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# Bangladesh



Beautiful green landscape marks most of Bangladesh. People of many faiths, cultures and ethnicity live here in peace. You can choose to visit urban cities or peaceful villages, hills, forests, beaches, or historical sites....where do you want to go?



## Rajshahi



★ **Paharpur Monastery**  
Ruins of Buddhist Vihara constructed in 7th century. This is the single largest Buddhist monastery in the Southern Himalayas.

★ **Puthia**  
Photogenic cluster of old Hindu temples.

UNESCO World Heritage Site (Since 1985)

## Khulna



★ **Bagerhat**  
This is a formerly lost city with old mosques built in 15th century.



★ **Sundarbans**  
Explore the world's largest mangrove forest, home of mighty Bengal tigers.

UNESCO World Heritage Site (Since 1985)

UNESCO World Heritage Site (Since 1997)

## Dhaka



★ **National Parliament**  
The building was designed by famous architect Louis I. Kahn



★ **Old Dhaka**  
There is a variety of markets and historical sites. Great places to stroll around!



Enjoy the energetic city!



## Sylhet



★ **Sylhet**  
Visit the oldest tea-garden *Malinichara* in Bangladesh! Or plan a day trip to quarry near border.

★ **Srimangol**  
Famous for tea gardens. Experience *Manipuri & Khasia* ethnic culture as well.



## Chittagong



★ **Hill Tracts**  
Hilly area that embraces unexplored nature and diversity of tribes. Find different faces of Bangladesh!



★ **Cox's Bazar**  
Relax on the world's longest sea beach with attractive shell souvenirs, fresh sea-food and ethnic handicrafts.



# Fair & Festival

## Pohela Boishakh (Bengali New Year)

The first day of the *Bengali* calendar, introduced by Mughal Emperor *Akbar*, marks the cultural spirit of *Bengalees*. All over the country the day is celebrated, especially in Dhaka. *Chayanot* has a long tradition of early morning musical festival, with art-parade by the Institute of Fine Arts.



## Traditional Fashion

Red and white are the colors for New Year. Women adorn themselves with *bangles*, flowers, *teeps*, and *mehedi*.



## Traditional Food

People prepare village diet to find bonding with rural life. The traditional breakfast begins with *Pantabhat*, cooked rice soaked overnight in water.



## Baul Mela



*Lalon song* is enlisted as intangible world heritage

Roaming folk singers called *Bauls* have been wandering for hundreds of years, soul searching through meditation and song. *Bauls* gather in *Kushtia* once a year to celebrate great *Baul* exponent *Lalon's* birthday.



*Lalon Fair, Cheuria, Kushtia*, a choices for musical instruments and crafts.



*Baul Fair* marking the great saint's death anniversary.

## Eid-Festival

There are two major religious festivals of the *Muslims*

After a month of fasting in *Ramadan*, *Muslims* celebrate *Eid* festival.

The second Eid festival is called the *feast of the sacrifice*.



*Eid-ul-Fitre*

During *Ramadan*, People share *Iftar* (meal after fasting)



After Eid prayer, *Muslims* embrace one another.

*Eid-ul-Azha*



Mostly cows and goats are sacrificed. The meat is divided into 3 portions, one for the poor, one for relatives and one for family

## Durga Puja

It is the biggest Bengali *Hindu* festival which celebrates the victory of Goddess *Durga* over the demons. Thousands of *Puja Mondops* (place for worship) are set up across the country.



Devotees dance overnight at temples during puja, and at the last day, idol of *Durga* is dedicated in the river.



# What to eat?

Rice & Curry is main food in Bangladesh. Curry of fish, meat, egg or vegetables cooked in a spicy sauce plus yellow lentils called *Daal* are served with plain rice.



Try curry in Bangladeshi style!



1 Put rice on your plate, take curry one by one. (start with vegetable, then fish/meat, finish with lentil soup)



2 Mix rice and curry well with your right hand.



3 Take a lump for a bit, and eat!

Mainly use marked area of your hand.

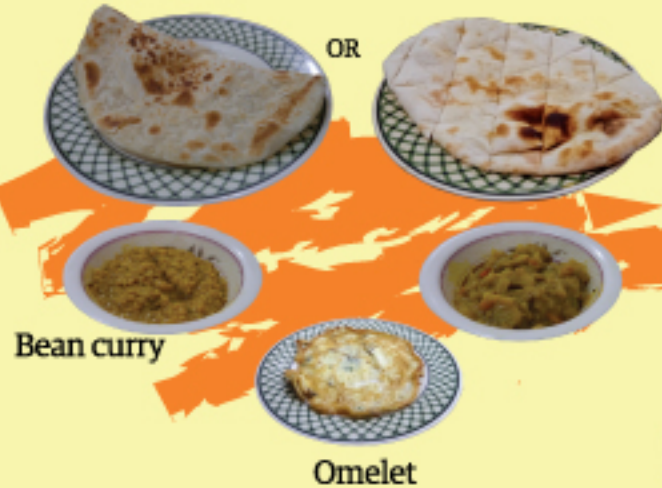


## Breakfast

Paratha

Naan

OR



Bean curry

Omelet

Good Morning!  
Do you want chili in your omelet??



