



# The Lonesome Traveler

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## DYNAMIC & OFFENSIVE *Active tour Bangladesh. (20 days)*

Cycling in the northeast, the largest tea growing area in the world.

Hiking in the southeast, the extraordinary Chittagong Hill Tracts. Yoga and canoeing in between.

Does that come close to your ideas? Then our active trip is your trip! We discover Bangladesh dynamically, offensively-minded and together in a small group. In addition to the elements of an active trip, this three-week tour always includes time to regenerate and process the experiences because you not only visit an original and fascinatingly different country, you will (have to) conquer the plump, colorful life that often enough on the Road takes place.

In the north-east, the tea region of the country, we will mainly explore the wonderful region on foot or by bike. Also in the southeast, in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, we travel a lot on foot in the *mountains* of Bangladesh. In between, on the Sari, one of the most beautiful rivers in the country, by canoe and in the Ganges Delta with our small charter ship.

You will meet silent witnesses to history, like lively ones to the present. Scenic highlights are paired with religious traditions, the everyday life of the village communities with that of the megacities. You can still find traditional agriculture and fishing everywhere, in the cities crafts and trade are sometimes as public as when the British conquered the country. In other words, there are a myriad of impressions and experiences that are waiting for you and that cannot replace by a newspaper report or a television program.

Sure, it is exhausting to travel away from touristically developed regions, but Bangladesh will reward you with priceless impressions and experiences!

### Highlights

- bubbling juggernaut Old Dhaka
- the tea capital Srimangal: hikes and bike tours
- the last rainforest in the country - Lawachara National Park
- all around Lalakhal: kayaking on the sari, walking in lush greenery
- the stone fishermen from Jaflon
- boat tour along the Chittagong ship-breaking-yards
- the Chittagong Hill Tracts: hikes, various ethnic villages, river trips
- Kaptai Lake Rangamati
- ferry passage on the Meghna, the largest river in Asia
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Bagerhat - the forgotten Kalifatabad
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Sundarbans - cruise in the Ganges Delta (charter ship)

### Itinerary

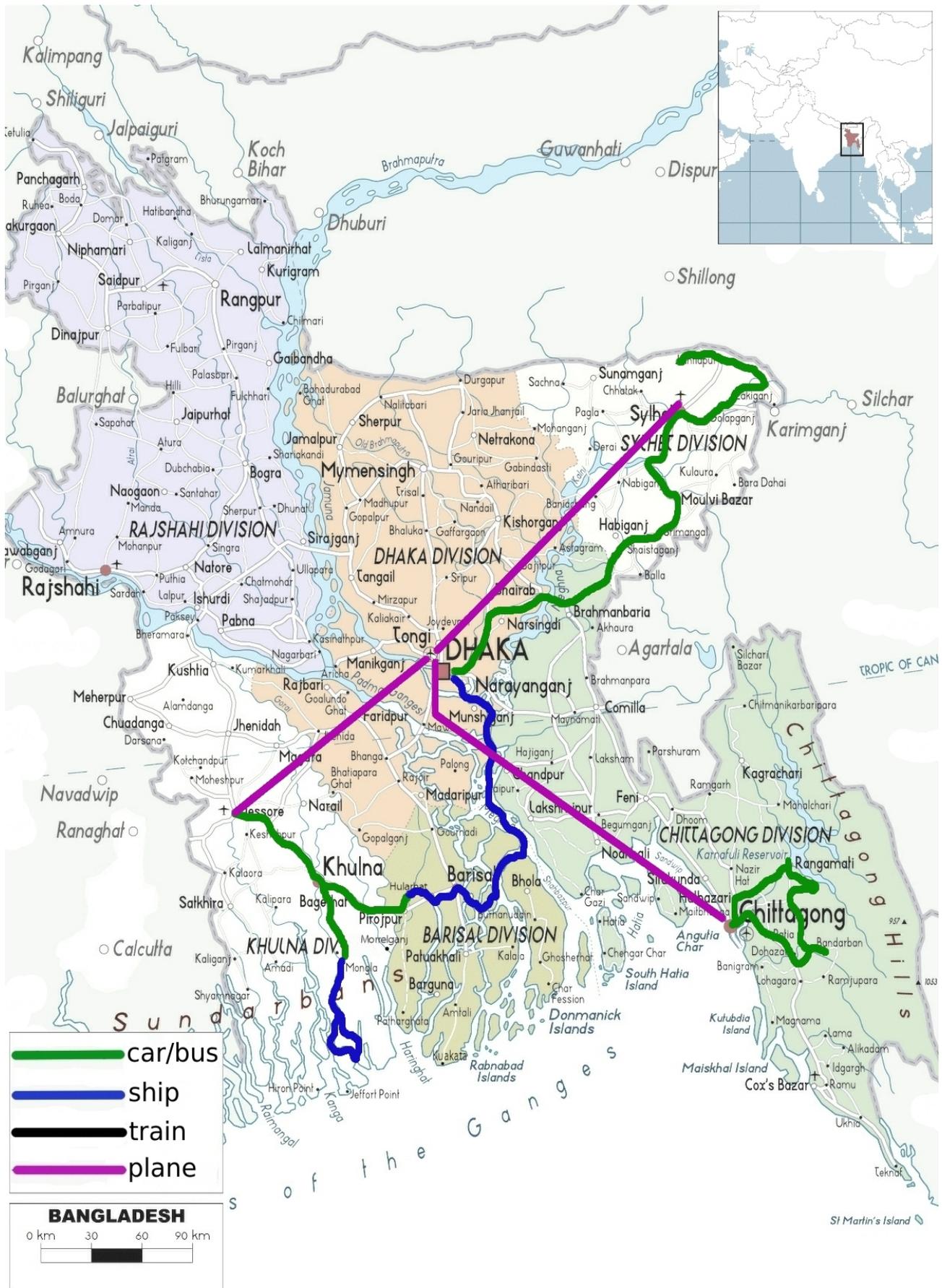
	day/date	stage/services	transport	overnight stay
1	Sunday	arrival Dhaka <b>hotel transfer, Kawran Bazar</b>	bus 15km	Marino Hotel ***
2	Monday	Dhaka → Srimangal <b>adventure on the go...</b>	bus 180km/5h	Hotel Amar Bari

