

**Greetings from Equity Hospitality & Tourism Management!**

EQUITY Tours & Travels, a travel agency and tour operator in Bangladesh, has been operating for over decades. The experience gained enables EQUITY Tours & Travels to understand and fulfill all the requirements of its clients - be it for business travel or leisure travel. Today EQUITY Tours & Travels enjoys the status of being one of the most reliable and best travel agents in Bangladesh.

Based in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Equity Hospitality & Tourism Management (EHTM) has consistently delivered results for ownership by providing highly competent, professional management services. We realize that people make the difference in the hospitality industry and are committed to staffing our hotels with outstanding service personnel. Equity's associates strive to provide the highest possible return to investors by approaching each hotel in an innovative, resourceful, and entrepreneurial manner. Provides on-site management services for an expansive portfolio of well-respected brands. We are committed to providing superior quality and service for our guests. EHTM directly manages 3 hotels, we enjoy excellent relationships with our brand partners.

EHTM is an industry-recognized leader in hospitality management services. Our time-tested management techniques are supported by state-of-the-art technology and systems to continually improve efficiencies. Utilizing the latest technology and a multi-level organizational structure, our corporate, regional and property leadership teams ensure all assets maximize resources and achieve optimal profitability.

## Bangladesh Information

Country Name

**People's Republic of Bangladesh**

Capital

Dhaka

Area

147,570km<sup>2</sup>

Population

162m - 2009 UN

Demographics

Bengalis 98% and about 50 minority groups

Language

Bengali, English is also widely used.

Famous Person

- Rabindranath Tagore (awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature)  
- Muhammad Yunus (awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006)

Religion

Muslim 88%  
Hindu 10, Christian, Buddhist etc 2%

Politics

Parliamentary democracy. The parliament has 345 members including 45 seats for women. The Prime Minister, as the head of government, forms the cabinet. The President is the head of state but mainly a ceremonial post elected by the parliament.

Division, District

- 7 Divisions - Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Rangpur  
- 64 Districts and 465 thana and 85,650 villages.

Independence





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1971

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National Flag

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**Time Zone, Climate, Working Days**

Time Zone

BST (UTC+6)

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Climate

Subtropical and tropical

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Working Days

Sunday to Thursday

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Business Hour

9.00 am - 5.00 pm

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**Currency, Tips**

Currency

Taka/Tk. 1 Tk=100Paisa

Notes; 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, and 1000Tk

Coins; 1, 2, and 5

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**PACKAGE TOUR FOR DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS****Bangladesh Tour Package****Cost:****US \$ 699 Net for 1 Pax****Itinerary: 13 nights/14 days****Package Includes:**

Best Hotel Accommodation Facility

AC Accommodation (Twin Sharing)

Both-way Transportation

Daily Sightseeing Arrangements

Multilingual Tour Guide Facility

Daily Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner &amp; Refreshments





Day  
01



Meet on arrival at Dhaka International Airport and transfer to hotel. Today's sightseeing tour includes the four hundred years old Mogul fort, Lalbag Kella. The Tomb of Paribibi inside the fort is a remarkable blend of Mogul and Persian architecture. The tour continues to the Dhakeswari Temple first built in the 12th century AD. Next comes Curzon Hall Complex - a blend of colonial and indigenous architecture. Opposite to the Curzon Hall Complex stands more than 100 years old massive governor house, now being used by the Department of Justice. And then "Sangsad Bhaban" - the Parliament House, one of the wonders of the modern architecture of the world.

### Overnight in Dhaka

Day  
02



Dhaka – Bogra

Early morning leave Dhaka for Bogra by road (5-hour drive), check in the hotel; after lunch visit Vasu Vihara - a cluster of Buddhist monasteries built in the 7th century AD - now a ruin. Gautama Buddha stayed at Vasu Vihara for 6 months when he came to Bangladesh to preach Buddhism. Next visit the ruins of the Mahasthangarh Citadel. An ancient and medieval civilization in and around the citadel from 5th century BC to 16th century AD until a great fire destroyed Mahasthangarh. More than 150 ancient Buddhist ruins are scattered around the citadel. Next visit the ruins of Gokul Medh - a Buddhist temple built in the 7th century and later converted into a Hindu temple.