## Lunch & Dinner



Kichuri



Rice cooked with lentils and spices. Considered as comfort food and often served on rainy day.

Biryani



Rice cooked with ghee, spices, and usually chicken or mutton.

Skewer with meat often served with naan. Beef is popular in Bangladesh.

Shish Kabab



Boorhani

Drink prepared by yogurt, mints, chilly, coriander, pepper, sugar, salt e.t.c....

## Dessert

How about sweet dessert after spicy food??

SEMAI



Vermicelli prepared with sugar and butter milk

FALUDA



Bangladeshi parfait

YOGHURT



Locally known as Doi

SWEETS



Locally called *Mishti*, made from milk, sugar, butter milk and flour

Variety kinds at stores!





# Would you like to have a cup of SWEET tea??

Bangladeshi 'Cafe' are found beside street, between buildings, along rail lines... everywhere you go. People gather and chat as time allows. Why don't you join??



◀ Row of tea stalls. People enjoy chatting with friends.



◀ About 500 cups of tea are made in a day!

Which tea do you like??



## How to prepare tea?

1. Clean glass with hot water
  2. Add sugar
  3. Pour tea
  4. Add condensed milk
  5. Mix well
- TEA!

A cup of tea? Do you want sugar and milk??

1cup 6Tk!



# Snacks!!

Various kinds of snacks are found on the street. Try and find your favorite one!



Try one!

## Singara

Typical snacks of Bangladesh! Fried pastry filled with spiced potato and vegetables.



## Fuchka

Crisp stuffed with potato & lentil paste. Served with tamarind sauce.



## Samosa

Fried pastry filled with onion and minced meat



## Chotpoti

Hot chickpeas with potato, spices and tamarind sauce, topped with eggs & crumbled crisp.



## Pitha



Rice cake



## Jilapi

Fried sweet soaked in syrup.



## Pyaju

Spicy onion fritter



## Halim

Soup curry prepared with wheat, beef/mutton, mix lentils and spices.



## Chop

"Chop" is fried mashed potato.

Minced Meat in mashed potato, Fried egg in mashed potato etc.



## Chow mein

Stir-fried noodle.





# Bangla fashion

People in traditional dress will catch your eyes! Market is full of colorful fabrics and dresses, and tailor shops are everywhere. Why don't you get your dress tailor-made for a reasonable price?



## SHAREE

Sharee is the national wear of Bangladeshi women. Most women wear as their regular dress while young-unmarried as an occasional dress. It is a single garment wrapped around the waist with the end and thrown over the left shoulder. Dhakai Jamdani is world wide known and the most famous and other variations of them are mostly in both silk and cotton.

## PANJABI

Traditional cloth for man, especially worn in formal occasions. Young people tend to wear panjabi with jeans these days.



Let's try on Sharee and take pictures!!



Look nice?

### Nose pierce

Very popular, especially for married women.



### Mehendi

Artistic Designs drawn by henna paste.



### Teep

Put on forehead. Usually used when women wear sharee.



# SALWAR KAMEEZ



Traditional casual home-wear for daily use. Set of tunic (kameez), pajama (salwar) and scarf (orna) are called '3 pieces'. Color combination between the three is important.

!! We wear cloth too in winter!!



## LUNGI

Ethnic wear of Bangladesh. Lungi is a tubular cloth sewn into the hem. Mostly woven in cotton, often in mixed yarn. Widely worn by common people at work and urban people at home. This is the most comfortable wear in the world!



## FROCK



Frock is the wear of most young girls. Frocks are usually colorful and decorated by accessories like lace, buttons and butterflies, even mirror chips.

## Get tailor-made clothes for yourself!

If you are interested in getting tailor made clothes, go to bazaar to find your favorite fabrics! Get fabrics & accessories (if you like), and go to a tailor who will show you designs of your choices.

Have a look!



For beginners



Salwar kameez & orna are often sold as a set. If you are not sure of a matching, get it in a set!



# Souvenirs

What do you want for souvenir?  
Local snacks, or traditional crafts?  
Stroll around shopping centers, or  
take a look at stores beside streets.  
Let's find unique Bangladeshi souvenir!

