



# BANGLADESH

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# Welcome to *Bangladesh*

*- where you'll hardly meet another tourist!*

Bangladesh is a breathtakingly beautiful country in South Asia. Take a trip with us and you'll discover swamps that time forgot and see the home of the man-eating tigers. Visit relics of long-forgotten Buddhist kingdoms. Meet tribal people of Burmese ancestry. Laze around on golden beaches that stretch as far as eye can see. Spot freshwater dolphins and deep-water whales. Encounter some of the most open-hearted people you'll ever meet.

Nijhoom Tours is the first TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence award-winning tour operator in Bangladesh. We achieved this prestigious award in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 consecutively based on our clients' ratings, for continuously providing outstanding service.

Our knowledgeable, experienced, and friendly staff and guides work behind the scenes and on the ground to open the door to a Bangladesh different from the one you thought you knew. A trip with us will broaden your horizons and deepen your understanding of Bangladeshi traditions and culture.

Visit Bangladesh with us for an unforgettable experience! Often overlooked by tourists, we are one of South Asia's hidden gems. Our amazingly hospitable people are waiting to welcome you to beautiful Bangladesh!



**Raw Hasan**

Founder & CEO | Nijhoom Tours





On a village in Barisal

# Bangladesh Overview



## Location

Bangladesh is located in South Asia, surrounded by India on three sides, the Bay of Bengal to the south, and a small border with Myanmar.



## Currency

Taka (Tk)



## Language

Bengali (Bangla)



## Time Zone

GMT + 6 Hours



## Visa

Citizens of EU, USA, Russia, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Singapore, and some other Asian countries can get 30 days visa on arrival.



## Best Time To Travel

### October - March:

Weather is cool and comfortable, no rain.

### July - September:

Full monsoon. Hot weather cooled down by occasional monsoon rain. Countryside is very green, rivers are in full flow. The country at its most beautiful.





Singing a song at a remote village

# Why Visit Bangladesh

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## Friendly People

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The people are very warm and hospitable. They will invite you to eat and drink with them everywhere you go.

## Not Your Average Tourist Destination

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One of the least-traveled destinations in the world. Escape the hordes of mass-market tourists.

## Great Food

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Affordable, delicious, spicy food is a treat for the tongue.

## Photogenic People

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The best place on earth for portrait photography. People love having their photos taken and never ask for money.





Traveling beyond the guide book's recommendations

# Why Travel With Nijhoom Tours

## ✓ Local Tour Operator

Nijhoom Tours is a home-grown local tour operator in Bangladesh. We know the very best of our country - every corner of it. By booking with us, you are also supporting a local business.

## ✓ Award Winning Tour Operator

Nijhoom Tours is the first tour operator in Bangladesh to achieve the Certificate of Excellence award from TripAdvisor, the largest travel review website in the world. We've achieved this prestigious award in 2015, 2016, and 2017.



## ✓ Lower Price Guaranteed

By directly booking with us, you cut out the middle man and pay less. You are guaranteed to get a lower price with us for a similar tour package offered by any foreign operator.

## ✓ Private and Small Group Tours

The maximum number of tour participants for our tours is 6 people. By small group, we mean really small. You get a private tour experience with any of our tours.

## ✓ Authentic Local Experience

Showing the culture and heritage of Bangladesh is always the focus of our tours. We take you to places off the beaten track which you won't find in the guidebooks and provide you with an authentic experience of Bangladesh.





## Bangladesh Attractions

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## Sundarbans

Largest mangrove forest on earth, and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



## Rocket

Century old paddle wheel steamer still carrying passengers regularly.





## Bagerhat

15th century Muslim city, and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



## Puthia

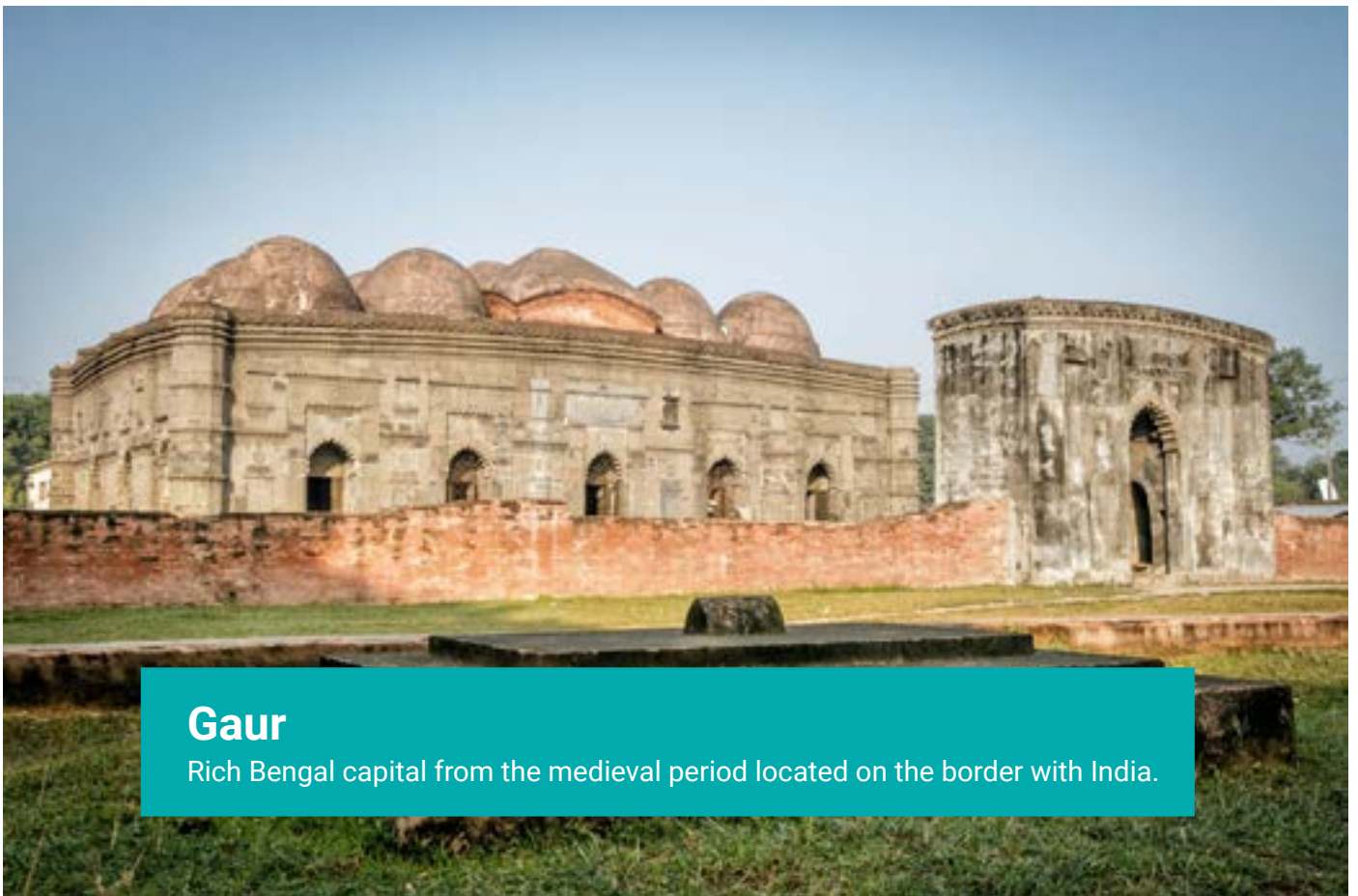
Small village full of beautiful Hindu temples.





