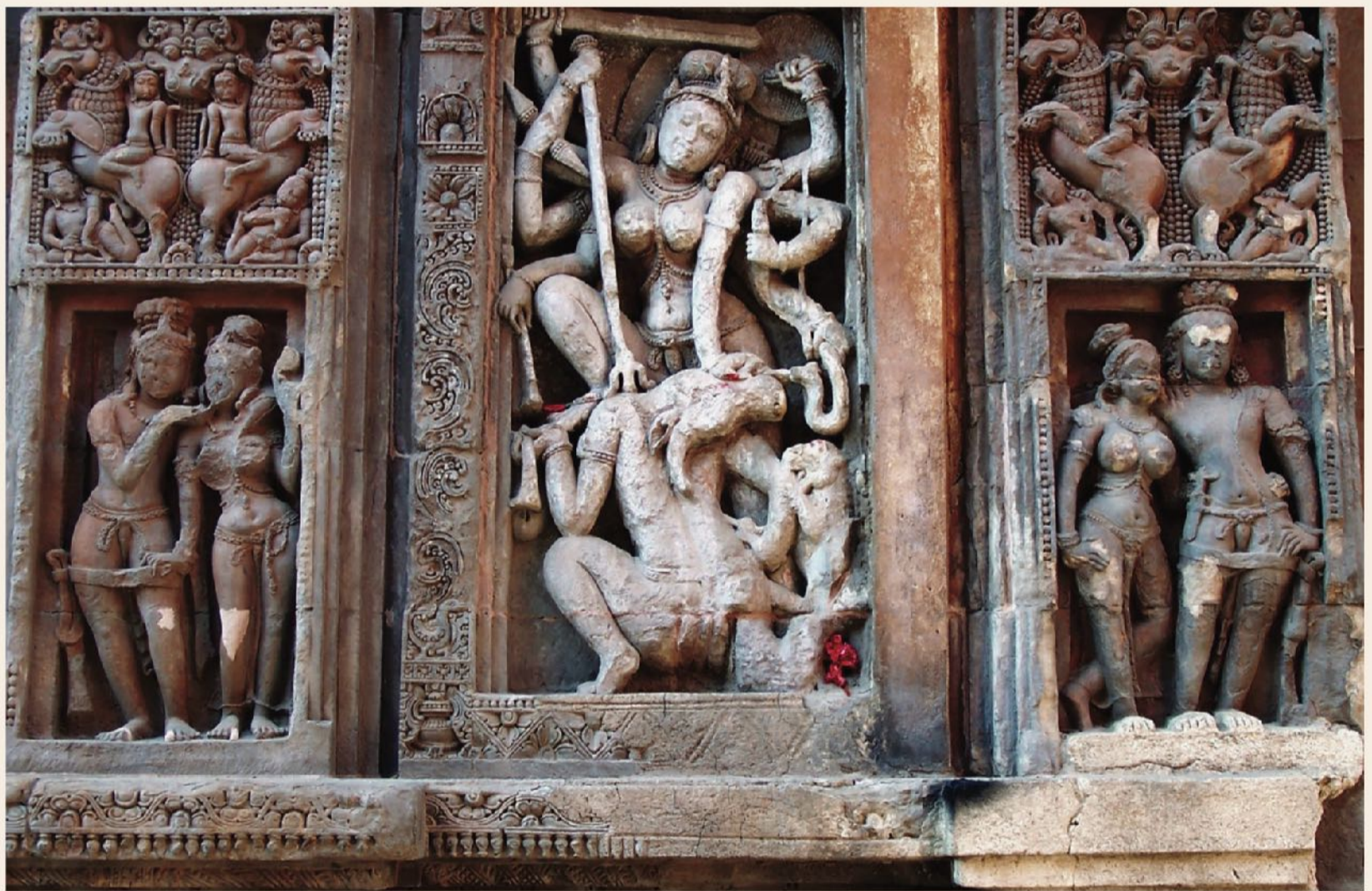


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The Immersion Flow · 1-7 December 2026

- 1st December – Bhubaneswar · Arrival · Welcome circle
2nd-4th December – Bhubaneswar · Shiva-Shakti temples · Old
City walk · Tantric lines in stone
4th December – Visit to Hirapur Chausathi Yogini Temple ·
Journey to Puri coast
5th December – Puri & Konark · Craft villages · Gotipua gurukul ·
Outer paths of Jagannath Temple · Konark Odissi Festival
6th December – Puri Region · Free day · Rest · Reflection
7th December – Bhubaneswar · Closing lunch · Departures



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Booking Information

Price

Shared Double Room: €1,800
per person

Single Room: €2,100

Partner Registration Discount: Receive a €50 discount when registering with your partner (€25 discount per person).

Included

Accommodation & all meals

Pickup and drop-off from
Bhubaneswar Airport

Local transport in a private mini-
bus for the group

Temple entrance tickets &
contributions to local artists



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Lead & Curated by Dr. Rekha Tandon

Rekha is a performer/choreographer/researcher in the Odissi style of classical Indian dance.

She has danced extensively around the world, and authored two books "Odissi - A Dance of Sculpture" and "Dance as Yoga - The Spirit and Technique of Odissi".

She received her PhD in Dance Studies for her work exploring Odissi's roots in yoga and tantric ritual at the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, London. Her previous university studies were in Architecture and History of Art in New Delhi, where she also received traditional training for seventeen years within the Odissi guru-shishya parampara.

Dance Routes, her repertory company, was co-founded with Michael Weston, and was based in Odisha, Eastern India, for 13 years, working extensively with traditional performers from villages around the pilgrim town of Puri.

Since 2013, Dance Routes has established a permanent centre at Skandavan near the international township of Auroville, in Tamil Nadu, where Rekha hosts workshops and retreats, and conducts regular teaching.

For more information please visit <http://www.rekhatandon.com>



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