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# Shillong

The name Shillong is derived from U-Shyllong, a powerful deity. It is situated at an altitude of 1,491m above sea level. This pretty hill station is home to lush greenery, cascading waterfalls, tranquil lakes and an all year round pleasant climate. Its natural beauty is at its peak during monsoons.

Umiam Lake, Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures, Mawphlang Sacred Forest and Elephant Falls are some of the attractions here.



Famous For : City

The capital city of Meghalaya, Shillong is called the Scotland of the East because of the rolling hills and meadows which are quite reminiscent of Scotland. Located at an altitude of 4,908 feet above sea level, it is also popularly known as "Abode of Clouds". It retains its old world colonial charm, while offering ample modern amenities. The place is a sheer delight for nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts.

The highest peak here, Shillong Peak, offers astounding views of the region. Besides its majestic waterfalls and other mesmerizing natural delights, Shillong has quite a few other charms as well. For instance, the huge artificial Umiam Lake is one must-visit spot, often compared to the Lochs Lake of Scotland. Those with an interest in culture and history would do well to spend some time at the Don Bosco Museum of Indigenous North East Culture. Elephant falls is among the most famous attraction of this region. Located on the outskirts of the

city, this cascading waterbody deserves a visit. Shillong has one of the largest golf courses and also among the few natural golf courses. Wards Lake is an artificial lake commonly known as Nan-Polok. Enjoy boating or spend some quality time at this lake. You can also pay a visit to the beautiful Butterfly Museum, which has a huge collection of rarest species of butterflies. While on a trip to this city, do go for a walk in the Bara Bazar, known as Lewduh. The State Central Library started at the time of British Raj is also a major attraction. There is no dearth of staying options and restaurants in Shillong. Those who want to enjoy a drink can visit any of the nearby pubs.

## When To VISIT



<http://www.ixigo.com/weather-in-shillong-lp-1137996>

### Jan

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

**Max:** 10.19999980 **Min:** 7.699999809 **Rain:** 12.5mm  
9265137°C 265137°C

### Feb

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

**Max:** 12.0°C **Min:** 6.300000190 **Rain:** 20.2000007629394  
734863°C 53mm

### Mar

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

**Max:** 16.0°C **Min:** 9.699999809 **Rain:** 42.4000015258789  
265137°C 06mm

### Apr

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

**Max:** 18.60000038 **Min:** 9.600000381 **Rain:** 116.0mm  
1469727°C 469727°C

### May

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

**Max:** 19.39999961 **Min:** 13.39999961 **Rain:** 266.100006103515  
8530273°C 8530273°C 6mm

### Jun

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

**Max:** 20.5°C **Min:** 12.5°C **Rain:** 430.0mm

### Jul

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

**Max:** 20.79999923 **Min:** 12.39999961 **Rain:** 461.700012207031  
7060547°C 8530273°C 25mm

### Aug

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

**Max:** 20.89999961 **Min:** 12.39999961 **Rain:** 296.600006103515  
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### Sep

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

**Max:** 19.89999961 **Min:** 13.60000038 **Rain:** 289.600006103515  
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### Oct

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**Max:** 18.0°C **Min:** 12.80000019 186.100006103515  
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**Nov**

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**Dec**

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# What To SEE



## 5 Sights

<http://www.ixigo.com/places-to-visit-see-in-shillong-ip-11379g>

### 1 Ward's Lake



Police Bazar, Shillong, Meghalaya 793001, India

If you are in Shillong you cannot and should not miss out on the Ward's Lake. Located in the heart of the city, this horse-shoe shaped

lake is a popular spot to take a lazy walk or admire the green lawn dotted with multi-coloured flowers. Named after Sir William Ward, the then Chief Commissioner of Assam, who initiated the plan for the construction of this lake, which was later constructed by Colonel Hopkins in the year 1894, this lake is nature at its very best.&nbsp;

It is also said that the area around this place was made by a Khasi prisoner, who requested to let him work to bring a change to his monotonous daily routine. Thus, his role in beautifying the place is something which is remembered even today. There is also a Botanical Garden near the lake which has various orchids, apart from the several other varieties of flora that adorn it. The bridge in the midst of the lake is the perfect place to enjoy a view of the whole lake, and maybe even feed the fish!