## Sompur Mahabhihara

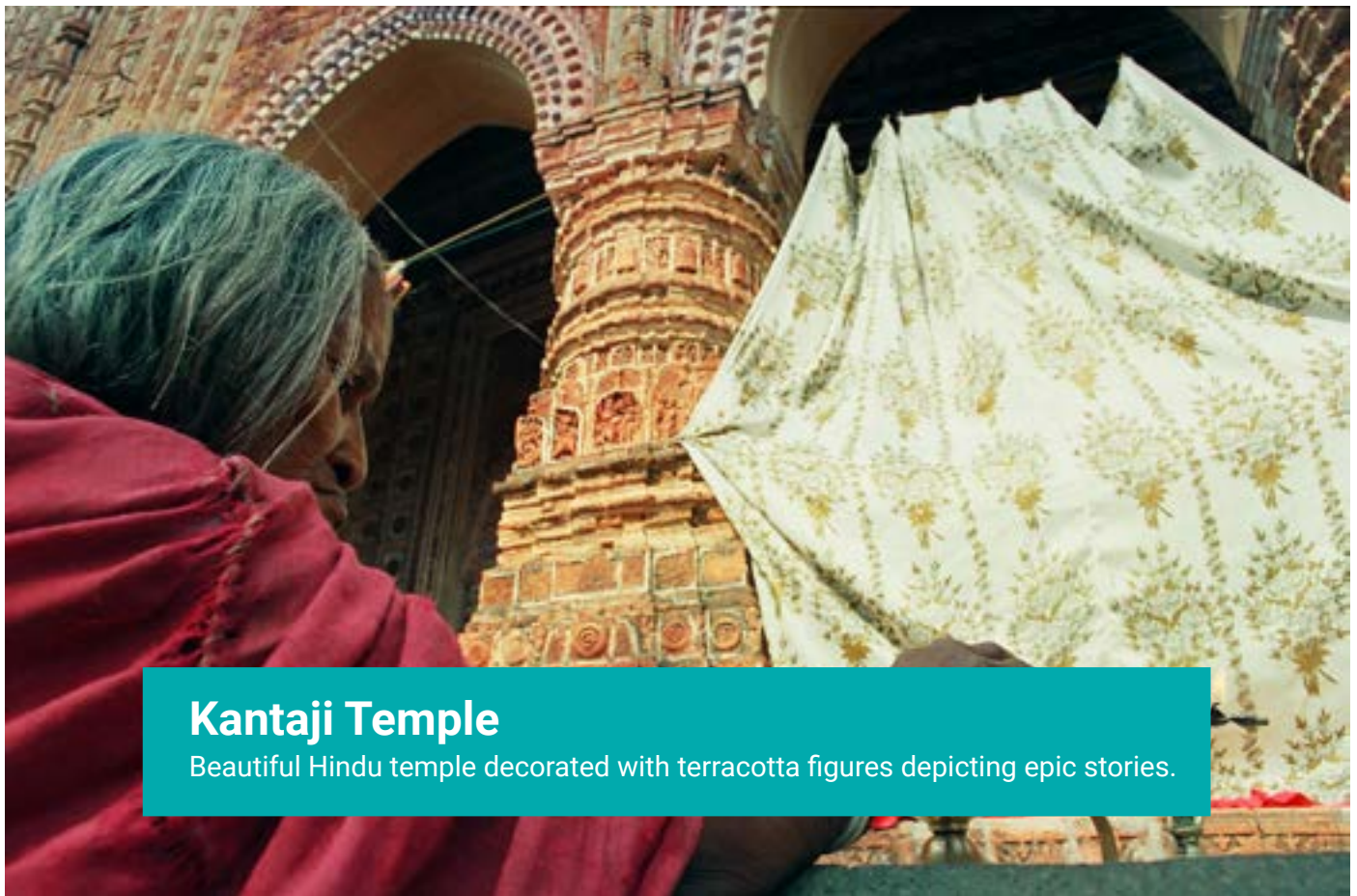
8th century Buddhist monastery, and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



## Gaur

Rich Bengal capital from the medieval period located on the border with India.





## Kantaji Temple

Beautiful Hindu temple decorated with terracotta figures depicting epic stories.



## Dhaka

Bustling capital city full of activity - best place on earth for portrait photography.





## Panam Nagar

Totally abandoned city once inhabited by Hindu merchants from the colonial period.



## Srimangal

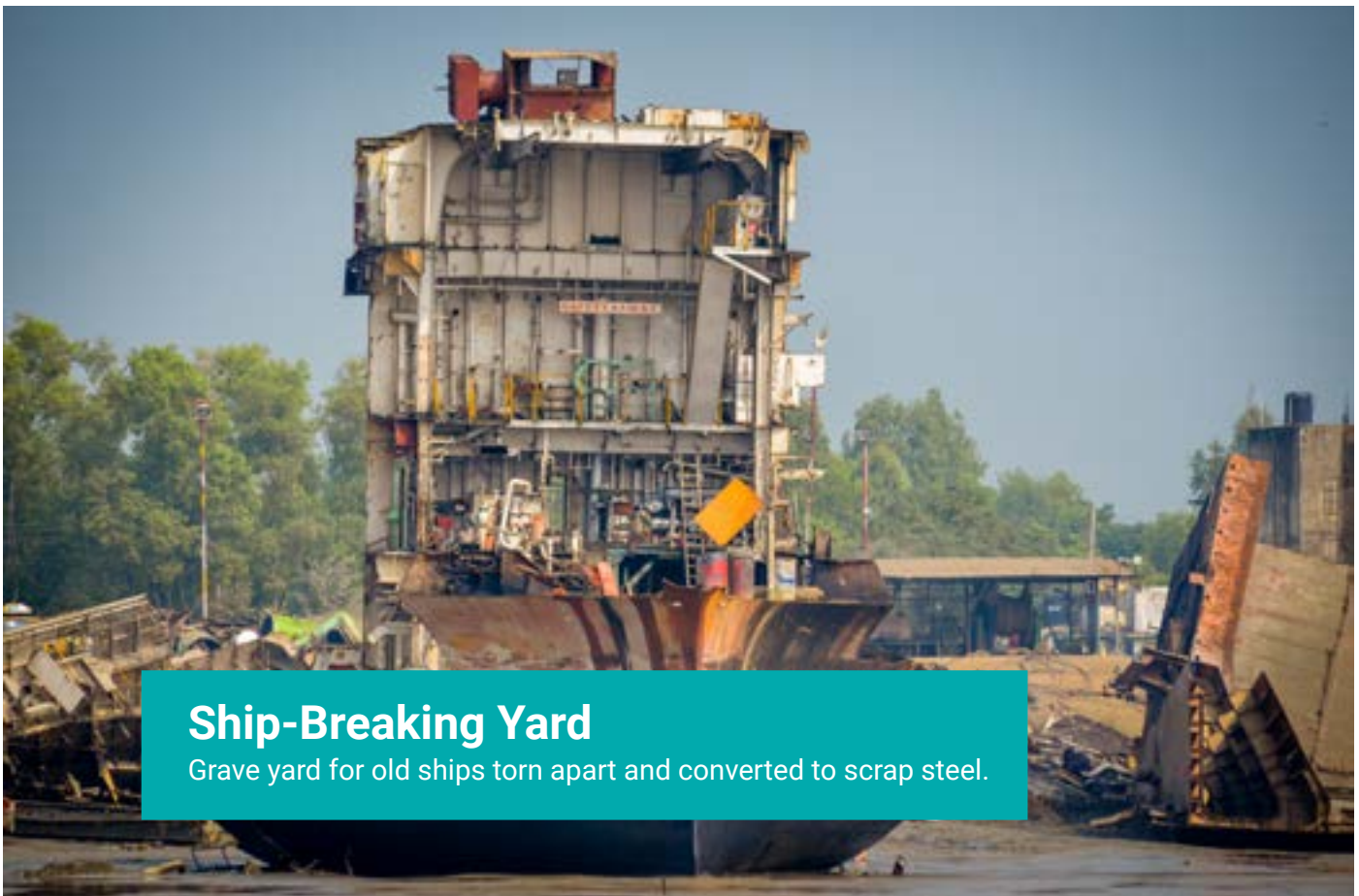
Tea capital of Bangladesh, full of tea plantations, national park, and more.





