

## Bangladesh at a glance

<b>Official Name</b>	The People's Republic of Bangladesh
<b>Geographical Location</b>	Latitude between 20o34' and 26o38' North Longitude between 88o01' and 92o41' East
<b>Area</b>	147,570 sq. km.
<b>Boundaries</b>	North - India (West Bengal and Meghalaya), West - India (West Bengal) East - India (Tripura and Assam) and Myanmar, South-Bay of Bengal.
<b>Capital City:</b>	Dhaka
<b>Other Major Cities</b>	Chittagong, Khulna, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Barisal
<b>Standard Time</b>	GMT +6 Hours
<b>Climate Variation</b>	Winter 11o C - 20o C (October - February) Summer 21o C - 38o C (March - September)
<b>Rainfall</b>	1100 mm to 3400mm (June - August)
<b>Humidity</b>	Highest 99% (July) Lowest 36% (December & January)
<b>Population</b>	145 million
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	60%
<b>Language</b>	Bangla (national language). Spoken by 95%, other dialects 5%, English is widely understood and spoken.
<b>Principal Crops</b>	Rice, Jute, Tea, Wheat, Sugarcane, Pulses, Mustard, Potato, Vegetables.
<b>Principal Rivers</b>	Padma, Meghna, Jamuna, Surma, Brahmaputra, Karnaphuli, Teesta, Sitalakhya, Rupsha, Madhumati, Gorai, Mahananda etc.
<b>Principal Industries</b>	Garments, Tea, Ceramics, Cement, Leather, Jute, Textiles, Electric and Electronics, Medicine, Fishing.
<b>Principal Exports</b>	Garments, Knitwear, Frozen Shrimps, Tea, Leather and Leather products, Jute and Jute products, Ceramics etc.
<b>Principal Imports</b>	Wheat, Fertilizer, Petroleum goods, Cotton, Edible Oil etc.
<b>Electricity</b>	220 Volts AC in all cities and towns
<b>Currency</b>	Taka, having 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 in notes and 5,2,1 in coins.
<b>Religion</b>	Muslims - 86.6%, Hindus - 12.1%, Buddhists - 0.6%, Christians 0.4% and others 0.3%.
<b>Government</b>	Parliamentary form of Government President is the head of the state while the government elected by the people is headed by the Prime Minister.
<b>Business Hours</b>	Government Office Hours: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Friday and Saturday are holidays. Some Private business houses work on Saturdays.
<b>Best Tourist Season</b>	October to March.