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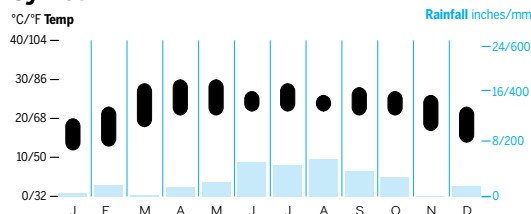
Why Go?

Pastoral Sylhet packs in more shades of green than you'll possibly find on a graphic designer's shade card. Blessed with glistening rice paddies, the wetland marshes of Ratargul and Sunamganj, the forested nature reserves of Lowacherra, and Srimangal's rolling hills blanketed in waist-high tea bushes, Sylhet boasts a mind-blowing array of landscapes and sanctuaries that call out to nature lovers from around the world.

Even while offering plenty of rural adventures for those willing to go the extra mile, Sylhet scores over several other divisions in terms of its easy accessibility. Good transport links mean Sylhet's famous tea estates, its smattering of Adivasi mud-hut villages, its thick forests and its serene bayous are all just a few hours' drive or train journey from Dhaka.

Given its relaxed grain, Sylhet is best enjoyed at leisure. Schedule a week at least for your trip here, especially if you love outdoor activities.

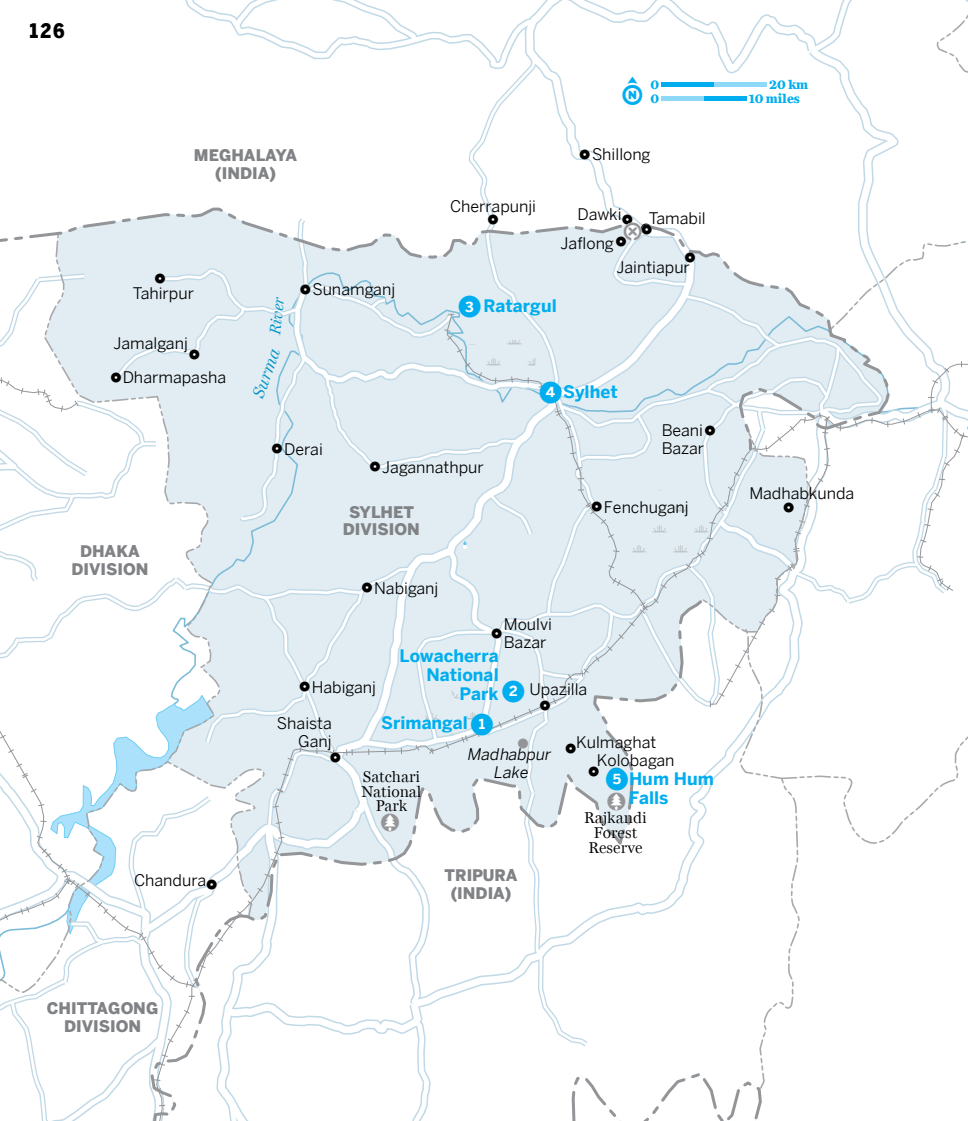
When to Go Sylhet



Mar–Nov
Tea-picking season. Time for those classic teapicker photos.

Oct–Mar Dry season; time for hiking, boat trips and birdwatching.

Mar–May If Dhaka is too hot, Sylhet provides a relatively cooler escape.



Sylhet Division Highlights

- 1 Srimangal** (p131)
Ambling through expansive tea estates and sip on quirky, multicoloured seven-layered tea.
- 2 Lowacherra National Park** (p133) Keeping an eye

out for rare hoolock gibbons while strolling the walking trails of this semi-evergreen forest.

- 3 Ratargul** (p130) Rowing a skiff under a canopied forest while exploring this swampy wilderness.

- 4 Sylhet** (p127) Tucking in at some of the country's best curry houses in the region's capital city.

- 5 Hum Hum Falls** (p136) Getting off the beaten track with a daylong hike to these remote falls.