## Jaflong

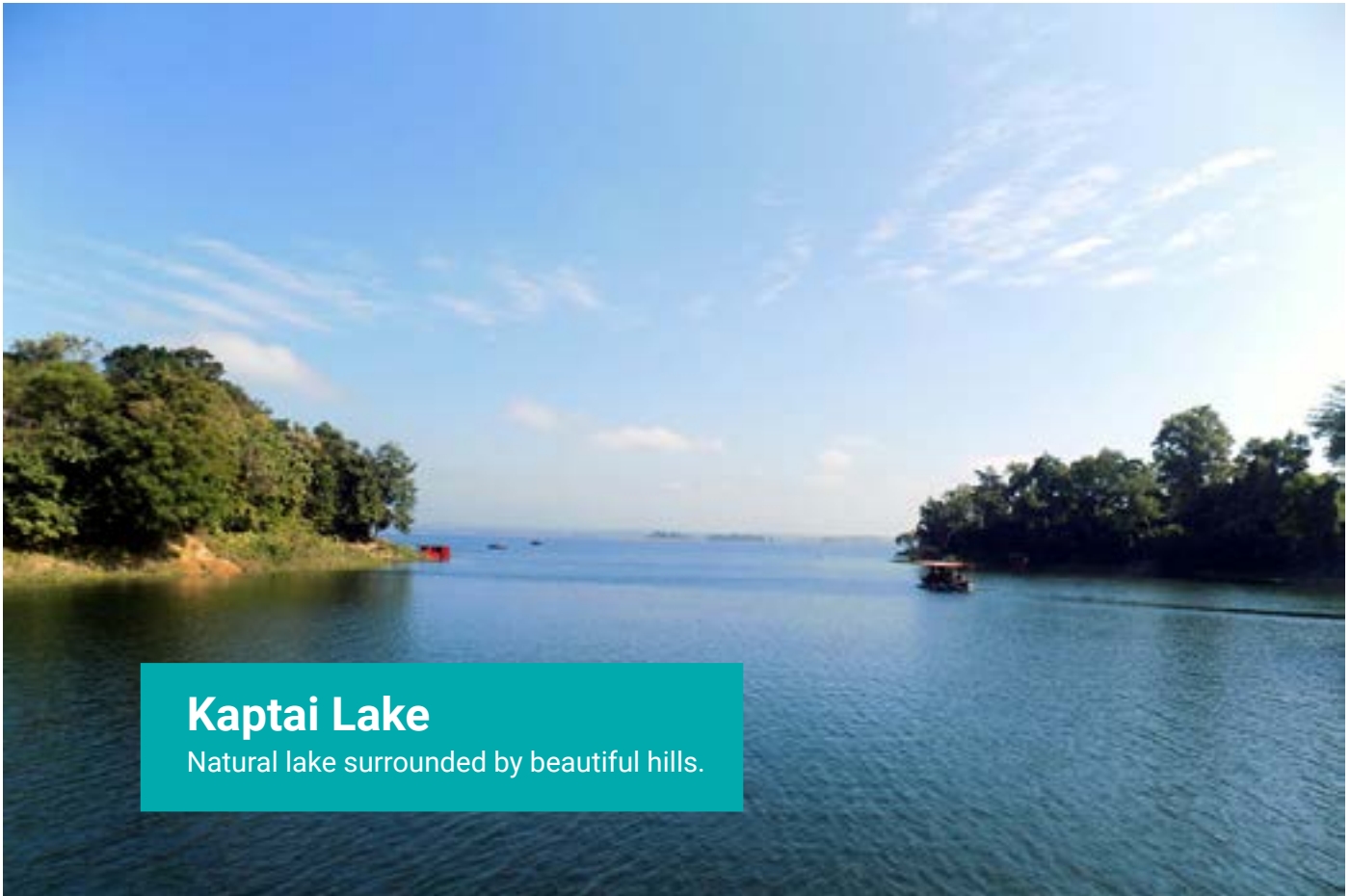
Famous for stone collecting from river and crushing activities.



## Ship-Breaking Yard

Grave yard for old ships torn apart and converted to scrap steel.





## Kaptai Lake

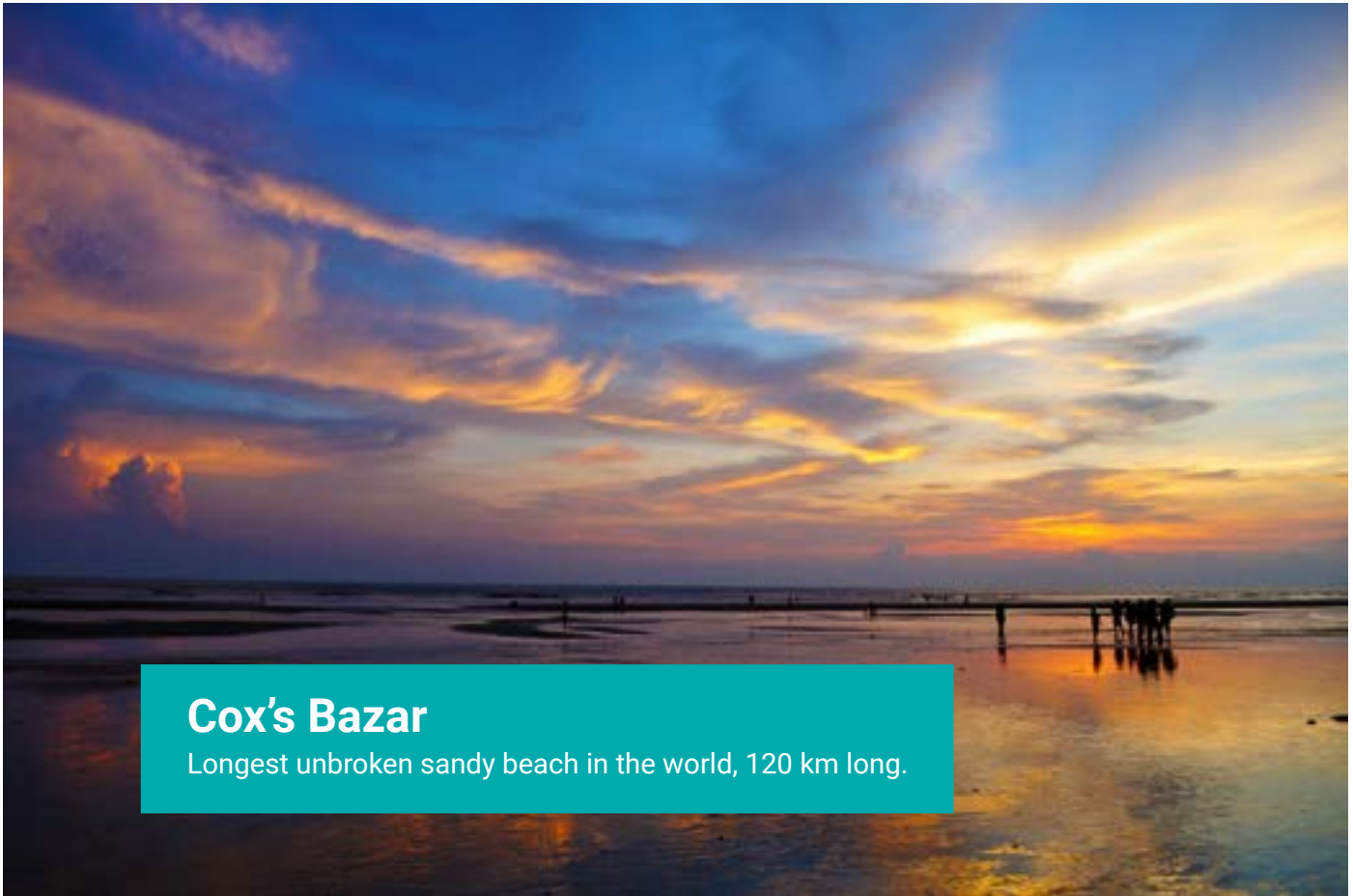
Natural lake surrounded by beautiful hills.



## Chittagong Hill-Tracts

Most beautiful part of the country, home to many indigenous people.





## Cox's Bazar

Longest unbroken sandy beach in the world, 120 km long.



## Barisal

Located at the heart of Ganges Delta, full of floating markets.





## Tour Packages

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Deer in Sundarbans


**08**  
DAYS

## Sundarbans Excursion with Rocket

Dhaka - Bagerhat - Sundarbans - Khulna - Dhaka

FROM **\$940**

 **Maximum Group Size: 6**

 **Accommodation:**  
Hotel (4 Nights)  
Paddle Steamer (1 Night)  
Boat (2 Nights)

 **Food:** 7 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 2 Dinner

 **Transportation:**  
Private Car, Paddle Steamer, Boat, Train

 **Tour Available:**  
Year round starting on Friday, Saturday, or Monday

Visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Bangladesh – The Sundarbans and Bagerhat. Take an overnight journey on a century-old paddle steamer called The Rocket and experience the life and sights of Old Dhaka.

The Sundarbans is the largest mangrove forest on earth, home to Bengal tigers and many birds and wildlife. Bagerhat is a Muslim city dating from the 15th century, full of astonishing mosques. This is the best tour to experience both The Sundarbans and The Rocket paddle steamer in the shortest possible time.

This tour is for small groups of six people or fewer. Private tours are also available on any date outside the schedule with a minimum of two people.