## Food items



### tea bags

Tea is a must-item for Bangladeshi daily life.(70 tk)

**chanachur**  
Spicy snack  
(8tk/small pack)



### jhal muri

Puffed rice mixed with spices.  
(8 tk/small pack)



**lassi**  
(25 tk)



**biscuit**  
Thin Biscuit  
Red package is spicy!  
(25 tk)



**mango bar**  
(7 tk)



**mango juice**  
(15 tk)

**mango candy**  
(1 tk)



**achar**  
Bangladeshi pickle.  
Tamarind & mango are popular.(5 tk)



**spice mix**  
(40-50 tk)

Try Bangladeshi dish after going back to your country!!

**accessory box**  
(80 tk each)



## Traditional items

Why don't you get Bangladesh traditional items such as *Nokshikatha*?  
*Nokshikatha* is traditional embroidered quilt, usually stitched by village women together with fold design.

All hand-stitched!



Bengali letter is printed!

**gamcha**  
thin cotton towel with variety of colors and designs.(30-80 tk)



**pakha**  
Traditional fan  
(100-150 tk)



### jute bag

Jute is famous in Bangladesh! Variety kinds of designs, colors & size are available. (100-150 tk)



**coaster**  
Coaster with *Nokshikatha* design  
(50 tk/pcs.)



**mobile bag**  
(81 tk)



**bag**  
(1200 tk)



**pen case**  
(80 tk)



**book mark**  
(50 tk)



Rikshaw design!

**scarf**  
(600 tk)



### pottery

Handmade pottery cup.  
Each one is slightly different.  
(Cup/120tk, sugar pot/89 tk)



### rikshaw

Bring small Rikshaw to your home! (600 tk)





## National Martyrs' Memorial



Architect: Moinul Hossain

### Jatiyo Smriti Soudho

the memorial is dedicated to the sacred memory of the millions of martyrs of 1971 War of Liberation. It is surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens and lake filled with water lilies.

<Access from Dhaka>

🚗 2 hours



## National Mosque



Architect: Abul Hossain Thairani

### Baitul Mukarram

A mosque without a dome over the roof. Its main prayer hall is unique of its kind. It has modern architectural features while it preserves the traditional principles of *Mughal* architecture.

## Bangabandhu Mausoleum



Tungipara, the birth place of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Father of the Nation, is the place where he is placed for eternal rest in the district of Gopalganj. The grave has a unique dome built by Bangladeshi architects with great care and precision.

<Access from Dhaka>

🚗 5-6 hours



## Language Movement Martyrs' Memorial



Architect: Hamidur Rahman

### Shahid Minar

Memorial to honor the martyrs of 1952 Language Movement), centrally located inside Dhaka University, along the Dhaka Medical College. This memorial is the center of Bangladeshi culture and history. Each year on 21st February people from all walks of life gather here bare footed with flower as a mark of respect to those who died in the language movement.



## National Parliament Building



Architect: Louis I. Kahn

### Jatiyo Sangshad Bhaban

It is one of the 16 great architectural marvels of the world. The parliament building designed by world famous architect Louis I. Kahn was built as National Assembly building during Pakistan time as Second Capital. Now it houses the 330 member National Legislatures of Bangladesh.



Discover World's Single  
**LARGEST**  
Mangrove Forest

# SUNDARBANS

Sundarbans is one of the most exciting places for adventure in wildness. Visiting Bangladesh is incomplete without seeing it. This unexplored forest is designated as UNESCO world heritage and known as home of the mighty Bengal Tigers.



**Animal** Except Royal Bengal Tiger, many species are inhabited in the forest such as Spotted Deer, Otter, Monkey, Barking Deer, wild Boar, Dolphin.

## Bird

More than 300 different species are inhabited such as, Kingfisher, Magpie Robin, Eagle, Heron.



## Plant

Besides mangrove and its breathing roots, unique plants and flowers are in plenty.



### BOAT TRIP

Take a boat trip to narrow creeks! Especially in the early morning, wildlife will come up close to you! On the boat, you can only hear the sounds of a stream and birds singing.



### JUNGLE TREKKING

Make deep inroads into natural forest to find Royal Bengal Tigers! In rainy season, you might have to walk into mud. Be careful to breathing roots!



Though you may not see tigers, you may find trace of tigers. watch your step, find footprints!



### OBSERVE ANIMALS

Not only while walking in jungle, but also from the deck of vessel, you will find wildlife. Prepare binoculars with your hand, and keep your eyes outside!



### OBSERVATORY TOWER

Look out vast forest as far as you can see from observatory tower. From the tower, you can take a walk through grasses to wild beach.



