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Why Go?

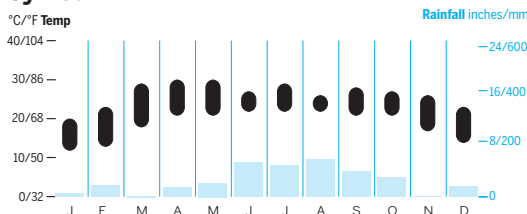
Every corner of Bangladesh is blessed with beautifully green landscape, but none more so, it seems, than Sylhet. From glistening rice paddies and wetland marshes to forested nature reserves and rolling hills blanketed in waist-high tea bushes, Sylhet seems to contain every possible shade of green you can imagine.

With a landscape this diverse it's no surprise to find plenty of off-the-beaten-track adventure for those willing to go that extra mile, but one of the best things about this region is its accessibility. Good transport links mean that Sylhet's famous tea estates, its smattering of Adivasi mud-hut villages and its thick, monkey-filled forests are all just a few hours' drive or train journey from Dhaka.

But rushing Sylhet would be a mistake. The Srimangal area in particular deserves at least a few days of your time, and if you love hiking, cycling or wildlife, even that may not be long enough.

When to Go

Sylhet



Mar–Nov

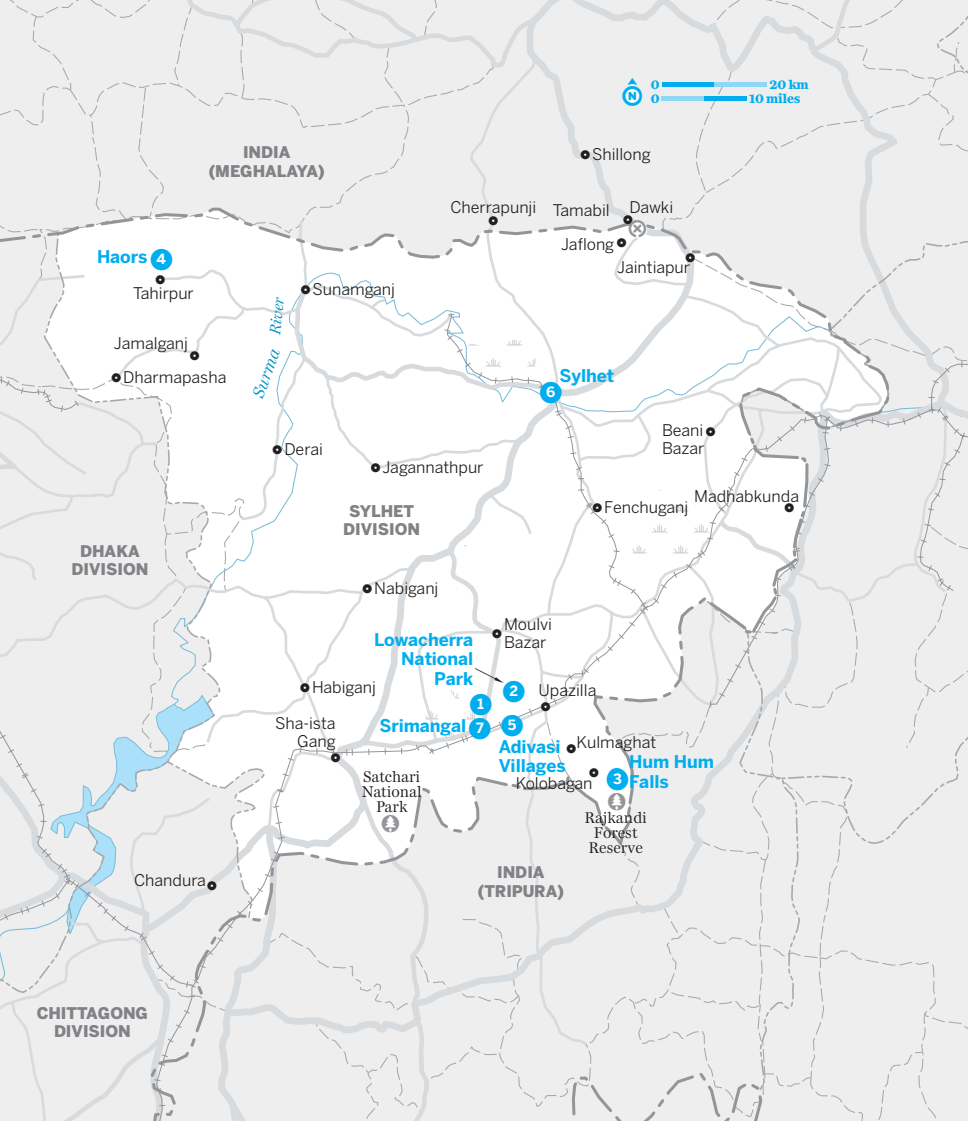
Tea-picking season. Time for those classic tea-picker photos.

Oct–Mar

Dry season; time for hiking, and for bird-watching boat trips.

Mar–May

If Dhaka is too hot, Sylhet provides a cooler escape.



Sylhet Division Highlights

- ① Cycle through the tea estates of **Srimangal** (p139)
- ② Keep an eye out for rare hoolock gibbons as you stroll around the walking trails of the forested **Lowacherra National Park** (p141)
- ③ Get off the beaten track with a daylong hike to remote

Hum Hum Falls (boxed text p144)

- ④ Venture north to the hard-to-get-to *haors* (wetlands) around **Sunamganj** (p138)
- ⑤ Explore the numerous **Adivasi villages** (p142) in the countryside surrounding Srimangal

⑥ Tuck in at some the country's best curry houses in the capital city of **Sylhet** (p135)

⑦ Sample Srimangal's quirkiest brew; the multicoloured **seven-layer tea** (boxed text p145)