

## Dooars – Tourist attractions



North Bengal, which is known as the Gate way of North East is that the attractive tourist destination of the nature lovers. Dooars encircled by international boundaries of Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. It's conjointly encircled by the Himalayason one side – the treasure of natural beauty and also the planes with historic importance and also the furious mountainous rivers and fountains. And also the southern aspect is huge Gangetic plains. A vast texture of virgin forests is cress-crossed by the river Teesta with wildlife, unending tea gardens, interspersed with scenic beauty, constitute a fascinating tourist destination. Many wildlife sanctuaries and national park like Jaldapara National Park, Buxa Tiger Reserve, Gorumara National Park, Chapramari wildlife sanctuary and the Mahananda wildlife sanctuary in West Bengal are located in this part.

### How to reach:

Roadways are the main mode of transport in the area. Several places of this area are well connected by NH31 highway. North Bengal State Transport Corporation provides regular bus service for these places. There are some important nearby railway stations in the area are New Jalpaiguri (NJP) , New Cooch Bihar, New Alipurduar etc. Bagdogra Airport is the Important airports of the area. Dooars forest remains closed every year from 15th Jun to 15th September. Forest remains close on every Thursday.

**Gorumara National Park** is most popular & located in the Jalpaiguri district. River Jaldhaka, Murti, Mahananda have passed through Gorumara National Park area. In the year 1949, Gorumara Forest was declared as wildlife sanctuary & later in the year 1992, it was declared as a Gorumara National Park. This Park is famous for Indian one horn rhinoceros, Elephant, Gaur (Indian Bison), Leopard, Python, Dear etc. Gorumara national Park having four different watch tower comprising of Methla Watchtower, Chukchuki Watchtower, Chandrachur watchtower & Chapramari Watchtower.



### **Jeep Safari**

Range :

Jatraprasad, Chandrachur, Chukchuki, Medla, Chapramari

Timing :

06.00 – 08.00 A.M

08.00 – 10.00 A.M

01.30 – 03.00 P.M

03.30 - 05.00 P.M

Booking timing : One day before journey date .



**Lataguri** is the nearest area of Gorumara National park. Many private Resorts & hotels accommodation are available in this area. Tourist can visit Gorumara National Park in day time staying at hotels in Lataguri area. Tourist can obtain day visit permission to the National Park from Nature Interpretation Centre, Department of Forest Govt. of West Bengal, Lataguri office.

**Jaldapara National Park** 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 Rhinoceros (see the picture above), an animal threatened with extinction. River Torsha runs through the sanctuary. The forest is mainly savannah covered with tall elephant grasses. The wildlife, in addition to one-horned Rhinos, consists of Royal Bengal Tigers, wild Elephants, Deer, Sambhar, Barking Deer, Spotted Deer and Hog Deer, wild Pig, Bisons and a number of Birds, Peafowls. Nearest railway station is Madarihat, which is only 7km from the sanctuary and all the passenger trains stop here. Jaldapara Tourist Lodge is in a walk able distance from this railway station. All the mail and Express trains stop at Birpara/Hasimara railway stations. Both are 20 km away from the sanctuary.



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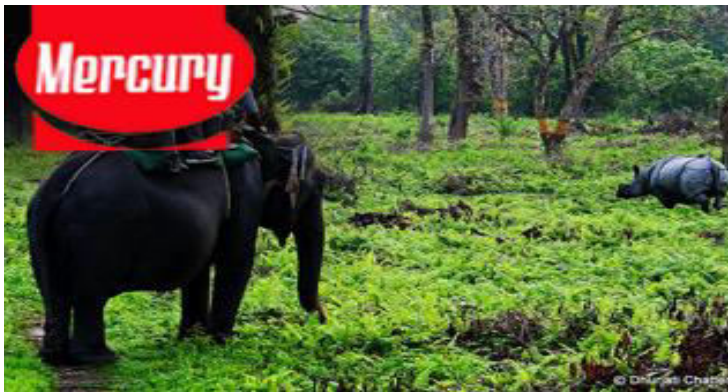
Timing :

06.00 – 07.30 A.M

07.30 – 09.00 A.M

09.00 – 10.30 A.M

Booking timing : Previous evening (6 p.m – 8 p.m)



**Chilapata Forest** is a dense natural forest close to Jaldapara national park in Dooars. It's almost twenty kilometer from Alipurduar area and 95km from Jalpaiguri area is among the Jalpaiguri District. A drive through the forests is a remarkable experience. Observation of elephants is nearly regular. River Torsha runs through the sanctuary. The forest is especially savannah covered with tall elephant grasses. The wildlife, additionally to one-horned Rhinos, consists of Royal Bengal Tigers, wild Elephants, Deer, Sambhar, deer, spotted deer and Hog deer, wild Pig, Gour and variety of Birds, Peafowls.

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NB : Please carry your Identity card (Govt) for booking



**Samsing** is the most beautiful tourist destination with its picturesque landscape. Samsing is very near to Suntalekhola. It is an ideal summer cool destination with the altitude of 3000ft high. Toursit generally cover this place from Lataguri or during the time to going from Gorumara to Madarihat.

**Suntalekhola** is a beautiful small village and a popular tourist destination. It gets its name from a small river Suntaley Khola. In Nepali language, Suntaley means orange &khola means stream or Small River. Suntalekhola is amazing & holds varieties of birds and butterflies here. Several trekking routes originate from this place, most of which are passing through the Neora Valley National Park, which is adjacent to this place. Suntalekhola is famous for its beautiful landscape surrounded by green tea gardens, hills and forests, which attract a lot of tourists to spend their holidays in this spot.

**Bindu** is about 107 km. from Siliguri & It is the last village of West Bengal in Indo-Bhutan border, Bindu located on the bank of river Jaldhaka. Journey to Bindu via Chapramari Forest is a great experience.

**Jhalong** is the beautiful tourist spot in Dooars. It is situated near the bank of Jaldhaka River. Jaldhaka Hydro electricity project on the Jaldhaka River is another important tourist attraction. The large reserve



provides a great opportunity to the bird lovers to find a various collection of hill birds as well as migratory water fowls too.

**Chapramari** is one of the famous watchtowers in Gorumara range which is on the way to Jaldapara. There is a metre gauge railway station which connected Chalsa as well as Nagrakata with this forest area.

**Jayanti** name came from the River Jayanti which is the ideal place for the travel explorer who wants to rejuvenate themselves by the natural beauties of the combination of River, Forest and mountain. Jayanti is just 30 km away from Alipurduar. This place is also famous for Buxa Tiger reserve and Buxa Fort. Pukuri Lake and Mahakal Temple (Cave made of stalactite stone) are also attractive tourist spots of Jayanti. Jeep safari in Jayanti forest or to boating in the Sikkhijhora will definitely give you more pleasure while covering this area in your travel schedule.

**Buxa** name has been derived from Buxa Fort (Buxa Duar) which is located at Sinchula Range . Buxa Fort used during the time of freedom movement of India. It was a jail of the British ruler. Most important eleven routes directed from Buxa fort to Bhutan. Surrounded by Rajabhatkhawa, Nimati, Barobisha, raidak, Raimatang, Jayanti, Buxaduar & Bhutanghat , Buxa is a important tourist destination as well as important route . So many rivers covering this place with their gurgling stream comprising of Jayanti, Raidak, Churnia, Sankosh, Turturi, Phashkhawa etc. This area declared as Tiger reserve national park in the year 1992. Nearby railway station is Alipurduar. Most convenient way to reach there by roadways.