### HONEY HUNTING

Trek on foot through forest with local workers skilled in honey hunting. Experience traditional way of honey collection and taste fresh gold liquid from Sundarbans.

## Stay overnight on vessel!

To experience wild jungle, go deep inside by vessel and stay for some days. You will have more chances to see wild life which is only active in the early morning or at night.

Tour operators organize few days trip in Sundarbans. Special tours such as honey hunt, bird watching, and observing local festivals are also organized as per seasons.

#### Tour operators :

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation -> <http://parjatan.portal.gov.bd/>

Bengal Tours: <http://bengaltours.com/>

Guide Tours: <http://www.guidetoursbd.com/>



▲ Meal on vessel

◀ Twin Cabin



# Old Dhaka

See how a city was born by the *Buriganga River*, flow of the *Ganges*. Find ancient touch of lifestyle!



**Dhakeshwari Temple**  
National Temple of Bangladesh



**Ahsan Manzil**  
House of the rulers (*Nababs*) of 19th century East Bengal, known as the '*Pink Palace*'



**Lalbagh Fort**  
Vast and imposing, yet incomplete fort constructed during *Mughal* era.



**Shakhari Bazar**

Explore the old Street named after bangle-makers *Shakharis* known for many traditional shops selling musical instruments and Hindus' festival accessories.



**Sadarghat**

Busy river port where you can have a boat trip. Visit in the evening to see beautiful sunset!

THOUSANDS OF vendors on the street



Taste local ice cream



Do you need your shoes repaired?



Do you want to try famous *Biriyani* of Old Dhaka?



## Gulshan & Banani Area

One of the fashion concerned area in New City. Here you can also find new cafes and restaurants.



Enjoy Shopping!

The largest shopping mall & theme park



# New Dhaka

See a growing city with your own eyes!



**Jamuna Future Park**





# Experience Village Life!



Experience traditional, simple village life. Go out from Dhaka and visit villages, people will treat you with hospitality and greet with warm smile.

## MODEL COURSE

### 1. Morning Market



Visit local market. Fresh milk is sold in buckets/jar!

### 2. School Visit



Visit local school and communicate with students. They welcome you and will ask thousands of questions!

### 3. Pottery Village

See experienced artisan's work



Let's try to cook puffed rice!!

## MEAL

Enjoy various types of Bangladeshi home made cuisine. Mild taste curry cooked with fresh seasonal vegetables.



### 5. Weaving Village

Some kinds of sharees are only made by hand weaving. From dying yarn to making bobbin, doing warping & designing, and of course weaving, you can see whole process of making sharee in villages. Let's ask artisans about their work, get some ideas of traditional weaving and their life and livelihood.



16:00



OUR ORIGINAL SCARFS!



### 4. Indigo Dyeing



14:00

Make design, put white scarf into Indigo, and dry. You can dye your own scarf!

## HOME-STAY



Staying with Bengali family is one of your choices! Help housework, cook together and eat together. Experience the real village life!

### 6. Cultural Program



Enjoy folk songs, dance and music with traditional instruments.



JOIN US! LET'S DANCE!

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Visit farm
- Visit local mosque
- Visit midwife center
- Cook Bengali food



Welcome to our home!



## Community Based Tourism

Community Based Tourism is an idea to provide work and an income for a group of people through engaging tourists with farmers activity, weavings, crafts, food, music etc. It generates positive economic and social development impacts in rural areas.

### Tour Operators

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation -> <http://parjatan.portal.gov.bd/>  
 AJIYER - <http://www.ajiyer.com/>  
 CBT - <http://www.cbtbangladesh.org>  
 JABA Tours - <http://www.jabatour.com/>



Common place



Guest room



# The longest uninterrupted beach in the world 120km!!

Southern part of Bangladesh, *Cox's Bazar* is known as beach-resort city. It takes only 1 hour from Dhaka by air, and airport is right next to the city. Play in the sea, lie under the sun, and take a walk along the beach until the sun sets down. Enjoy holidays on the beach!



## Seafood

Fresh seafood such as lobster, coral fish, crab, oyster are brought from fish market every morning. Taste the freshness of the sea!



Eco-resorts are truly eco-friendly, for exploring, watching, enjoying, and learning from nature.

## Eco Resort



Enjoy your stay in nature!



Nature-friendly, hand crafted luxury.



Play in the seclusion of private beach



### Cox's Bazar

Beach-resorts are right beside the world's longest beach. Enjoy your stay in those resorts, swimming in the sea, and enjoy fresh seafood.

### Burmese market

Mostly run by *Rakhain* girls, these shops offer you exotic Burmese dresses and food items.



Try Burmese noodle!