### Overnight at Bogra.

Day  
03



Bogra - Paharpur – Rangpur

Early in the morning leave Bogra and proceed to Paharpur Mahavihara by road. Paharpur Mahavihara or the Great Monastery of Paharpur, now a ruin, is the single largest Buddhist monastery in the world in terms of acreage. It was built in 8th century AD. In the inner courtyard of the monastery stands the largest tantric cruciform Buddhist stupa in the world. Next visit Jagaddala Vihara - one of the five most famous Buddhist learning centers in the ancient world. Jagaddala was built in 11th century by King Rampala. After visiting all these monasteries drive to Rangpur and check in a hotel.

### Overnight at Rangpur.





Day  
04



#### Rangpur – Rajshahi

Morning Visit Kantaji Terracotta Temple - an epic in terracotta bas-reliefs. Kantaji Temple was built in the middle of 18th century. The great earthquake of 1897 with the intensity of 8.5 on the Richter Scale destroyed its four turrets. This three storied chariot looking Hindu temple is the

best example of the terracotta temple in the world. Next visit Rangpur Rajbari and Kali temple. In the afternoon drive to Rajshahi. Check in a hotel.

Over night at Rahshahi.

Day  
05



#### Rajshahi – Dhaka

Morning Visit Rajshai Barendra Museum. The Museum has a very rich collection of 5th to 13th century sculptures of black basalt, sand stone etc. One of the most remarkable sculptures is the 'Ardha nari, ardha nor' statue of 9th century. This black basalt deity is half woman and half man. The museum was

established in the year of 1912. Now it is a research museum under the Rajshai University.

In the afternoon drive to back to Dhaka. Check in a hotel.

Over night in Dhaka.

Day  
06



#### Dhaka – Srimangal

Morning leave Dhaka for Srimongol - the tea capital, a four hours' drive. Up on arrival at Srimongol check in a hotel/guest house. In the afternoon visit Lauhachhara tropical forest and trek through the forest. This is a lush green forest all-round the year.

Overnight at Srimangal.





Day  
07



### Srimongol - Mainamati - Chittagong

Morning visit tea garden. Watch how the tea women collect two leaves and a bud. In the afternoon leave for Chittagong. On the way visit Mainamati. Monamoti was the capital of the ancient Buddhist kingdom, *Samatata*, from 5th century to 11th century. The place is dotted with

more than 55 ancient Buddhist ruins of large and small scales. In the beginning, in Mainamoti, we will visit the ruins of the Salban Vihara - a large Buddhist monastery with a stupa in its inner courtyard, built in the 6th century AD. The vihara has a very interesting site museum. Afterwards we will visit the ruins of the Itakhola Mura - two 8th century structure; one is the temple and the other one, monastery. Next comes the Rupban Mura - another stupa with monastery built in the 9th century. Next we will go to see the ruins of a very large Buddhist Stupa of 10th century known as the Ranir Banglow. During the Second World War all the Buddhist structures in Mainamoti were partly demolished to build a military aerodrome.

Reach Chittagong in the evening. And check in a hotel.

Day  
08

### Overnight at Chittagong.



### Chittagong – Cox's Bazar

Cox's Bazar is the largest unbroken sea beach in the whole world. Visiting different fountains, museums, sightseeing to the Himchori and Inani beach.

Visit to Burmese Market and free time for shopping.

Overnight at Cox's Bazar then back to Chittagong.







Day  
09



Chittagong – Rangamati

Morning a short Chittagong City sightseeing, and drive to Rangamati - a hill district of Bangladesh. Check in a hotel. visit Rangamati Tribal Museum. In the afternoon go for a boating in the Kaptai Lake. Lunch in a small island in the lake. Then proceed to Shuvalong and return from there. Enjoy mesmerizing sunset on the lake.

Overnight at Rangamati.

Day  
10



Rangamati - Chittagong - Dhaka - Mongla

Morning leave Rangamati for Chittagong. On arrival transfer to the Chittagong airport and fly back to Dhaka. In the late afternoon aboard the paddle steamer for the journey to Mongla.

Overnight on boat.