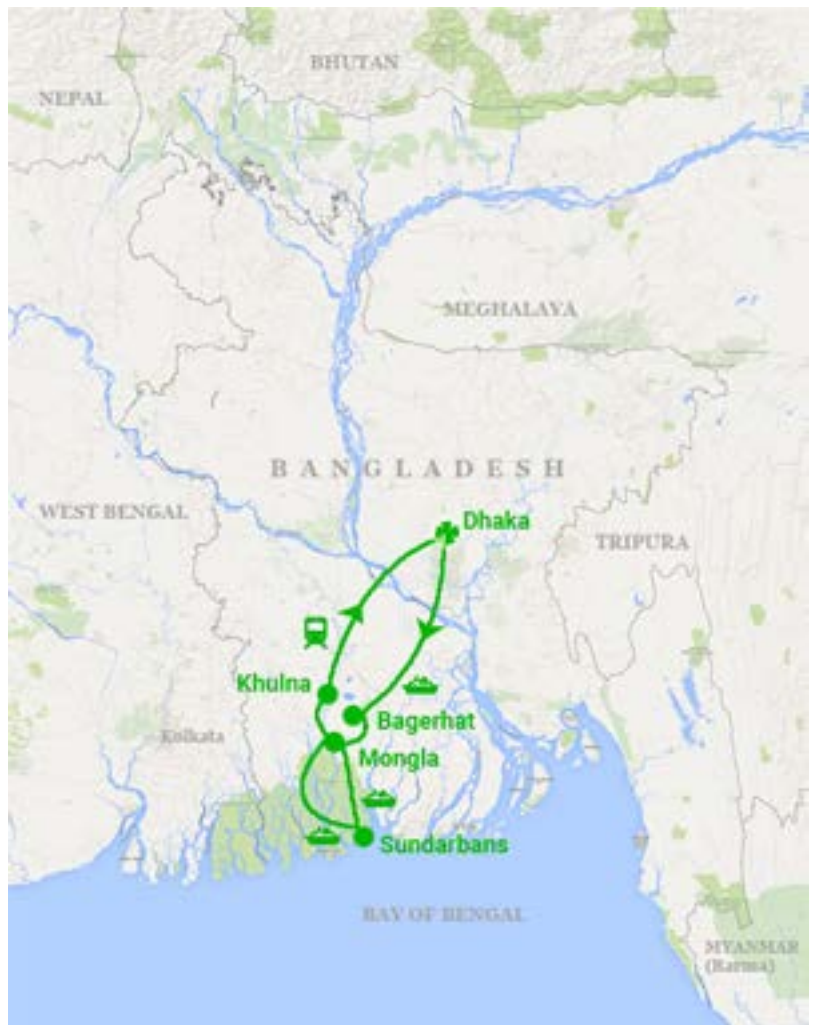


## Next Departures

📅 Minimum 2 scheduled departures every month during September-May.

## Private Tours

Have two people or more? We can organize a private tour for you anytime outside the schedule during September-May.



## Tour Highlights

- ★ Visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Bangladesh.
- ★ Explore the largest mangrove forest on earth, The Sundarbans, for three full days.
- ★ Take an overnight journey on a century-old paddle wheel steamer called The Rocket.
- ★ Visit the historical sites of Bagerhat, a UNESCO World Heritage city dating from 15th century, including the Sixty Dome Mosque.
- ★ Enjoy a full-day tour of Old Dhaka, including a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets and a boat ride on Dhaka's busy Buriganga river.
- ★ Ride a Bangladeshi train – a unique experience.



# Tour Itinerary

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**DAY**  
**01**

Dhaka

## Arrival

Pick-up from Dhaka airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel 71**

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**DAY**  
**02**

Dhaka

## Dhaka City Tour, Board The Rocket

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit the key attractions of New and Old Dhaka (full day), board the Rocket paddle steamer in the evening. Overnight stay on the Rocket.

**Sleeping Cabin on the Rocket**

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**DAY**  
**03**

Hularhat - Bagerhat - Mongla

## Mosque City of Bagerhat

Breakfast

Visit the beautiful mosques of the 15th century mosque city Bagerhat, transfer to Mongla in the evening. Overnight stay in Mongla.

**Parjatan Hotel Posur**

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The Rocket Paddle Steamer



**DAY**  
04-06

Mongla - The Sundarbans - Mongla - Khulna

## The Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

03 Breakfast

03 Lunch

02 Dinner

Full three-day excursion to the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest on earth, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Glide through the narrow creeks and canals on a wooden rowboat in the quiet early morning and evening in search of Bengal tigers and other wildlife and birds. Trek through the forest and watch wildlife from an observation tower in the evening. Transfer to Khulna on the third evening for an overnight stay.

**Sleeping Cabin on Boat, City Inn Hotel**

**DAY**  
07

Khulna - Dhaka

## Return to Dhaka by Train

Breakfast

Depart for Dhaka on the morning train, arrive in the evening. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
08

Dhaka

## Departure

Breakfast

Airport transfer for departure according to the flight schedule, say good bye.

**End of the tour**



Thomas Rickert from USA in the Sundarbans





Sompur Mahabhihara

10  
DAYS

## World Heritage Tour

Dhaka - Bagerhat - Sundarbans - Khulna - Rajshahi - Dhaka

FROM  
**\$1,240**



**Maximum Group Size: 6**



**Accommodation:**

Hotel (6 Nights)  
Paddle Steamer (1 Night)  
Boat (2 Nights)



**Food:** 9 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 2 Dinner



**Transportation:**

Private Car, Paddle Steamer, Boat, Train



**Tour Available:**

Year round starting on Friday, Saturday,  
Monday, or Tuesday

Visit all three UNESCO World Heritage sites in Bangladesh – Bagerhat, Sundarbans, and Sompur Mahabhihara. Also enjoy visiting the capital city Dhaka and an overnight leisure trip on the century old Rocket paddle steamer.

The Sundarbans is the largest mangrove forest on earth, Bagerhat is a Muslim city dating from the 15th century, and Sompur Mahabhihara was the second largest Buddhist monastery south of Himalayas dating from the 8th century. Enjoy nature and archaeology at it's best on this short visit to Bangladesh.

Small group of maximum 6 people. Private tours are also available on any date outside the schedule with minimum 2 people.



## Next Departures

📅 Available to book anytime during September-May.

## Private Tours

Have two people or more? We can organize a private tour for you anytime outside the schedule during September-May.



## Tour Highlights

- ★ Visit the all three UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Bangladesh.
- ★ Explore the largest mangrove forest on earth, The Sundarbans, for three full days.
- ★ Take an overnight journey on a century-old paddle wheel steamer called The Rocket.
- ★ Visit the historical sites of Bagerhat, a UNESCO World Heritage city dating from 15th century, including the Sixty Dome Mosque.
- ★ Enjoy a full-day tour of Old Dhaka, including a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets and a boat ride on Dhaka's busy Buriganga river.
- ★ Ride a Bangladeshi train – a unique experience.
- ★ Visit Sompur Mahabihara, a Buddhist monastery dating from the 8th century - another UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ★ Visit the beautiful temples, palaces, and historic mosques of Rajshahi.
- ★ Experience the simple life of farmers on the islands of Jamuna river.



# Tour Itinerary

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**DAY**  
**01**

Dhaka

## Arrival

Pick-up from Dhaka airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel 71**

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**DAY**  
**02**

Dhaka

## Dhaka City Tour, Board The Rocket

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit the key attractions of New and Old Dhaka (full day), board the Rocket paddle steamer in the evening. Overnight stay on the Rocket.

**Sleeping Cabin on the Rocket**

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**DAY**  
**03**

Hularhat - Bagerhat - Mongla

## Mosque City of Bagerhat

Breakfast

Visit the beautiful mosques of the 15th century mosque city Bagerhat, transfer to Mongla in the evening. Overnight stay in Mongla.

**Parjatan Hotel Posur**

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Terracotta decoration at Kodla Moth in Bagerhat



**DAY**  
04-06

Mongla - The Sundarbans - Mongla - Khulna

## The Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

03 Breakfast

03 Lunch

02 Dinner

Full three-day excursion to the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest on earth, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Glide through the narrow creeks and canals on a wooden rowboat in the quiet early morning and evening in search of Bengal tigers and other wildlife and birds. Trek through the forest and watch wildlife from an observation tower in the evening. Transfer to Khulna on the third evening for an overnight stay.