### Jhinuk market

*Jhinuk* means pearl shell in Bengali. In the evening, have a look at the shops selling pearls and seashell ornaments besides the beach.



Surfing

Try surfing for a reasonable price. All equipment and lessons are available from beginners to experienced surfers.  
Surf lesson(full day): 1,500 tk  
Board rental(full day): 1,000 tk

### Fishermen's village



20 minutes from Cox's Bazar, there is a traditional fishermen's village called *Shomoti Para*. You will find people fishing in traditional way and processing dried fish.

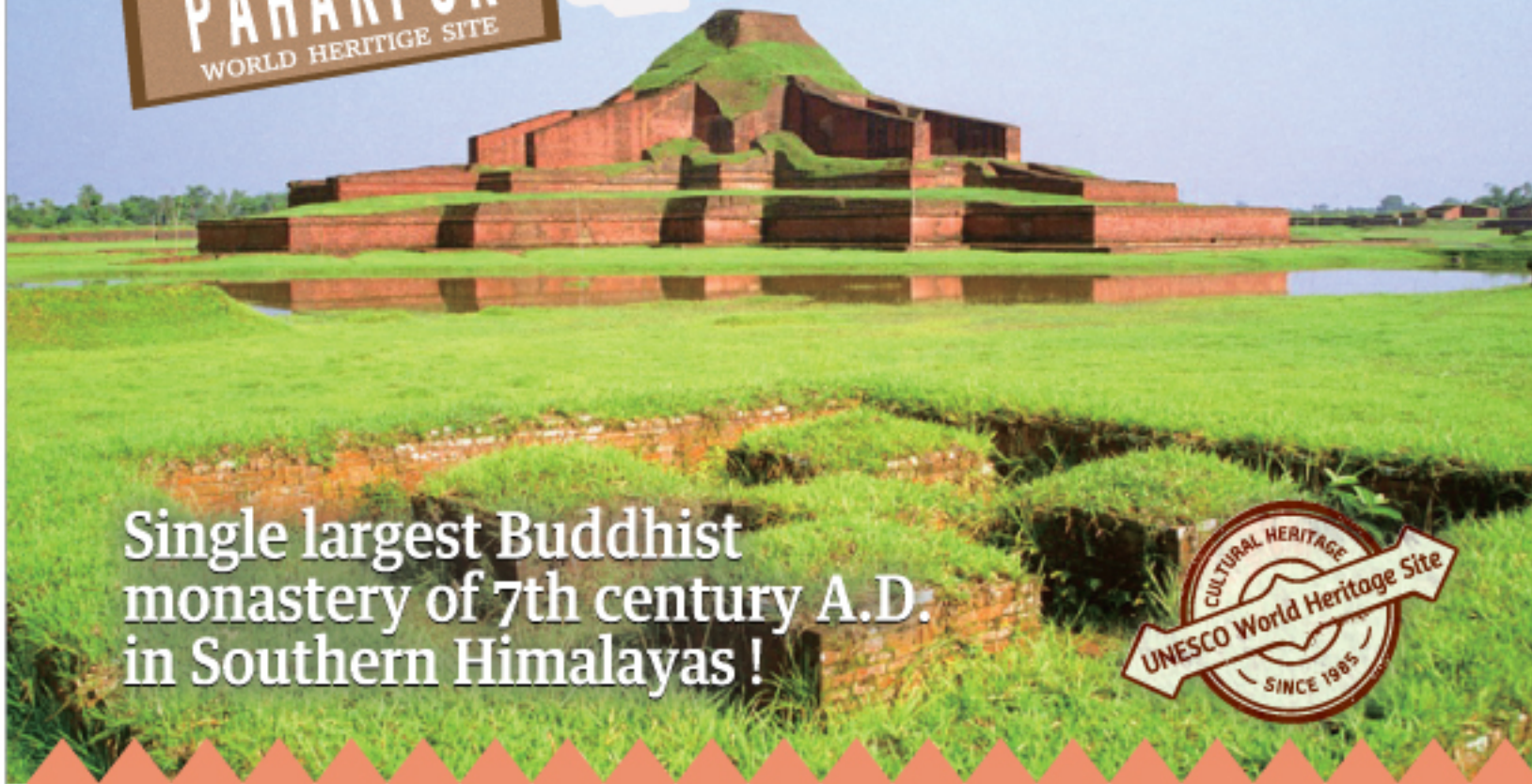


### St. Martin's Island

Take a boat trip to a coral island in blue ocean! During the season (Nov-Feb), tourists come from all over the country. It is a fairly small island with about 6km length. Roaming around beach to beach, enjoy swimming in water or just sit down on serenity. Diving and Snorkeling are also your options.



