If green can humble you, here it is.
Even the air smells green here - at Pulungdung.

The Lepcha Community for the very first time, has successfully established a village for tourism in the beautiful Darjeeling Hill. “Poloongdong Lepcha Village Resort” is a community based Homestay Resorts, comprising of cosy cottage accommodations to ensure a pleasant and comfortable stay for our visiting guests.

Pulungdung Village:
"Pulungdung" originates from the word "Poloongdong". In the language of the natives, 'The Lepcha'- the name means abundance of unending and undulating landscape of Bamboo Groves sprouting edible Bamboo Shoots. Picturesque village is nestled in a blissful place of peace and tranquillity barely 20 kilometre from Darjeeling Town and is home to many rare & endangered animals, birds & plants.

One can stay at Pulungdung and enjoy the sightseeing of Darjeeling town, Mirik (28km) and Jore Pokhari which is about 5 km from Pulungdung, is famous for Himalayan Salamander Wildlife sanctuary & the beautiful view of Mt. Kanchendzonga.

Tiger Hill is about 22km and trekking from Pulungdung to Tiger Hill is also possible from here. Maney Bhanjyang (10 Km), a small transit located at the gateway of Singalila National Park and is a trailhead for the world famous trek to Sandakphu(3636m) which ia aprox 42 Km...! A Trekkers Paradise...!!

Pulungdung is a village of historic significance. General G. B. Mainwaring, who hails from an Aristocratic family of Cavenagh- Mainwaring from Whitemore in Staffordshire, had stationed himself in this village where he did most of his research and was assisted by his mentor a Lepcha Priestess by the name Mundeymem. He was born in India on 18th of July 1825 & arrived at Darjeeling by the end of 1867. A Legendary Scholar who compiled the Lepcha grammar at a time when Lepchas had been facing extinction through British Colonisation. He saved this community from ethnic indignity and the attribution of a dying race. The remains of the ruined old house where he resided still exist in this village.

The People:
The majority of the local inhabitants are the Lepcha people, The ancient race that has survived for time memorial within the boundaries of the present days Darjeeling District of West Bengal, Sikkim in India, Illam District of Nepal & Samtse District of Bhutan.

A landscape can be picturesque, which Pulundung is. But, what sets apart Pulungdung is its people. They are Dear, Courteous and Hospitable as befits the Lepcha ethos.
**Cottages:**
10 beautiful cottages decked in eye-catching colour schemes suited to the ambience have been constructed alongside the residents' dwellings to accommodate guests with modern amenities.

**Food:**
A huge common dining room set as a restaurant adjacent to a Lepcha Programme Hall. We serve local naturally grown vegetables combined into traditional Lepcha cuisine, Indian & Continental cuisine on demand.
Responsible Tourism:

The Pulungdung initiative therefore is not merely a money-spinner. The objective behind the enterprise is to engage the community, particularly womenfolk, in meaningful economic activity. Job creation is probably the biggest problem every government faces across the globe. Tourism is an answer to that riddle. Studded with natural beauty, Pulundung offers local youth to promote the village tourism concept and shift towards self-sufficiency.

Local Architecture encouraged to preserve the traditional knowledge of the lepchas, supporting conservation and protection of local Flora & Fauna including endangered species of the village like Salamander, Pangolin, and Otter, Serow (Tahr) etc. and birds like Hill Partridge, Eurasian Woodcock, Great Barbat, Common Hoopoe etc and medicinal plants are available in the village.

The Pulundung initiative is therefore a targeted endeavour. You not just gain from your stay here; you also contribute to a community’s development. Now that is a win-win situation.

To make your stay worthwhile, we have the following activities organized for you:

(1) Bird Watching
(2) The Traditional way of fishing about 2.5km away
(3) A village Tour with A local Guide.
(4) A walk through The Tea Garden
(5) Trek to Sandakphu.
(6) Cultural Troupe (only on demand)

We are awaiting your arrival.... Come feel nature like never before .....!!!

COMMUNITY BASED TOURISM

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