**Sleeping Cabin on Boat, City Inn Hotel**

**DAY**  
07

Khulna - Rajshahi - Puthia - Rajshahi

## Temple Village of Puthia

Breakfast

Depart for Rajshahi on the morning train, arrive around noon. Visit the beautiful Hindu temples of Puthia in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Rajshahi.

**Hotel Nice**



Dol Temple in Puthia



**DAY**  
**08**

Rajshahi - Kusumba - Paharpur - Bogra

## Kusumba Mosque, Sompur, and Mahasthangarh

Breakfast

Drive from Rajshahi and visit the medieval Kusumba Mosque, one of two stone-built historic mosques in Bangladesh; 8th century Buddhist monastery Sompur Mahabhihara which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Mahasthangarh, the oldest known city of Bengal from 3rd century BC. Overnight stay in Bogra.

**Hotel Naz Garden**

**DAY**  
**09**

Bogra - Dhaka

## Chars of Jamuna River

Breakfast

In the morning, experience the traditional life of farmers on a char (small river island) in Jamuna river. Drive to Dhaka in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
**10**

Dhaka

## Departure

Breakfast

Airport transfer for departure according to the flight schedule, say good bye.

**End of the tour**



Walking inside the Sundarbans Mangrove Forest





Inside view of Sixty Domes Mosque in Bagerhat





Rocket Paddle Steamer


**11**  
DAYS

# Highlights of Bangladesh

Dhaka - Bagerhat - Sundarbans - Khulna - Srimangal - Dhaka


FROM **\$1,280**

 **Maximum Group Size: 6**

 **Accommodation:**  
Hotel (5 Nights), Eco Resort (2 Nights)  
Paddle Steamer (1 Night)  
Boat (2 Nights)

 **Food:** 10 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 2 Dinner

 **Transportation:**  
Private Car, Steamer, Boat, Train, Tuk-Tuk

 **Tour Available:**  
Year round starting on Friday, Saturday, or Monday

Visit the top sights that you cannot miss whilst traveling in Bangladesh. 3 Day excursion to the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest on earth and home to Bengal tigers, including an overnight journey on a century old Rocket steamer.

Visit a world heritage city Bagerhat, and the lively and vibrant capital city Dhaka. Enjoy walking along the tea plantation trails of Srimangal, visit tribal villages, taste the famous 7 layer tea, and trek through Lawachhara National Park to spot birds and rare wildlife.

Small group of maximum 6 people. Private tours are also available on any date outside the schedule with minimum 2 people.

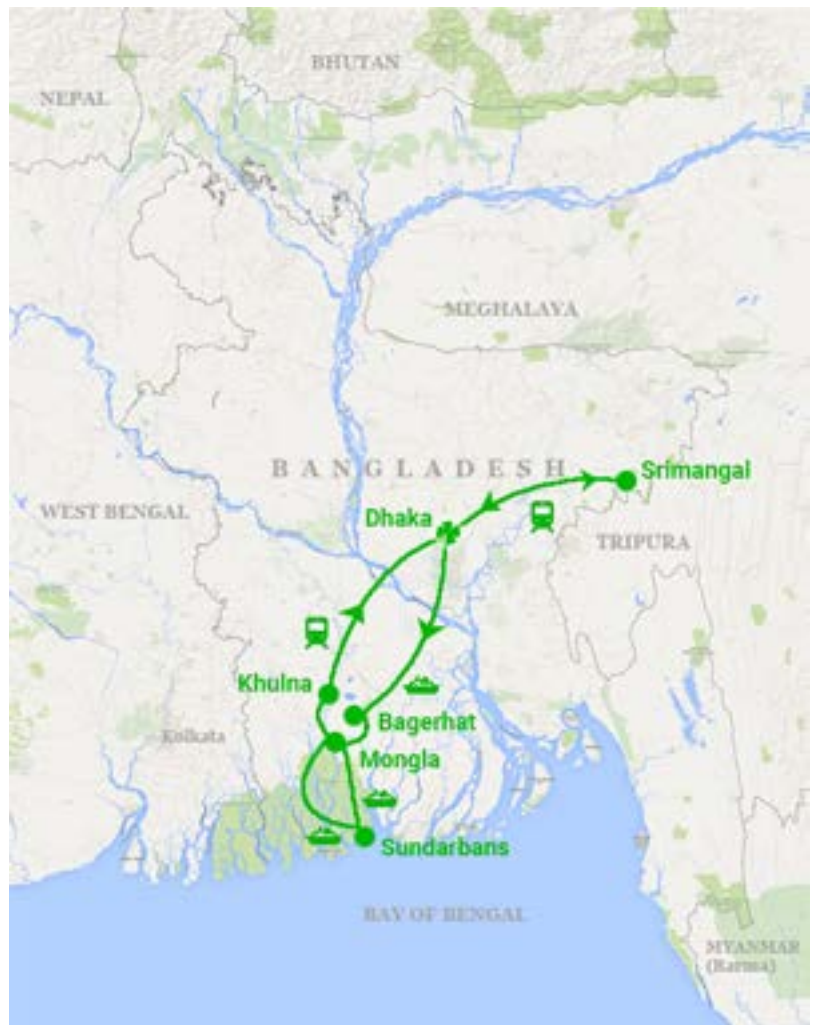


## Next Departures

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## Private Tours

Have two people or more? We can organize a private tour for you anytime outside the schedule during September-May.



## Tour Highlights

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- ★ Enjoy a full-day tour of Old Dhaka, including a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets and a boat ride on Dhaka's busy Buriganga river.
- ★ Ride three Bangladeshi train – a unique experience.
- ★ Spend three days at Srimangal, the tea capital of Bangladesh, in the middle of endless tea plantations.
- ★ Trek through Lawachhara National Park, and visit tribal villages.
- ★ Walk the tea garden trails.



# Tour Itinerary

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**DAY**  
**01**

Dhaka

## Arrival

Pick-up from Dhaka airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel 71**

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**DAY**  
**02**

Dhaka

## Dhaka City Tour, Board The Rocket

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit the key attractions of New and Old Dhaka (full day), board the Rocket paddle steamer in the evening. Overnight stay on the Rocket.

**Sleeping Cabin on the Rocket**

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**DAY**  
**03**

Hularhat - Bagerhat - Mongla

## Mosque City of Bagerhat

Breakfast

Visit the beautiful mosques of the 15th century mosque city Bagerhat, transfer to Mongla in the evening. Overnight stay in Mongla.

**Parjatan Hotel Posur**

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**DAY**  
**04-06**

Mongla - The Sundarbans - Mongla - Khulna

## The Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

03 Breakfast

03 Lunch

02 Dinner

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**Sleeping Cabin on Boat, City Inn Hotel**