### 2 Bara Bazaar



lewduh Bara Bazar, Shillong, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, 793002, India

One of the most popular markets in Shillong, Bara Bazaar should be at the top of your itinerary! From betel nuts and betel leaves (a favourite among the Khasis) to local handicrafts, you will find it all here. Also known as Lewduh Market, this place seems like a colourful collection of everything that you get in Shillong.

The crowded market is thronged by women from villages, selling local seasonal vegetables and fruits. Chances are that you will have the opportunity to witness some varieties of vegetables, which are indigenous to this part of the country only.&nbsp;

### 3 Shillong Peak



East Khasi Hills District, Shillong,

Meghalaya, 793001, India

If you want a panoramic view of the beauty of Shillong, just take the trekking trail to Shillong Peak and you will get to witness a spectacular sight, unique and exquisitely charming. Experience a completely different high here! Approximately 1966 m above sea level, this peak enjoys the tag of being the highest point in the state of Meghalaya. Make sure you pack some snacks before you head for this peak. Once you reach here, you can feast your eyes on the hills that dot the city and the pretty houses clustered together in groups. At the peak, you will also find a sacred spot dedicated to the U Shulong and at this particular spot, every spring, a ritual is held, in honour of U Shulong. A paradise for avid photographers, the view is clear and amazing during the day, and at night, you can stare up the sky and soak in the aura of the enchanting starlit sky.

### 4 Umiam Lake



Umiam Lake, Shillong, Meghalaya

793001, India

Umiam Lake is a beautiful lake that sees numerous tourists from all over the country. The scenic spot is a part of a hydro-electric project, Umiam Umtru Hydro Electric Power Project, which resulted in the construction of this lake. Also known as Big Water or Barapani, this lake is an ideal place to experience the natural splendour of Shillong. The surrounding emerald-coloured hill is another add-on to the beauty of this place.

Apart from experiencing its enchanting beauty, you will have the opportunity to indulge in many activities. From kayaking to sailing, you will be spoilt for choice. There is a lovely stay option there with water sports facilities such as speed boating, water-skiing and rowing. The hills and the meadow around the lake are lovely. Also check out the horseshoe-shaped right in the middle of the town. Surrounded by green meadows and colourful flowerbeds, the lake makes for a good picnic spot.

## 5 Waterfall Rappelling at Elephant Falls



**Where To Eat**

5 Places

<http://www.ixigo.com/foods-in-of-shillong-ip-1137996>

### 1 Ginger Restaurant



Hotel Polo Towers, Polo Grounds, Shillong, Meghalaya, 793001, India

Elephant Falls, Upper Shillong, Shillong, Meghalaya 793009, India

Waterfall Rappelling at Elephant Falls for you to get that added adrenaline rush. This is not an activity for the faint-hearted, as you descend either through or alongside the waterfall. Make sure you follow all the safety instructions before you start your activity and gear up properly with all the required equipment.

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Located inside one of the most popular hotels in Shillong, The Polo Towers, Ginger Restaurant is undoubtedly the trendiest eating-out place in Shillong. The soothing interiors are done in wood and cream colour and the soft couches will instantly make you feel at home. Take a break from the usual Indian cuisine and try out Italian and Continental dishes like pasta, crepes, cannelloni, stroganoff or just a fruit sundae. Located adjacent to the restaurant is the bar called Platinum where you can go for your favourite drink after that perfect meal.

### 2 Pinecone Restaurant



European Ward, Rita Road, Shillong, Meghalaya 793001, India

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If you are tired of the same old run-of-the-mill Chinese and Indian dishes, head over to Pinecone Restaurant for a filling and delicious continental fare. The ambience is quite reminiscent of the British times and

the decor is very pleasant. As far as the service is concerned, you will not be disappointed. The staff is very well trained and will even guide you around the menu if you need assistance. You can enjoy your meal with the great views of the picturesque town of Shillong. Overall, a great place to relax and chill out with family and friends.