Day  
11



Mongla - Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

After about 24 hours journey through rivers, which gives an unique opportunity to enjoy the lush green scenic beauty of riverine Bangladesh, arrive in the late afternoon at Mongla and board on the tourist boat for the journey to the forest. Proceed toward the forest through numerous mighty rivers, narrow canals and creeks. Besides the Royal Bengal Tiger, the forest is the home to the spotted and barking deer, wild boar, rhesus monkey, estuarine crocodile, otter, dolphin, birds etc. The tigers of the Sundarbans Forest are the most ferocious, the most shrewd and evasive animal on earth. The migratory Himalayan bees produce more than one hundred tons of honey every year in the Sundarbans. More than 30 unique species of mangrove plants and ferns grow in this forest.





### Overnight on boat

Day  
12



#### Kotka (Sundarban Forest)

Arrive at Kotka Forest Station early in the morning. In the morning trekking through the forest by country boat; after the breakfast trekking afoot through the forest up to the beach. This trekking of about three kilometers through the grassland and forest, which ends at a virgin sea beach, is an experience of the lifetime for those who really love nature. Leave Kotka for Mongla in the evening.

### Overnight on boat.

### Overnight on boat.

Day  
13



#### Kotka - Mongla - Dhaka

Early in the morning reach Mongla and drive to Dhaka. If the return flight is on the same day then transfer to the Dhaka airport for the final departure, if not then check in a hotel and transfer to the airport next day.

#### END OF BANGLADESH TOUR

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### INDIVIDUAL TOUR PACKAGES

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Khagrachari  
Mahastangarh  
Sunderbans  
Cox's Bazar  
Bandarban  
Rangamati  
Chittagong

Paharpur  
Bagerhat  
Mongla  
Kuakata  
Sylhet  
Bogra  
Dhaka

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Best Hotel Accommodation Facility  
Daily Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Refreshments  
AC Accommodation (Twin Sharing/Single)  
Both-way Transportation  
Daily Sightseeing Arrangements  
Multilingual Tour Guide Facility





## Dhaka – Cox's Bazar – Dhaka

2 Nights & 3 Days Package

Per Person US\$ 349



**Cox's Bazar** (Bengali: কক্সবাজার Kaksbajar) is a town, a fishing port and district headquarters in Bangladesh. It is known for its wide and long sandy beach, which is considered by many as the world's longest natural sandy sea beach.<sup>[2][3]</sup> The beach in Cox's Bazar is an unbroken 125 km sandy sea beach with a gentle slope. It is located 150 km south of the industrial port Chittagong. Cox's Bazar is also known by the name Panowa, whose literal translation means "yellow flower." Its other old name was "Palongkee".

The modern Cox's Bazar derives its name from Captain Hiram Cox (died 1799), an officer serving in British India. An officer of the British East India Company, Captain Cox was appointed Superintendent of Palongkee outpost after Warren Hastings became Governor of Bengal. Captain Cox was specially mobilised to deal with a century-long conflict between Arakan refugees and local Rakhains. He embarked upon the mammoth task of rehabilitating refugees in the area and made significant progress. A premature death took Captain Cox in 1799 before he could finish his work. To commemorate his role in rehabilitation work, a market was established and named Cox's Bazar ("Cox's Market") after him.

Today, Cox's Bazar is one of the most-visited tourist destinations in Bangladesh. It has yet to become a major international tourist destination, and has no international hotel chains, because of a lack of publicity and transportation.





## Dhaka – Sundarbans – Dhaka

3 Nights & 4 Days Package

Per Person US\$ 349



The Sundarbans, single largest chunk of productive mangrove forest in the world. Named after its commercially important tree SUNDARI, Sundarbans- means forests of Sundari trees. The mangrove resources of the Sundarbans comprise of forests, fisheries, wildlife and water. Due to its character it is always mysterious to the nature lover, scientists, researchers and tourists. The Sundarbans have been under some form of management since the 1860s and most of the forests were declared reserved forests in 1875 76. Four, out of the six Ranges created by Curtis are now in Bangladesh portion of the Sundarbans. A professional forester is now posted as the Ranger. A very detailed set of regulations is laid out which cover all financial matters in the Sundarbans. The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) is an authorized drawing and disbursement officer and as a result he can act as a Treasurer of the forest department.

The Sundarbans is unique scientific and biological interest & offers opportunities for tourism, outdoor recreation, biological research and conservation education. Some areas in the forest have been earmarked as protected. No forestry operations are carried out in these areas, which support a rich concentration of wildlife as well as vegetation, which has not been disturbed for decades. The Sundarbans has excellent potential for tourism and if properly developed, this could be a major source of foreign exchange for the country.