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**DAY**  
**07**

Khulna - Dhaka

## Return to Dhaka by Train

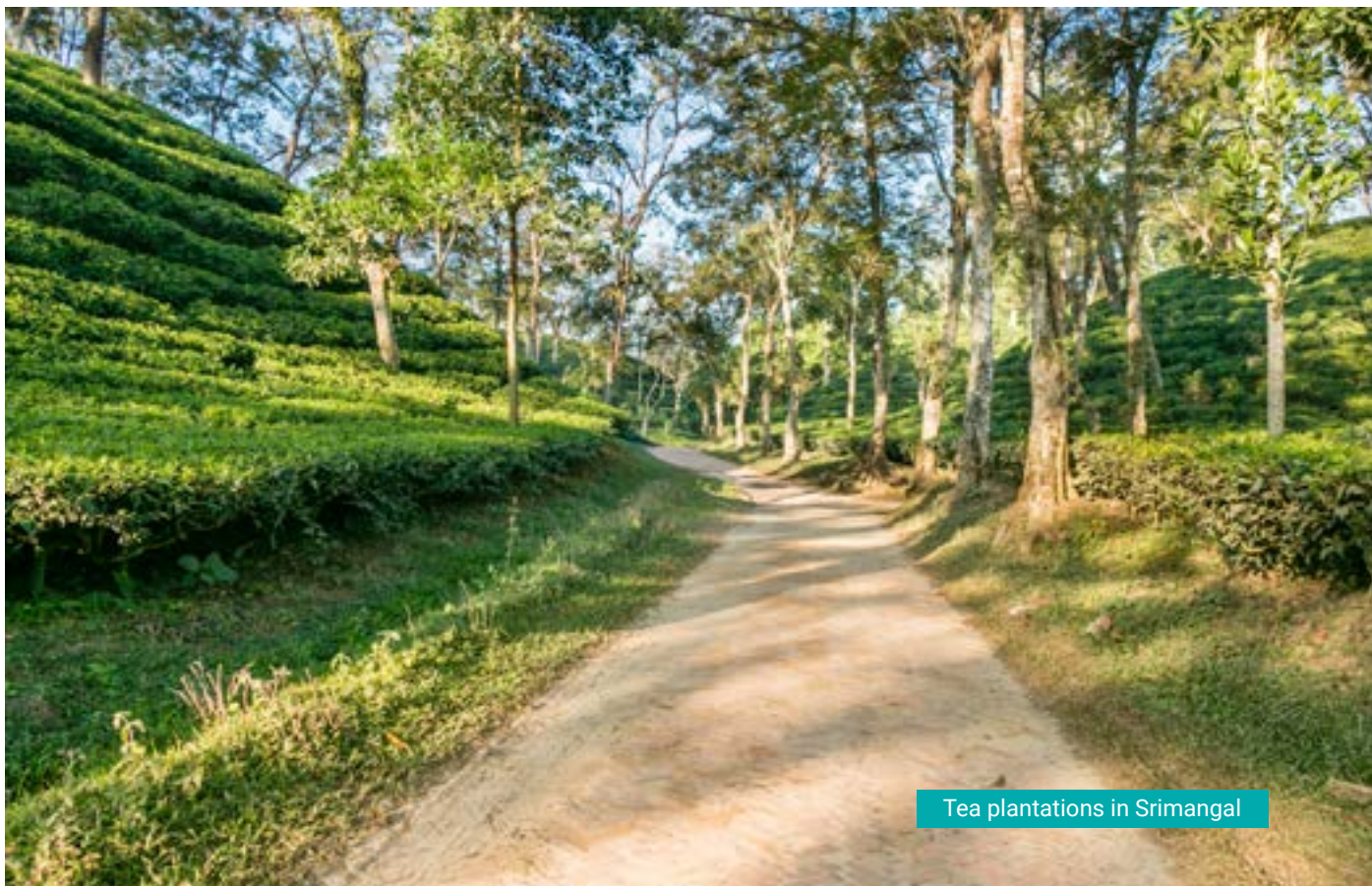
Breakfast

Depart for Dhaka on the morning train, arrive in the evening. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**

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Tea plantations in Srimangal

**DAY**  
08-10

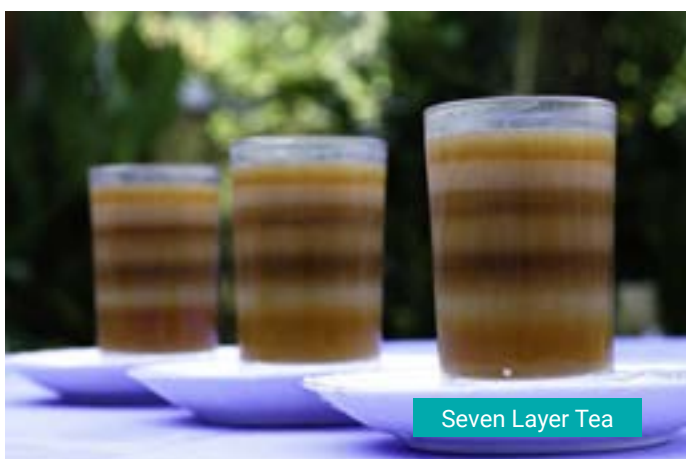
Dhaka - Srimangal - Dhaka

## Tea Capital of Srimangal

03 Breakfast

Take a train and spend 3 days in Srimangal, the tea capital of Bangladesh. Visit numerous tea gardens, tribal villages, rubber gardens, lemon gardens, and pineapple gardens; taste the famous 7 layer tea. Trek through Lawachhara National park in search of birds and rare animals, especially the Hulluk Gibbons. Back to Dhaka by train.

**Nisorgo Eco Resort, Hotel De Meridian**



Seven Layer Tea



Collecting tea leaves





Jackie & Mike Hulton from UK in Srimangal



Pinnacle plantations in Srimangal



Deposition of tea leaves

**DAY**  
**11**

Dhaka

## Departure

Breakfast

Airport transfer for departure according to the flight schedule, say good bye.

**End of the tour**





On Jamtola beach inside Sundarbans





Sixty Dome Mosque in Bagerhat


**14**  
DAYS

# Glories of Bangladesh

Dhaka - Bagerhat - Sundarbans - Khulna - Rajshahi - Srimangal - Dhaka


FROM **\$1,680**

 **Maximum Group Size: 6**

 **Accommodation:**  
Hotel (8 Nights), Eco Resort (2 Nights)  
Paddle Steamer (1 Night)  
Boat (2 Nights)

 **Food:** 13 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 2 Dinner

 **Transportation:**  
Private Car, Steamer, Boat, Train, Tuk-Tuk

 **Tour Available:**  
Year round starting on Friday, Saturday,  
Monday, or Tuesday


Visit the most glorious sights of Bangladesh, including all three UNESCO World Heritage sites – Bagerhat, Sundarbans, and Sompur Mahabhihara, including three days in Srimangal – the tea capital of Bangladesh, a day tour to Sonargaon – the old capital of Bengal, and an overnight leisure trip on a century-old Rocket paddle steamer.

Get a taste of the green forests and wildlife, combined with exploring some great archaeological sites and experiencing the life of ordinary people of Bangladesh.

Small group of maximum 6 people. Private tours are also available on any date outside the schedule with minimum 2 people.

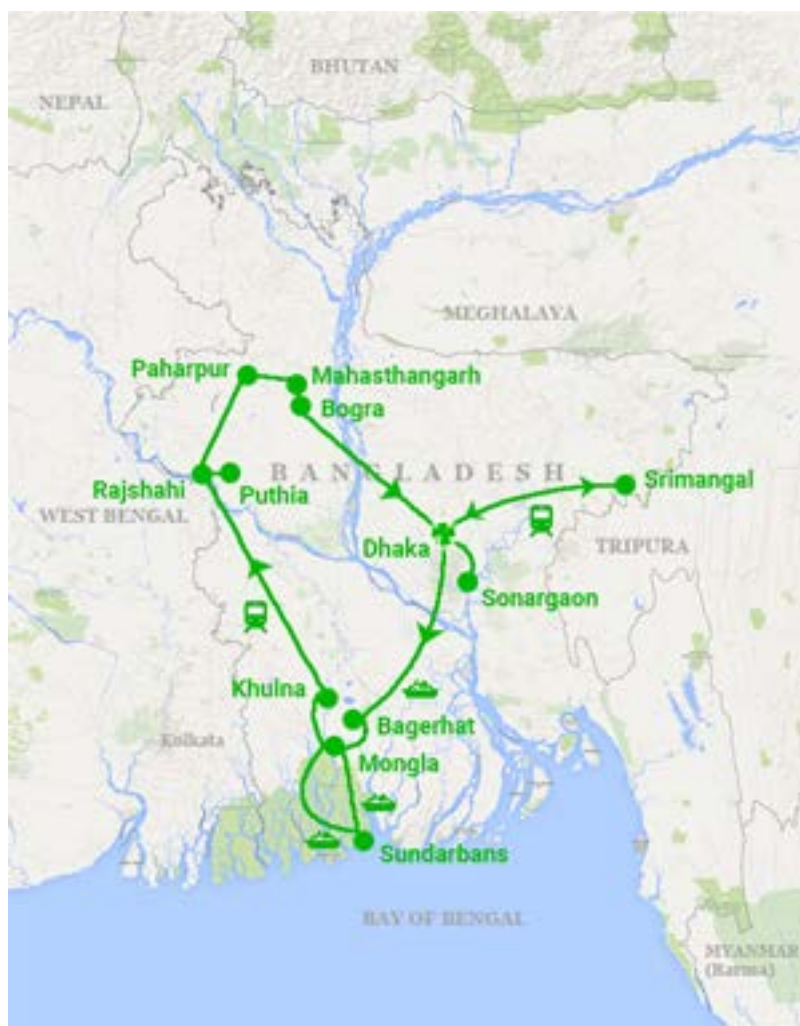


## Next Departures

 Minimum 1 scheduled departure every month during September-May.