3	Tuesday	Srimangal <b>hikes</b>	-	***
4	Wednesday	Srimangal <b>cycle tours around Srimangal</b>	-	
5	Thursday	Srimangal → Lalakhal <b>adventure on the go...</b>	bus 120km/4h	Nazimgarh Wilderness Resort *****
6	Friday	Lalakhal <b>(river-) hikes</b>	-	
7	Saturday	Lalakhal → Jaflon → Lalakhal <b>stone fisherman</b>	bus 60km/2h	
8	Sunday	Lalakhal → Sylhet → Dhaka → Chittagong <b>adventure on the go... handluggage!</b>	bus 50km/2h plane 2x200km a 1h	The Alina Hotel ***
9	Monday	Chittagong <b>Chittagong City</b>	-	
10	Tuesday	Chittagong → Bandarban <b>ship breaking yards</b>	bus 80km/3h	Hill Side Resort **
11	Wednesday	Bandarban <b>(river-) hikes</b>	-	
12	Thursday	Bandarban → Rangamati <b>Kaptai Lake Road</b>	bus 70km/3h	Parjatan Complex ***
13	Friday	Rangamati <b>Kaptai Lake</b>	-	
14	Saturday	Rangamati → Chittagong → Dhaka <b>adventure on the go... handluggage!</b>	bus 70km/3h plane 200km/1h	Marino Hotel ***
15	Sunday	Dhaka → Hularhat <b>Old Dhaka, river trip handluggage!</b>	bus 20km ferry 300km/15h	riverboat 1. class cabin
16	Monday	Hularhat → Bagerhat → Mongla <b>river trip, Bagerhat</b>	bus 100km/4h	cruiser cabin
17	Tuesday	Sundarbans <b>Sundarbans</b>	-	
18	Wednesday	Sundarbans → Mongla <b>Sundarbans</b>	-	
19	Thursday	Mongla → Jessore → Dhaka <b>adventure on the go... handluggage!</b>	bus 110km/4h plane 150km/1h	Marino Hotel ***
20	Friday	departure Dhaka <b>airport transfer</b>	bus 5km	-

travel day	itinerary
1 Sunday	<b>Welcome to Dhaka! Crowds and markets</b> Day of arrival! After the transfer to your hotel, first steps in Dhaka. We visit the largest and most traditional market in Dhaka (Kawran Bazar) with handicrafts and trade, sometimes as publicly as when the British ruled the country. Good night in the fastest growing metropolis in Asia, Dhaka.
2 - 4 Monday - Wednesday	<b>About rainforest, ethnic groups and tea</b> In the early morning hours we travel northeast. On the go: Manufactories and markets. In the late afternoon we reach our first stage destination - Srimangal. We spend days 3 and 4 hiking and / or cycling through the wonderful area around Srimangal. Among other things we visit the Lawachara National Park and a village of the ethnic groups living here. Pleasant dreams in the country's tea capital.
5 - 7 Thursday - Saturday	<b>Where Bangladesh is most beautiful...</b> Around noon we travel northeast, to the border with India. On the way: Manufactures and markets, schools etc. We reach Lalakhal in the late afternoon. Day 6 we hike through the area, visit a tea factory and kayak on the azure to emerald green Sari. On day 7 we have a very different experience: a day trip to the stone fishermen of Jaflon. <i>In Lalakhal, please switch to hand luggage. You have your main luggage at the hotel in Chittagong on the evening of the 8th day.</i> Sleep well in Lalakhal!

