



Jaflong (Bengali: জাফলং) is a hill station and tourist destination in the Division of Sylhet, Bangladesh. It is located in Gowainghat Upazila of Sylhet District and situated at the border between Bangladesh and the Indian state of Meghalaya, overshadowed by subtropical mountains and rainforests. It is known for its stone collections and is home of the Khasi tribe.

Attractions:

- Collection of rolling stones
- Colorful tribal life
- Dauki and Piyain Rivers
- Tea Garden

- Orange and Jackfruit gardens
- Betel leaf and areca nut gardens
- Dauki Bazar



Jaflong attracts tourists for its natural environment

History and Culture:

As you drive here, you can see the fascinating waterfalls and hills of various sizes from afar. Specifically, wonderful location is at the border between Bangladesh and India known as the Zero point. Tamabil is the border area only 5 km from there.

If you want to go to India, there is the immigration checkpoint where you need to show a valid visa. Beyond the border lies the state of Meghalaya, India. Shillong is the capital of the state. The same rule applies for India citizens who wish to visit Bangladesh.

This area is very rich in natural resources. There are beautiful green tea gardens that contribute to the economy of the country. Stone is also one among them which in abundance can be found in the Mari River. The everyday huge amount of stone is extracted to use in construction.

But the removal of an excessive amount of stone is harmful to the natural harmony of the environment of the hilly region. Recently, 'Jaflong Foundation' and 'Forest Department' have joint forces to improve forestation to maintain the area as an eco-park.

The program Jaflong Green Park will ensure that various types of trees will be planted in the forest to maintain the ecological balance. Together, the two organizations above will supervise the forestation program in the approximately 250 Acres area they have taken possession.



This initiative will preserve the different wildlife that is essential to the natural environment. The people of Khasi tribe once practiced pagan religion, but now most of them converted to Christianity. Nearby is Jaintapur which is famous for its megalithic archaeological ruins. It was the capital of Jainta Kingdome in the 18th century.

How to go:

Nearly two hours drive from Sylhet city centre, Jaflong is easily accessible by route. A microbus can be hired for 4000-5000 BDT. A boat trip from Jaflong to the Zero Point costs 500-1000 BDT. A trip to Khasiapunji by the local transport called moyori would cost 500-1000 BDT.

There are some reasonably good local restaurants on the east side of the river. Café Sangrampunji, a restaurant run by Nazimghar Resorts operates in Sangrampunji on the west side of the river. The cost, despite being higher than that of the local restaurants, is not much in view of its quality, service and the aesthetic appeal of the restaurant. A sip in a cup of coffee while surveying the wonders of the Khasi mountains, the Piyain and the hanging bridge over the Dauki can be an amazing experience for anyone.