# PAHARPUR WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Single largest Buddhist monastery of 7th century A.D. in Southern Himalayas!



By far the most spectacular Buddhist monuments, discovered in regular excavation are the gigantic temple and monastery. Built in 7th and 8th century, this monastery spreads across 27 acres and embraces 177 monastic cells. The architectural style of *Paharpur Vihara* is said to give influence to Buddhist temples like *Borobudur (Indonesia)* and *Bagan (Myanmar)*.

Original relics still remain on Paharpur Vihara though these days relics are replaced by replicas in most archaeological sites.



Paharpur is called *Somapura Vihara* which means "moon city". In ancient times, there was no light around the area except the Vihara reflecting moon light. Stay overnight, find Paharpur from ancient times.



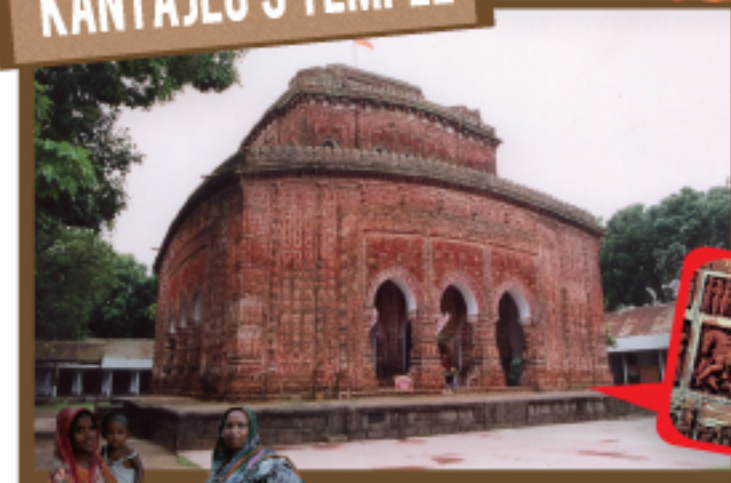
**Archaeological Rest House**  
Located just in front of Paharpur Vihara.  
Tel: 01711-301274  
Budget: 1,000 tk ~

To enjoy Paharpur at night & in the morning...

**<Access from Dhaka>**

- 8 hours (via Joypurhat)
- 8 hours (to Joypurhat) + 1 hour bus
- 1 hour (to Joypurhat) + 1 hour bus

# KANTAJEU'S TEMPLE



## Works with rich Terracotta!

A Hindu temple fully embellished with beautiful terracotta. Maharaja Pran Nath started construction of the temple in 1704, completed by his son in 1752, which took 48 years and the work of some 28,000 artisans.



Terracotta in the motif of Sanskrit epics *Ramayana* & *Mahabharata*



The temple is still used for worship by local people.

The temple is a part of our daily life.

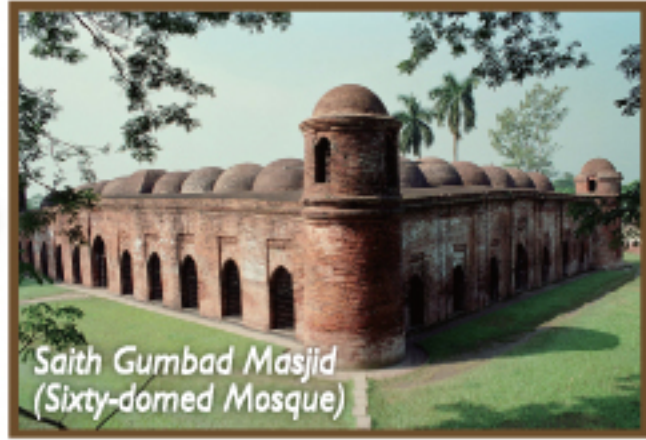
**<Access from Dhaka>**

- 7 hours
- 10 hours
- 1 hours(to Syedpur) + 1 hour bus

# BAGERHAT

## Ancient Mosque City

During the mid-15th century, a Muslim Principality was founded near the sea coast of what is now known as the Bagerhat district by a saint named Khan Jahan Ali. He adorned the city with mosques, water reserves, roads, bridges and palaces with distinct architectural style. There are many mosques spread throughout the city.



**Saith Gumbad Masjid (Sixty-domed Mosque)**

The mosque, one of the largest mosques in Bangladesh was built in 1459 by Khan Jahan. *Saith Gumbad* means "60 dome" in Bengali, but it has 77 domes over the main hall and 60 stone pillars. The mosque was used for prayer as well as a madrasa and assembly hall

**<Access from Dhaka>**

- 10 hours
- 11 hours (to Jessore) + 2 hours bus
- 40 mins (to Jessore) + 2 hours bus



## Khan Jahan Ali Shrine & Pond

Next to *Khan Jahan Ali Mazar*, there is a huge pond where crocodiles live. It is said that Khan Jahan Ali brought crocodile. People feed the crocodiles with chickens or goat in the belief that feeding crocodiles brings good luck.