<p><b>8 &amp; 9</b> Sunday &amp; Monday</p>	<p><b>From the north to the south</b> In the morning we drive to the airport of Sylhet and fly via Dhaka to the south of the country, to the second largest city, Chittagong. From the late afternoon there should be enough time to visit the fishing port. Day 9 we start in the early morning and visit the fish market, a must before we turn to the city, which has a lot to offer. Good night in Chittagong.</p>
<p><b>10 &amp; 11</b> Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</p>	<p><b>From iron eaters and ethnic groups. In the Chittagong Hill Tracts</b> Depending on the tidal situation, we start our boat tour around the scrapping yards, which are among the global centers of the scrapping industry. You can expect spectacular insights into working life. Around noon we travel on to the Chittagong Hill Tracts, a semi-autonomous area with a topography and culture that is decidedly atypical for Bangladesh. We should have reached Bandarban before dark. We spend day 11 on hikes and boat tours through the surrounding area. An idyll: rivers, gentle mountains once covered with thick jungle, steep canyons, dense bamboo and teak forests and settlements of the Jumma tribes. Gentle dreams in Bandarban!</p>
<p><b>12 - 14</b> Thursday - Saturday</p>	<p><b>Kaptai-Lake and Kaptai Link</b> We approach Rangamati via the most beautiful road in the country, the Kaptai Lake Link. Day 13 we are around and on the largest lake in the country. We experience a dreamlike backdrop, ethnic villages, Buddhist monasteries... <i>In Rangamati, please switch to hand luggage. You have your main luggage at the hotel in Dhaka on the evening of the 14th day.</i> Around noon on the 14th day we drive back to Chittagong, from where we will take the flight to Dhaka. Pleasant dreams in Rangamati.</p>
<p><b>15</b> Sunday</p>	<p><b>In the heart of the juggernaut, Old Dhaka</b> In the morning we go straight to the heart of Dhaka, the old town. Dhaka is not a city, it is rather a juggernaut, an alluring and devouring black hole, and Old Dhaka is its center. We stroll through Hindu Street and roam through the impenetrable tangle of alleys around the Sadarghat, always accompanied by a sea of 600,000 colorful, deafening rickshaws. At the end of the day, we embark here from the world's largest river port to Hularhat. <i>In Dhaka, please switch to hand luggage. You have your main luggage on the evening of the 16th day on our Sundarbans cruiser.</i> Fair wind and good night in your 1st class cabin on the ferry.</p>
<p><b>16</b> Monday</p>	<p><b>UNESCO World Heritage<sup>2</sup> part 1: Bagerhat</b> In the late morning we reach Hularhat on our leisurely trip, enough time to observe rural life from our small promenade deck. On the way to Mongla we cross Bagerhat. This is considered an <i>excellent example of an architectural ensemble that illustrates a significant stage in human history</i> and is therefore a World Heritage Site. In the evening we reach the gateway to the Ganges Delta: Mongla. Dinner and overnight camp on our small cruiser.</p>
<p><b>17 &amp; 18</b> Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</p>	<p><b>UNESCO World Heritage<sup>2</sup> part 2: In the largest delta on earth</b> In the late afternoon of the 17th day we reach Kotka, a game station in the southeastern part of the Sundarbans. There should still be enough time for a first shore leave... We end the day with a BBQ dinner on board. On the morning of the 18th day we watch the awakening life from the dinghy in one of the side arms. After breakfast we hike towards the pristine beach of the Bengal Bay. In the afternoon you cross towards Mongla with the opposite course. Arrive the next morning. <i>On our cruiser, please switch to hand luggage. You have your main luggage at the hotel in Dhaka on the evening of the 19th day.</i> Fair wind and good night in your cabin.</p>
<p><b>19 &amp; 20</b> Thursday &amp; Friday</p>	<p><b>Back on "Go!"</b> After lunch we disembark and drive to the airport in Jessore. If there is enough time, the route offers enough for small sightseeing stops. In the evening of the 19th day we reached Dhaka or your hotel again. After the final dinner together, a good last night here in Bangladesh. Airport transfer in the morning of the 20th day. Farewell and end of the tour.  Thank you and good trip home!</p>

Travel route



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