#### Wildlife Tourism Sites In Jharkhand

#### 1. Betla National Park



Betla National Park is an integral part of Project Tiger that is spread over an area of more than 1300 sq ft. Sal forests, bamboo thickets, teak trees, and other evergreens are constituents of this flora. For elephant sightings in the country, Betla is one of the best places. You might spot a tiger or a leopard if you get really lucky, but these sightings are quite rare. A number of watchtowers give you some fantastic views of the wildlife in the area scattered around the region. Along for a trip here make sure you pack your binoculars and camera. Animals like jackals, civets, mouse deers, porcupines, antelopes, etc, are the home. You might spot red jungle fowls, quails, geese, drongos, forest owls, tells, crested serpent eagle, snipes and partridges amongst others as far as the feathered beings are concerned.

# 2. Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary



Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary is popular among the tourists, but it is more familiar because of its wild resident elephants to the residents. 'Dalma Haathi' or the 'Elephants of Dalma' is very famous for sightseeing and quite a scary term in the Jamshedpur-Purulia region. The Dalma forest is home to a horde of animals, birds and tree species as well established in 1975 and inaugurated by Sanjay Gandhi. Overlooking the shimmering Dalma hills, Subarnarekha River nestles the dense green forests like an offspring. What makes Dalma so special among those who love to travel around jungles, the ambiance of the forest and the odd chance of having a glimpse at the wild animals.

# 3. Hazaribagh Wildlife Sanctuary



The name which needs to be mentioned in the top list while talking about sanctuaries of Jharkhand. It is none other than the Hazaribagh wildlife sanctuary. It is situated 55 miles north of Ranchi and was established in the year 1955. This place is located at an approximate height of nearly 2,018 feet with respect to the sea level and is spread over a total area of 184 square km. Including panthers, leopards, sambar, chital, wild dog, black bear, sloth bear, pigeons, hyenas, tigers (only a few), and wild boars (also known as a wild pig), this sanctuary is the home of a wide range of animals. The natural beauty of this place is worth appreciating too besides this.

#### 4. Palamau Tiger Reserve



The Palamau Tiger Reserve is the only one in the state of Jharkhand, India and among one of the nine original tiger reserves in India. A part of the Betla National Park, the reserve forms. As a protected area in 1947 under the Indian Forests Act, the area in Palamu District in Jharkhand was set aside. Earlier, for cattle grazing and camping, the area was used and the area was acutely prone to a forest fire. The area was set up as the Palamau Tiger Reserve in 1974. Under the Indo-Malayan realm, and for its flora and fauna the Palamau Tiger Reserve falls and is distinguished. The tigers, leopards, wolves, wild dogs, and jungle cats are the predators that roam the forest grounds. Sloth bear, four-horned antelope, and mouse dearAmong the herbivores are the duly residents of the area.

# 5. Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary



In the entire state of Jharkhand, the <u>Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary</u> is the only bird sanctuary. As a stopping point for a large number of migratory birds, this Sanctuary is famous for Birds come here in winters from <u>Europe</u> and Siberia. Over a total area of 5.65 sq km, this entire sanctuary is spread. Include Pratincole, Egret, Wagtail, Plover, Lapwing, Stork, Ibis, Heron, Wader, etc., the main birds in the place. This sanctuary is also home to two lakes namely Berhale and Pataura apart from being a popular birdwatcher's site. Lake Berhale covers 410 hectares and Pataura Lake covers 155 hectares. Birds like Darters, jacanas, cormorants, gulls, and dabchicks are making their home in the region around the lakes.