# Hill Tracts

South-East of the country, the Hill Tracts is divided in 3 districts, Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachari. The area lies mostly untouched and unexplored.



▲ Boga Lake in Bandarban



▲ A Marma woman collecting crops from jum

## Traditional Ethnic culture

Hill Tracts are inhabited by various tribes with their own culture and customs. Ethnic women are especially skilled in making handicraft while men still go for hunting and make household equipments such as *hallong*, bamboo basket for carrying crops.

## Bandarban

the roof of Bangladesh



▲ View from Nilgiri, one of the highest peaks



Bandarban is situated amid lush green vegetations forest hills & valleys. Its panoramic view will allure you to extend your stay.

Flower print is common for Marma dress!



## Golden Temple

Situated amid an eye-catching serenity as the temple suits for quietness.

## Khagrachari



There are many hidden caves and water falls. It's the best place for tourists who like to explore the untouched nature.

## Rangamati

the lake district



▲ Kaptai Lake

The hilltop Town

Rangamati is famous for its beautiful landscape, scenic beauty, lake, colourful ethnic people and homespun textile products. For tourists, attractions are numerous: ethnic customs, fishing, speed boating, swimming or just enjoying the beauty of nature as it is. It is a spot where the concept of eco-tourism is truly upheld.

Chakma traditional handicrafts & clothes



## Rajbana Bihar

Established by spiritual leader of Buddhist people in the area.



## Traditional Food

In hill tracts area, ingredient and cooking style are different from Bengali cooking and dishes. Mostly, they eat wild vegetables and use many kinds of herbs to change the flavor of the dishes. Many ethnic people produce rice wine at their home and especially offer in cultural and family occasions.

### Roasted Chicken/Pork



Simple taste only seasoned with salt

### Binni



Thick rice mixed with slight sugar & coconut

### Hebang



Leafy greens boiled thoroughly with fish paste

### Bamboo Chicken



Vegetable & chicken with spices steamed inside bamboo log

### Chakma Pitha



Kola Pitha

Bora Pitha

Many kinds of rice cakes



# General Information

## Currency

Bangladesh Taka  
 1BDT = 0.012USD (1USD=77.8BDT) \*January, 2015

## Language

Bengali

## Religion

Muslims - 90.39%  
 Hindus - 8.54%  
 Buddhists - 0.62%  
 Christians - 0.31%  
 Others - 0.14%