## Dhaka – Rangamati – Dhaka

2 Nights & 3 Days Package

Per Person US\$ 349



**Rangamati** (Bengali: রাঙ্গামাটি) (is the administrative headquarters of [Rangamati Hill District](#) in the [Chittagong Hill Tracts](#) of [Bangladesh](#))

**Hanging Bridge:** Hanging Bridge (*Jhulonto Bridge* in Bengali) is the landmark icon of Rangamati. It's a popular tourist spot and a must go destination. Gagra waterfall is one of the greatest combination of nature. **Kaptai Lake** : Kaptai lake is a wonderful spot for boating and cruising. Parjatan and private tour operators offer a number of cruises by mechanical boats. One can go to various scenic spots in Shuvalong, Barkal, Longadu, Mainimukh and other areas by boat from Rangamati.

**Indigenous Museum:** The only Indigenous Cultural Museum in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region was established at Rangamati town in 1978 and run by the Tribal Cultural Institute. It preserves valuable objects and articles of different tribes depicting their socio-economic, cultural and historical tradition. These include typical indigenous dresses, ornaments, arms and ammunitions, coins, statues made of wood, bronze and other metals, musical instruments, ivory products, handicrafts, paintings on tribal life etc.





## Dhaka – Khagrachari – Dhaka

2 Nights & 3 Days Package

Per Person US\$ 299



1. Alutila Tourists spot: Khagrachari – Chittagong Road, 5 km away from the Parjatan motel. Local Buses, Chader gari, fare- 8/10 tk. Microbus can be rented as well.
2. Alutila Mysterious Cave: East of the Alutila Tourists' spot under the mountain 150 meter long flowing natural waterfall. Chittagong Road, 5 km shout from the motel. Local Buses or Chader gari, fare- 8/10 tk. Microbus can be rented as well.
3. Richhang waterfall: Khagrachari – Chittagong road the area of Hridoy member. 7 km shout from the Porjoton motel. 2 km shout from Alutila, 1.50 km from east from the main road. Local bus or Chader gari until Hridoy Member area. Rest 1.50 km by foot.
4. Hundred or more years old banyan tree: Hundred or more years old banyan tree which is spreading almost 2 acres. Till Matiranga 10 number region of Khagrachari- Chittagong Road Buses / chader gari. Fare 10/15 tk, and rest 2.5 km by foot or own vehicles.
5. Nunchhori Debota Pond: The Nunchhori Tripura Village is 13 km south from Porjoton motel, 4 km west from Maishkhali Army camp of Khagrachari – Rangamati road. From there almost 1500 feet above, at the peak of the Mountain is the Debota lake. Local bus or chader gari of Khagrachari – Rangamati Route until







Maishchori Army camp. Rest of the 4–5 km by foot. If there is private car then it can go until the Tripura Village.

6. Yonged Buddha Bihar: At Khagrachari town, 2 km far from Motel. Accessible by rickshaw.

7. Panichari Brihot Buddha sculpture: Shantipur Arannya Kuthir - 25 km south from Khagrachari is peripheral region. The largest Buddha sculpture of Bangladesh is situated here. Khagrachari – Panichari Local bus fare- 35 tk. The road is flat.

8. Dighinala Manikker Dighi: One regional town situated 21 km south from Khagrachari. The Jhulonto Bridge, Buddha Bihar, Raja Manikker Dighi, Tribal culture, tradition and ancient standard of living. Khagrachari – Dighinala Bus/ 4 Wheel drive gyp.

9. Dighinala Touduchhori Waterfall: It contains wild Elephants roaming around in groups; the place is cluttered with enormous stones and waterfalls. From Khagrachari – Dighinala road Bus/ Chader gari (gyp), fares 25/40 tk. Rest of the road by foot. The communication here is not urbanized yet.

10. Shajek and Marissa Vally: Endless natural beauty of green Mound. It's hard to describe in words. It's better if a private or rented car is available.

11. New Zealand : Only plain land in Khagrachari. Green paddy trees and Mountains behind this plain land gives a very eye catching natural beauty. As because of this kind of scenery local people call this place New Zealand. Now-a-days it is also a tourists attraction and its about 10-15 mins far from main town. One may use auto rickshaw for their transportation.





