

Sajek Valley - সাজেক ভ্যালি / মেঘের উপত্যকায় জীবন is an emerging tourist spot in Bangladesh situated among the hills of the Kasalong range of mountains in Sajek union, Baghaichhari Upazila in Rangamati District.^[1] The valley is 1,476 feet (450 m) above sea level.^[2] Sajek valley is known as the Queen of Hills & Roof of Rangamati.

Origin of the name:

The name of Sajek Valley came from the Sajek River that originates from Karnafuli river. The Sajek river works as a border between Bangladesh and India.

Location:

Sajek is a union located in the north of Chittagong Hill Tracts. It's under Baghaichori Upazila in Rangamati hill district, it is situated 67 kilometres (42 mi) north-east from Khagrachhari town and 95 kilometres (59 mi) north from Rangamati city. The border of Bangladesh and Mizoram of India is 8 kilometres (5.0 mi) east from Sajek.

Nature:

Sajek valley is known for its natural environment and is surrounded by mountains, dense forest, and grassland hill tracks. Many small rivers flow through the mountains among which the Kachalong and the Machalong are notable. On the way to Sajek valley, one has to cross the Mayni range and the Mayni river. The road to Sajek has high peaks and falls.



The attractive places of Sajek:

In Sajek, the beautiful mountain in a row, the valley of clouds like white cotton will surely fascinate you. Sajak is a wonderful place where it is surrounded by three types of nature. Sometimes it is very hot or it will probably be wet in the rain and unexpectedly in the twinkling of the white clouds with a thick fog will be covered. Sajek is the ideal place to watch the flutter hilly clouds like natural landscapes and cotton.

Konglak hill is a major attraction for tourists who are visiting Sajek. Konglak, the last village of Sajek Valley, is the area inhabited by the Lusai community. From the Konglak Hills, you can watch the originates of Karnafuli river, the Lusai Hills of India. If you want to trek through Ruului Para for two hours, you can enjoy the Kamalak fountain. This beautiful fountain is also known to many people as Padaam Toisha Jharna or Sikam Toisha Jharna.



Day or night Sajek is like an awesome art painted by an artist, with the passes of time, Sajek is not old. If you go to Sajek, don't miss the dawn. The white clouds and the sunrise/sunset light creates an amazing environment. To see the sunrise, you have to go Hollypad early in the morning. In the afternoon, the color of the sunset from a high land will make you seduced. And after the evening, the billions of stars in the sky will shine, your life will shake you. If the sky is cleaned, you may watch the MilkyWay or the galaxy. You can look around and live the life of indigenous people. It will give you unforgettable feelings by getting the touch of those simple people. And when there is a time in your hands when returning from Sajek Valley, you can watch the Hazachara Jhorna, Dighinala hanging bridge, and Dighinala Banbihar.

Perfect Time To Visit Sajek Valley:

Sajek is beautiful in all the season. According to the seasons, it gets a new color that is attractive and exceptional. So, it is no matter if you are going in the Summer or Winter, you will get a new taste of Sajek. But in the Rainy, Autumn, and Late autumn, you will feel the white clouds very closely. So, it is considered as the best time to visit Sajek Valley. There is no problem if you go another time to travel Sajek.



How To Go To Sajek:

Dhaka To Khagrachari (Sajek)

Though Sajek is located in the Rangamati district, it is much easier to travel with Dighinalala of Khagrachari district. So first you have to come to Khagrachari. If you want to go to Khagrachari from Dhaka, you can go by Saudia Paribahan, Shyamoli, Shanti Paribahan, S. Alam, Eagle, etc. on the bus. It will cost you nearly BDT 520 in the Non-AC bus. If you want to go to the AC bus you will find BRTC or Saint Martin Paribahan with BDT 700 to 900. Besides, the Shanti Paribahan goes directly to Dighinala and it takes only BDT 580. There are counters of these buses at various points of the city including Gabtali, Kalabagan in Dhaka. If you want to go on holiday, it may be difficult to get a ticket if you don't buy the ticket before.

Khagrachari To Sajek

The distance between Khagrachari and Sajek is about 70 km. You can visit Sajek Valley by reserving Jeep Gari/Chander Gari from Khagrachari.

It will cost you BDT 8000 to 10000 with the returning fare. It is perfect for 12 to 15 people. But if you are in a small group, then join with another group to reduce the cost. If it is not possible to find any other group, then you can take CNG. It will cost you BDT from 4000 to 5000. However, it is better not to travel by CNG as the road is very wavy.

Besides, if you are alone or only 2-3, then many groups are available from the Khagrachari Shapla Chattor, where you can talk to other groups or share your incidents with the Zip Association office, they will manage another group for you.