## Time Zone

GMT +6

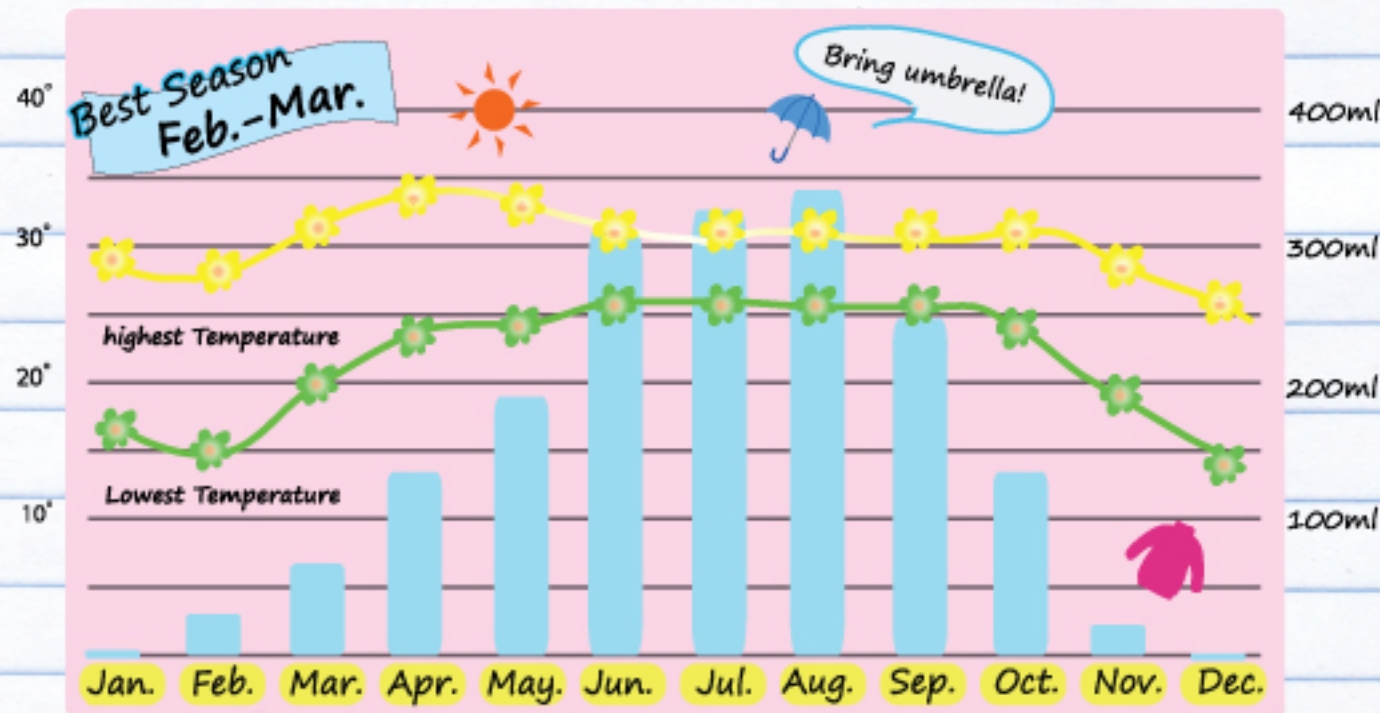
## Weekly Holiday

Friday & Saturday

Friday is religious holiday for Muslims as well as weekly holiday. Shops are usually closed during prayer.

## Weather

Tropical climate with hot and humid summer



Credit card is accepted in large shops, hotels, and restaurants. ATM is available in main cities

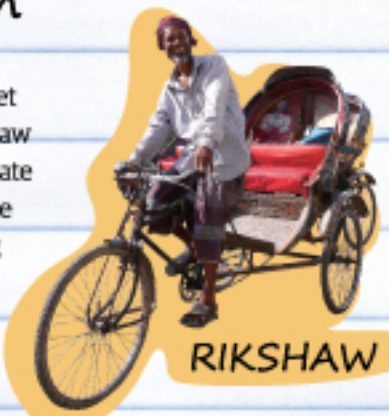
Use cloth in modest way. If possible, women use scarf and loose dresses

The left hand is considered unclean. Always use your right hand when taking and passing food, drinks, or business cards.

# Transportation

**Rikshaw** is common way to get around in short distance. Tell Rikshaw puller where you want to go, negotiate price, and get on! Rikshaw ride is the perfect transportation for exploring Bangladesh.

Cost: 15tk~



RIKSHAW

## BUS



**Bus** is the cheapest way to get around the city. Helper on the bus tells where the bus is going, so you can tell where you want to go. If a right bus comes, he will get you in!

Cost: 5tk/~



## TAXICAB

**Taxicab** is getting popular these days in Dhaka. You can catch a taxi mainly at airport, bus & train station, and some other area such as Gulshan, Banani.

Cost: 120 tk / 1km~



## For intercity travel...



## TRAIN

Comfortable and relaxing way for inter-city travel. Book your ticket online in advance.  
 Cost: 150 tk/~(economy seat)

# Daily Budget

Water(500ml) = 15tk  
 One Meal (at local restaurant) = 150tk  
 Economy guesthouse = 1500tk

Roasted pea/nuts for 5tk!



CNG

3 wheelers locally called 'CNG' is the quicker & convenient transportation.

Cost: 100 tk/~



## LAUNCH

Water transport to Southern part. Experience a stay overnight on the vessel!  
 Cost: 900 tk/~(Single cabin)





## A Tunnel of Cooperation

### Gabtohi Bus Terminal Underpass

Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, is located at the country's central location as road, rail and air communications hub. In road, communication Dhaka's Gabtohi Bus terminal is the major transit point for travelers to almost entire northern and north eastern districts. This Gabtohi bus terminal hub is used by hundreds of thousands of passengers and tourists.

Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan has recently come forward to renovate the underpass at Gabtohi terminal. Then came forward female vocational school graduates from BITAC (Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Center), who gave colorful paint on the underpass walls, and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) committed to maintain it clean, safe, bright and user-friendly in the future.

A JICA volunteer played the role as bridge between Mitsubishi Corporation and Local organizations. When complete with renovations and paintings, the pedestrian underpass now looks totally new and is more convenient, enjoyable and safer to the users. Gabtohi bus terminal underpass may be a little city-infrastructure, but it demonstrates a big potential for private, public and corporate cooperation or alliance in providing the benefit of development of the people of Bangladesh.

Give it a try to take a bus trip and witness the beautiful underpass!



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