### 3 City Hut Family Dhaba



Earle Holiday Home, Oakland Road, Police Bazar, Shillong, Meghalaya 793001, India

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One of the best restaurants in town, the food at City Hut Family Dhaba is finger-licking good. A harmonious blend of a charming rustic touch with a contemporary dining experience, this restaurant (no, it's not a Dhaba) is quite popular amongst the locals and tourists alike. With a wide array of dishes belonging to the Tandoori, South Indian, Chinese, Mexican and continental cuisines, the variety here is quite impressive.

and will leave you spoilt for choice. Vegetarians can go for Tawa Sabzi with parantha or some delicious Tandoori dishes, while non vegetarians have an open field to experiment with Thai, Mexican and Italian fares. Good food, good service and an overall value for money experience, City Hutthe is a must for all foodies. Try to make it during lunch as by dinner, the place gets quite packed.

#### 4 Bread Cafe



 Above Barbeque Restaurant, Opposite Hotel Broadway, G.S. Road, Police Bazar, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, Meghalaya, 793001, India

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A part of the Hotel Broadway in Shillong, Bread Cafe is a restaurant, cafe and a bakery, all rolled into one. Quite popular with the locals, especially the youth, the place has a nice spread from regular meals (both Indian and Continental) to the choicest confectionery items. The staffs claims that all the products are freshly prepared

everyday, which accounts for both the taste and quality. The place is usually a bit cramped with so many locals flocking in. Try the Barbecue Pasta or the variety of sandwiches available here. A top class confectionery, the pastries and cakes are the freshest, softest and one of the best that you'll get in town. The owner and the staff are quite friendly and deliver efficient service. As far as its location is concerned, this little gem sits smack dab in the middle of the town, so spotting it won't be a bother.

places where music and food go hand in hand. Yes, Shillong is popular for its Western music culture and you can experience it right here at the Munchies.

#### 5 Munchies



 Rani Villa, Near Don Bosco Square, Laitumkhrah Main Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong, Meghalaya 793003, India

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A multi-cuisine restaurant that serves amazing food, Munchies is a famous hub for the locals of Shillong. Select from a variety of cuisines - American, Lebanese, Continental or Italian - and enjoy the view of the bustling street of Shillong. The best part about this

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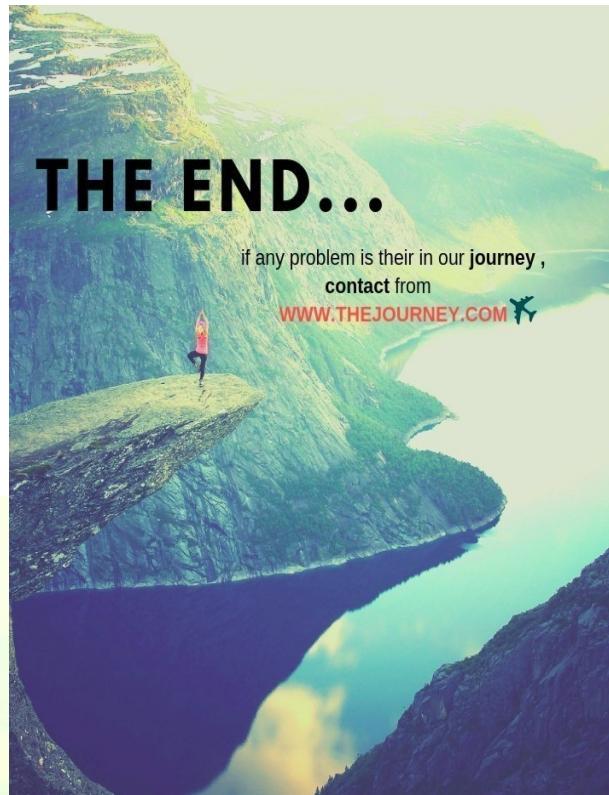
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