## Private Tours

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Chunakhola Mosque in Bagerhat



## Tour Highlights

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  - ★ Ride three Bangladeshi train – a unique experience.
  - ★ Visit Sompur Mahabihara, a Buddhist monastery dating from the 8th century - another UNESCO World Heritage site.
  - ★ Visit the beautiful temples, palaces, and historic mosques of Rajshahi.
  - ★ Experience the simple life of farmers on the islands of Meghna and Jamuna river.
  - ★ Spend three days at Srimangal, the tea capital of Bangladesh, in the middle of endless tea plantations.
  - ★ Trek through Lawachhara National Park, and visit tribal villages.
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Shiva Temple in Puthia



# Tour Itinerary

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**DAY**  
**01**

Dhaka

## Arrival

Pick-up from Dhaka airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel 71**

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**DAY**  
**02**

Dhaka

## Dhaka City Tour, Board The Rocket

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit the key attractions of New and Old Dhaka (full day), board the Rocket paddle steamer in the evening. Overnight stay on the Rocket.

**Sleeping Cabin on the Rocket**

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**DAY**  
**03**

Hularhat - Bagerhat - Mongla

## Mosque City of Bagerhat

Breakfast

Visit the beautiful mosques of the 15th century mosque city Bagerhat, transfer to Mongla in the evening. Overnight stay in Mongla.

**Parjatan Hotel Posur**

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**DAY**  
**04-06**

Mongla - The Sundarbans - Mongla - Khulna

## The Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

03 Breakfast

03 Lunch

02 Dinner

Full three-day excursion to the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest on earth, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Glide through the narrow creeks and canals on a wooden rowboat in the quiet early morning and evening in search of Bengal tigers and other wildlife and birds. Trek through the forest and watch wildlife from an observation tower in the evening. Transfer to Khulna on the third evening for an overnight stay.

**Sleeping Cabin on Boat, City Inn Hotel**

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**DAY**  
**07**

Khulna - Rajshahi - Puthia - Rajshahi

## Temple Village of Puthia

Breakfast

Depart for Rajshahi on the morning train, arrive around noon. Visit the beautiful Hindu temples of Puthia in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Rajshahi.

**Hotel Nice**

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**DAY**  
**08**

Rajshahi - Kusumba - Paharpur - Bogra

## Kusumba Mosque, Sompur, and Mahasthangarh

Breakfast

Drive from Rajshahi and visit the medieval Kusumba Mosque, one of two stone-built historic mosques in Bangladesh; 8th century Buddhist monastery Sompur Mahabhihara which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Mahasthangarh, the oldest known city of Bengal from 3rd century BC. Overnight stay in Bogra.

**Hotel Naz Garden**

**DAY**  
**09**

Bogra - Dhaka

## Chars of Jamuna River

Breakfast

In the morning, experience the traditional life of farmers on a char (small river island) in Jamuna river. Drive to Dhaka in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
**10-12**

Dhaka - Srimangal - Dhaka

## Tea Capital of Srimangal

03 Breakfast

Take a train and spend 03 days at Srimangal, the tea capital of Bangladesh. Visit numerous tea gardens, tribal villages, rubber gardens, lemon gardens, and pineapple gardens; taste the famous 7 layers tea. Trek inside Lawachhara National park in search of birds and rare animals, specially the Huluk Gibbons. Back to Dhaka on train.

**Nisorgo Eco Resort, Hotel De Meridian**



Lawachhara National Park in Srimangal



**DAY**  
**13**

Dhaka - Sonargaon - Dhaka

## Old Capital Sonargaon

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit Sonargaon, the old capital of Bengal, including the Folk-Art Museum, abandoned Panam City, 15th century Galdi Mosque, and life on a char of river Meghna.

Overnight at Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
**14**

Dhaka

## Departure

Breakfast

Airport transfer for departure according to the flight schedule, say good bye.

**End of the tour**



At Annik Temple in Puthia





Boat ride on Sangu river


**18**  
DAYS

# Best of Bangladesh

Dhaka - Bagerhat - Sundarbans - Khulna - Rajshahi - Srimangal - Chittagong HT - Dhaka


FROM **\$2,395**

 **Maximum Group Size: 6**

 **Accommodation:**  
Hotel (12 Nights), Eco Resort (2 Nights)  
Paddle Steamer (1 Night)  
Boat (2 Nights)

 **Food:** 17 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 2 Dinner

 **Transportation:**  
Private Car, Steamer, Boat, Train, Tuk-Tuk

 **Tour Available:**  
Year round starting on Friday, Saturday,  
Monday, or Tuesday

Visit the best places in Bangladesh as recommended by popular travel guides including BRADT and Lonely Planet. Visit all three UNESCO World Heritage sites – Bagerhat, Sundarbans, and Sompur Mahabhihara.

Spend three days at tea capital Srimangal, and visit beautiful hills and indigenous people of Chittagong Hill-Tracts area. Enjoy overnight trip on century-old Rocket paddle steamer on the Ganges. Get the best of what Bangladesh has to offer.

Small group of maximum 6 people. Private tours are also available on any date outside the schedule with minimum 2 people.



## Next Departures

📅 Minumim 1 scheduled departure in December, February, and March every year.

## Private Tours

Have two people or more? We can organize a private tour for you anytime outside the schedule during September-May.



Festival of the Mru tribe in Chittagong Hill-Tracts



## Tour Highlights

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  - ★ Visit Chittagong Ship Breaking Yard by a boat from the river and photograph ship-breaking activities.
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# Tour Itinerary

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**DAY**  
**01**

Dhaka

## Arrival

Pick-up from Dhaka airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel 71**

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**DAY**  
**02**

Dhaka

## Dhaka City Tour, Board The Rocket

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit key attractions of New and Old Dhaka (full day), board the Rocket paddle steamer in the evening. Overnight stay on the Rocket.

**Sleeping Cabin on the Rocket**

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**DAY**  
**03**

Hularhat - Bagerhat - Mongla

## Mosque City of Bagerhat

Breakfast

Visit the beautiful mosques of the 15th century mosque city Bagerhat, transfer to Mongla in the evening. Overnight stay in Mongla.

**Parjatan Hotel Posur**

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**DAY**  
**04-06**

Mongla - The Sundarbans - Mongla - Khulna

## The Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

03 Breakfast

03 Lunch

02 Dinner

Full three-day excursion to the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest on earth, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Glide through the narrow creeks and canals on a wooden rowboat in the quiet early morning and evening in search of Bengal tigers and other wildlife and birds. Trek through the forest and watch wildlife from an observation tower in the evening. Transfer to Khulna on the third evening for an overnight stay.

**Sleeping Cabin on Boat, City Inn Hotel**

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**DAY**  
**07**

Khulna - Rajshahi - Puthia - Rajshahi

## Temple Village of Puthia

Breakfast

Depart for Rajshahi on the morning train, arrive around noon. Visit the beautiful Hindu temples of Puthia in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Rajshahi.

**Hotel Nice**

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**DAY**  
**08**

Rajshahi - Kusumba - Paharpur - Bogra

## Kusumba Mosque, Sompur, and Mahasthangarh

Breakfast

Drive from Rajshahi and visit the medieval Kusumba Mosque, one of two stone-built historic mosques in Bangladesh; 8th century Buddhist monastery Sompur Mahabhihara which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Mahasthangarh, the oldest known city of Bengal from 3rd century BC. Overnight stay in Bogra.

**Hotel Naz Garden**

**DAY**  
**09**

Bogra - Dhaka

## Chars of Jamuna River

Breakfast

In the morning, experience the traditional life of farmers on a char (small river island) in Jamuna river. Drive to Dhaka in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
**10-12**

Dhaka - Srimangal - Dhaka

## Tea Capital of Srimangal

03 Breakfast

Take a train and spend 3 days in Srimangal, the tea capital of Bangladesh. Visit numerous tea gardens, tribal villages, rubber gardens, lemon gardens, and pineapple gardens; taste the famous 7 layer tea. Trek through the Lawachhara National park in search of birds and rare animals, especially the Huluk Gibbons. Back to Dhaka via train.

**Nisorgo Eco Resort, Hotel De Meridian**



A tribal family in Chittagong Hill-Tracts



**DAY**  
**13**

Dhaka - Sonargaon - Dhaka

## Old Capital Sonargaon

Breakfast

Visit Sonargaon, the old capital of Bengal, including the Folk-Art Museum, abandoned Panam City, 15th century Galdi Mosque, and life on a char (island) in the river Meghna. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
**14-17**

Dhaka - Chittagong - Rangamati - Bandarban - Dhaka

## Chittagong Hill-Tracts, and Ship Breaking Yard

04 Breakfast

These four days you'll fly to Chittagong and back, and visit the most attractive places in the Chittagong Hill-Tracts area. You'll go for a boat trip on Kaptai Lake, visit a tribal handicraft market and the Buddhist temples of Rangamati, visit tribal villages, temples, and the beautiful Bandarban hills, and enjoy a boat ride on the beautiful Sangu river - which is the most beautiful river in Bangladesh. Also visit the World War II cemetery in Chittagong.