## Dhaka – Bandarban – Dhaka

2 Nights & 3 Days Package

Per Person US\$ 299



Bandarban (Bengali: বান্দরবান) is a district in South-Eastern Bangladesh, and a part of the Chittagong Division and Chittagong Hill Tracts. Bandarban is regarded as one of the most attractive travel destinations in Bangladesh. Bandarban (meaning *the dam of monkeys*), or in Marma or Arakanese language as "Rwa-daw Mro" is also known as Arvumi or the Bohmong Circle (of the rest of the three hill districts Rangamati is the Chakma Circle, Raja Devasish Roy and Khagrachari is the Mong Circle, Raja Sachingprue Marma). Bandarban town is the home town of the Bohmong Chief (currently King, or Raja, U Cho Prue Marma) who is the head of the Marma population. It also is the administrative headquarters of Bandarban district, which has turned into one of the most exotic tourist attractions in Bangladesh since the insurgency in Chittagong Hill Tracts has ceased more than a decade back.

Bandarban lies, by bus, eight hours away from Dhaka, two hours from Chittagong and three hours from Cox's Bazaar. It is also possible to get there by a six hour bus ride from Rangamati. The Buddha Dhatu Jadi, the largest Buddhist temple in Bangladesh, located in Balaghata, 4 km from the town. This place attracts many tourists every year. This Theravada Buddhist temple is made completely in the style of South-East Asia and houses the second largest statue of Buddha in Bangladesh. The waterfall named Shoilo Propat at Milanchari is another place tourists like to visit.

The numerous Buddhist temples, known as *kyang* in local tongue, and bhihars in the town include the highly notable the Rajvihar (royal vihar) at Jadipara and the Ujanipara Bhihar. Bawm villages around Chimbuk, and Mru villages a little further off, are also lie within a day's journey from the town. Prantik Lake, Jibannagar and Kyachlong Lake are some more places of interest. Boat ride on the river Sangu is one of the main attraction here for tourists.





## Dhaka – Kuakata – Dhaka

2 Nights & 3 Days Package

Per Person US\$ 299



**Kuakata** (Bengali: কুয়াকাটা) is a panoramic sea beach on the southernmost tip of Bangladesh.<sup>[1]</sup> Located in the Patuakhali district, Kuakata has a wide sandy beach from where one can see both the sunrise and sunset. It is about 320 Kilometres south of Dhaka, the capital, and about 70 Kilometres from the district headquarters. The Kuakata beach is 30 km long and 6 km wide. On 13 September 2007 government had announced a red alert in Kuakata as caution for a possible Tsunami.<sup>[2]</sup>

The name **Kuakata** originated from the word 'Kua'-the Bengali word for "Well" which was dug on the sea shore by the early Rakhine settlers in quest of collecting drinking water, who landed on Kuakata coast in the eighteenth century after being expelled from Arakan (Myanmar) by the Mughals.<sup>[3]</sup> Afterwards, it has become a tradition of digging Well in the neighborhoods of Rakhaine tribes for water.

Kuakata offers a full view of the sunrise and sunset from the same white sandy beach in the water of the Bay of Bengal.

Locally known as Shagor Kannya (Daughter of the Sea), the long strip of dark, marbled sand stretches for about 30 km. The long and wide beach at Kuakata has a typical natural setting. This sandy beach has gentle slopes into the Bay of Bengal. Kuakata is also a sanctuary for migratory winter birds.

On the eastern end of the beach is Gongamati Reserved Forest, an evergreen mangrove forest and snippet of the original Kuakata. When the Rakhines settled in the area in 1784, Kuakata was part of the larger Sundarbans forest. However, the Sundarbans is now at a distance of one-hour by speed boat. As a mangrove forest, Gongamati, like the Sundarbans, offers some protection against tidal surges, however it too is being threatened by logging and deforestation. The best way to reach the forest is by foot or bike along the beach, where a flock of flag flying fishing boats can be seen trawling the coast. Choosing to visit Gangamati in the late afternoon is a perfect time to watch the sun cast shadows on the abstract exposed mangrove roots.

Kuakata is the place of pilgrimage for both Hindu and Buddhist communities. Innumerable devotees arrive here at the festival of 'Rush Purnima' and 'Maghi Purnima'. On these two occasions the pilgrims take holy bath at the bay and participate in the traditional fairs.<sup>[4]</sup> One may also visit the 100 years old Buddhist Temple where the statue of Goutama Buddha and two wells of 200 years old are located.







