



Summit to Sea Tours

Jaldapara National Park

Place: Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal

Area: 114 Sq. Kms.

Altitude: 61 Meters (200 ft)

Best Season: October to May, particularly March and April, when new grass is growing. The park is closed from mid June to mid September

Wildlife Attractions: The sanctuary is home to the Great Indian rhinoceros. A small population of the Royal Bengal Tiger is also here. Sloth bear, Swamp deer, Bison, Wild Boar, Indian Muntjac, Chital Hog Deer, Leopard, and Asiatic Elephant are the major species of mammals present here. The park holds maximum number of rhino population in India after Kajiranga National Park in Assam.



Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary situated in Alipurduar Sub-Division of Jalpaiguri District in West Bengal is about 124 km from Siliguri. This sanctuary was constituted in the year 1941 for the protection of Wild Life, particularly one-horned rhinos, an animal threatened with extinction.

River Toorsa runs through the Sanctuary. The forest is mainly savannah covered with tall elephant grass. The Jaldapara Sanctuary is home for the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros. The wild life, in addition to one-horned rhinos, consists of Royal Bengal Tigers, wild elephants, deer, sambhar, barking deer, spotted deer and hog deer, wild pig, bison and a number of birds. Elephant ride is arranged for viewing of wild life preferably at dawn.

Nestled in the heart of the picturesque Dooars, is the habitat of the rare one-horned rhinoceros, the mighty bison, the spotted deer, the barking deer, huge tuskers, fearsome wild boars and a variety of birds and animals. Elephant safaris can be enjoyed at the Sanctuary.

The Flora: The sanctuary consists mainly of riverine forests, with grasslands, maintained by burning and flooding. Cassia grass is the widely spread of new riverine accretions. Found mainly on sandy soils, it can be encountered in clay pockets. The Sal trees are also found on the east banks of river Malangi. The sanctuary is covered with innumerable species of shrubs and trees

The Avifauna: The sanctuary is a haven for bird watcher, especially in the winters, when the migratory birds flock here. The sanctuary is supposed to be the land of Bengal Florican. The other birds found here are the Crested Eagle, Pallas's Fishing Eagle, Shikra, Jungle fowl, Peafowl, Partridges, Bengal Florican and Pied Hornbill.