Apart from you can visit Sajek going Khagrachari to Dighinala first. It is 23km from Khagrachari to Dighinala. It takes BDT 45 on the bus and BDT 100 per person in a motorcycle. You can also reserve a motorcycle to travel Sajek. Before hiring any car/bike, discuss in details about what would you do and what to look.

Important to realize, you must keep in mind, as you go, you must reach Dighinala before 10 am. You will have to go to the army's escort for the safety of the rest of the road from Dighinala. The army escorts are available twice a day. Once in the morning at 10 am, again in the afternoon. If you miss the morning escort, you have to wait until the afternoon, if you miss the afternoon, you will have to wait till the next day. Without the escort, you will not get permission to leave. When you reach Dighinala, you can visit Hazagarh Jhorna if you have time to hand.

On the way from Dighinala to Sajek, you will cross Bagaihat, Machalong Bazar, then Ruilui Bazar. It will take two to three hours to go from Khagrachari city to Sajek. The rows of hills and green skyline will make you forget all the tiredness of the road.



Chittagong To Sajek:

You can go to Khagrachari or Dighinala for Sajek from Chittagong. Daily 4 BTRC AC Bus left Kadamtoli, Chittagong for Khargrachari. Besides, from the Oxyzen Mor of Chittagong, the buses of Shanti Paribahan goes for Chittagong after every 1 hour. It takes 4 to 5 hours to go from Chittagong to Khagrachari.

Rangamati To Sajek:

From Rangamati both launces and buses left in the waterways and the roadways for Baghaichhari. The launches left from Reserve Bazar Ghat around 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. It takes 4 to 5 hours. Besides, from Rangamati bus terminals, the buses leave between 7:30 am and 8:30 am. It takes 5 to 6 hours. Otherwise, it is also possible to go Baghaichhari directly from Dhaka or Chittagong. From Baghaichhari, there are available Jeep, Motorcycle or Chander Gari to reach on the Sajek Valley.

Where will you stay?

There are more than 40 resorts and indigenous cottages to stay the night in Sajek. If you want to go on holiday, it is better to have a booking earlier than a month to get a quality room. If you want to stay at a lower price indigenous cottages can be suitable for you. Besides, new cottages are being added considering the environments. All the cottages assure fairly beautiful view of Sajek. Among the most popular resort and cottages, we have made an efficient list including Sajek Resort, Runmoy Resort, Megh Mechang, Jumghor Eco Resort, TGB Lushai Cottage, Meghpunji Resort, Resort Rungrang, Alo Resort, Affordable Cottages of Indigenous People.



What will you eat?

All the resorts have the food arrangements, so if you say it in the resort before cooking, they will serve according to your preferences. It will cost you nearly BDT 100 to 200 in each meal. As a menu, you will find rice flour, chicken meat, etc. If you desire, you can arrange Bar-B-Q tonight. You can also eat in the house of the indigenous people. You have to tell them about your menu and they will offer you the best

foods. The fruits including Papaya, pineapple, and banana are very cheap, don't forget to taste.

Tips for Traveling Sajek:

- Before going to Sajek, ensure the booking of your room via phone call. It will help you to avoid a hassle in the holidays or on-season.
- There is no electricity in Sajek. Though there are the options of Solar Charging, takes longer to charge and is not easily available.
 Good options to keep Power Bank with you.
- In Sajek, there are only available mobile networks including Robi, Airtel, and Teletalk networks.
- The way to go to Sajek is very screwed and high, so this path is dangerous. Beware of traveling in the roof of the jeep.
- In Sajek, it does not need to take the help of any guide.
- Take permission for indigenous photographs. Do not take pictures without permission.
- Indigenous people are very simple and honest. Always respect their lifestyle, belief, and culture.
- There are security camps in some places on the way of Sajek. They need some information about travelers. Cooperate for your safety. Keep a copy of your national identity card.
- If you want to stay more than two or three days, instead of keeping the car with you, just fix the car to go. Come back with another vehicle or return to Dighinala by renting another car.
- It is a remote place and hilly areas, so keep necessary items and emergency medicine with you. Do throw any chips, packets or waste anywhere of the hilly areas, keep it in the right place. This is our pride, so it is our duty to keep neat and clean.



Want to make a group or family tour in Sajek?

Sajek is a perfect place for a group or family tour. The beauty of this place will give you awesome feelings. At the same time, you can come back within a day by visiting here. Hopefully, you can go to Sajek within a tight budget. If you want to travel Sajek with safety and want to enjoy the place with more joy, **Travel Mate** can help you with arranging the tour. Contact us for further details. Above all, you may add any missing information from the comment section.