## Dhaka – Srimangal – Dhaka

2 Nights & 3 Days Package

Per Person US\$ 199



**Srimangal** (Bengali: শ্রীমঙ্গল *Shrimongol*) is an Upazila of Maulvibazar District in the Division of Sylhet, Bangladesh.

Put the kettle on and let's have a nice cup of tea. But have you ever wondered what goes into producing that little bag? Well, in [Srimangal](#) (or Sreemongal), the tea capital of [Bangladesh](#), you can find out all about it. This hilly area, with tea estates, lemon orchards and pineapple plantations, is one of the most picturesque and enjoyable parts of the country. For miles around, tea estates form a perennially green carpet on the sloping hills, and it's the one area (besides the [Sundarbans](#)) where it is possible to look around and not see another human being. In addition to learning all there is to know about tea, you can also go primate-potty in a range of forest national parks, get the low-down on tribal life and discover that pineapples don't actually grow on trees.

### [Sreemangal Tourist Attractions:](#)

- **Lawachara Rain Forest:** This major national park is located 8 kilometers east of Sreemangal. The park offers ample *trekking opportunities* through the forest. Over 460 different species of birds, mammals and reptiles live in this forest. Mentionable Lawachara rainforest animal species include *deer, wild chicken, squirrel, python, endangered hoolok gibbons, capped langoor, slow loris, birds, snakes, banana spiders etc.* The forest is really dense at some places like those of primeval ones. Rumors run that at shady and dark corners sometimes big cats like *leopards* are also seen. However it is very popular destination for bird watching as over 260 bird species has been recorded here.
- **Madhabkunda Waterfall:** This is one of the **Highest Waterfall in Bangladesh** which is about 200 ft (61 m) high. It is located a bit further away from Sreemangal, roughly about 60km, however the journey to





Madhabkunda is a pleasing experience as the road goes through tea gardens and hills.

- Hakaluki Haor:** This is a 192 sq kilometer marsh wetland ecosystem. About 190,000 people live in the surrounding areas. It supports a wide range of migratory birds and fishes, hence it is a good location for seasonal bird watching.
- Rema-Kalenga Forest:** The **Rema-Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the adjacent Habiganj district. It is a part of the tarap hill reserved forest - the largest remnant of **Bangladesh Highland Natural Forest**. The sanctuary encompasses several hills of different elevations and low lying valleys. The highest peak of the hill is about 67 meter from the sea level. The sanctuary is drained by a number of small, sandy-bedded streams and includes one small (<0.5 ha) artificial lake. The forest is mixed evergreen, where tall trees are deciduous and evergreen. The forest encompasses a total land area of 1795.54ha and home to a wonderful variety of plant, animal and birds. It is said to provide good bird watching experience. Recorded species include 37 mammals, 167 birds, 7 amphibians, 18 reptiles and 638 plants but it is believed to be much less. Four different ethnic communities (*Tripura, Shantal, Telugu and Urang*) live in and around the forest.
- Shatchari Forest:** Located about 60km southwest of Sreemangal is the 243-hectare **Satchari National Park** (formerly known as the Telepara Forest Reserve). This park is part of a much larger protected region. Although less popular than Lawachara, it is a superb slab of tropical forest with a higher diversity of plants and animals than Lawachara, and with far less human disturbance. There are a number of marked *walking trails*, several streams, a population of hoolock gibbons, fishing cats, Phayre's langur, jungle fowl, pygmy woodpeckers and oriental pied horn-bills can be seen here.
- Habiganj:** Offers some archeological sites including ancient palace, temples, tea gardens and mosques.
- Tea Estates:** Visitors are allowed for **Sreemangal Tea Factory Tour** and the **Tea Research Institute** tour. Tourists can also walk amongst the workers in the tea plantation.
- Tribal Villages:** Opportunities of **experiencing and discovering tribal cultures and lifestyles** are rare, and visitors are recommended to stop off at the **Monipuri Tribal Village**. The lifestyles and traditions of the Tripura and the Khashia can also be discovered here.







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- The Shrine of Hazrat ShahJalal
- Sri Chaitannya Dev Temple
- Gour Gobinda Fort
- Madhabkunda Waterfall
- Lawacherra Rain Forest
- Handicrafts of Sylhet
- Manipuri Dance
- Jointapur's Rajbari
- Jaflong
- Tamabil
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