**Parjatan Hotel, Hillside Resort**



At Golden Temple in Chittagong Hill-Tracts

**DAY**  
**18**

Dhaka

## Departure

Breakfast

Airport transfer for departure according to the flight schedule, say good bye.

**End of the tour**





Sunset in Cox's Bazar


24  
DAYS

# Exploring Bangladesh

Dhaka - Bagerhat - Sundarbans - Rajshahi - Srimangal - Sylhet - Chittagong HT - Cox's Bazar - Dhaka

FROM  
**\$3,240**

 **Maximum Group Size: 6**

 **Accommodation:**  
Hotel (18 Nights), Eco Resort (2 Nights)  
Paddle Steamer (1 Night)  
Boat (2 Nights)

 **Food:** 23 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 2 Dinner

 **Transportation:**  
Private Car, Steamer, Boat, Train, Tuk-Tuk

 **Tour Available:**  
Year round starting on Friday, Monday, or Tuesday

Explore the best places in Bangladesh as recommended by popular travel guides like BRADT and Lonely Planet, and enjoy a few days relaxing on the beach at the end of your trip.

Visit all three UNESCO World Heritage sites spending five days in the tea regions of Srimangal & Sylhet, and visit the beautiful hills and indigenous people of the Chittagong Hill-Tracts area. Leisure time on Cox's Bazar beach at the end. Get the most out of your Bangladesh trip!

Small group of maximum 6 people. Private tours are also available on any date outside the schedule with minimum 2 people.



## Next Departures

📅 Available to book anytime during September – May. Possible to start any day except Saturday & Sunday.

## Private Tours

Have two people or more? We can organize a private tour for you anytime outside the schedule during September – May.



Abandoned City Panam Nagar in Sonargaon



# Tour Highlights

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  - ★ Explore the largest mangrove forest on earth, The Sundarbans, for three full days.
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  - ★ Enjoy a full-day tour of Old Dhaka, including a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets and a boat ride on Dhaka's busy Buriganga river.
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  - ★ Visit the beautiful mosques of the rich historic city Gaur, the ancient capital of all Bengal in the medieval period.
  - ★ Bird watching at Baikka Beal, a wetland and sanctuary for migratory birds, paradise for bird lovers.
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# Tour Itinerary

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**DAY**  
**01**

Dhaka

## Arrival

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**Hotel 71**

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**DAY**  
**02**

Dhaka

## Dhaka City Tour, Board The Rocket

Breakfast

Lunch

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**Sleeping Cabin on the Rocket**

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**DAY**  
**03**

Hularhat - Bagerhat - Mongla

## Mosque City of Bagerhat

Breakfast

Visit the beautiful mosques of the 15th century mosque city Bagerhat, transfer to Mongla in the evening. Overnight stay in Mongla.

**Parjatan Hotel Posur**

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**DAY**  
**04-06**

Mongla - The Sundarbans - Mongla - Khulna

## The Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

03 Breakfast

03 Lunch

02 Dinner

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**Sleeping Cabin on Boat, City Inn Hotel**

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**DAY**  
**07**

Khulna - Rajshahi - Puthia - Rajshahi

## Temple Village of Puthia

Breakfast

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**Hotel Nice**

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**DAY**  
**08**

Rajshahi - Gauda - Rajshahi

## Ancient Bengal Capital Gauda

Breakfast

Visit the remaining mosques and the palace of the rich ancient Bengal city Gauda from the medieval period, located on the Indian-Bangladeshi border and split between the two countries.

**Hotel Nice**

**DAY**  
**09**

Rajshahi - Kusumba - Paharpur - Bogra

## Kusumba Mosque, Sompur, and Mahasthangarh

Breakfast

Drive from Rajshahi and visit the medieval Kusumba Mosque, one of two stone-built historic mosques in Bangladesh; 8th century Buddhist monastery Sompur Mahabhihara which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Mahasthangarh, the oldest known city of Bengal from 3rd century BC. Overnight stay in Bogra.

**Hotel Naz Garden**

**DAY**  
**10**

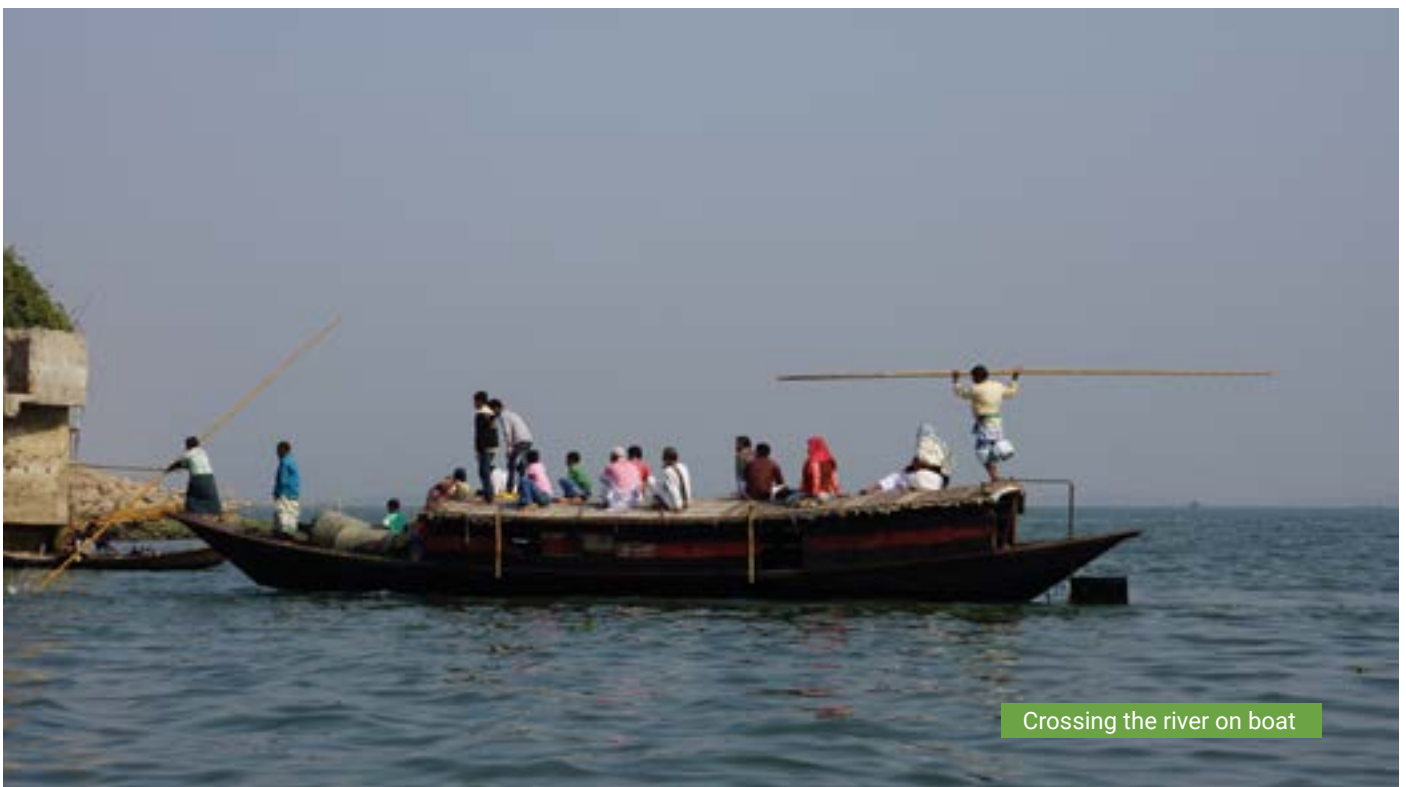
Bogra - Dhaka

## Chars of Jamuna River

Breakfast

In the morning, experience the traditional life of farmers on a char (small river island) in Jamuna river. Drive to Dhaka in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian**



Crossing the river on boat



**DAY**  
11-13

Dhaka - Srimangal - Sylhet

## Tea Capital of Srimangal

03 Breakfast

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**Nisorgo Eco Resort, Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
14-15

Sylhet - Dhaka

## Jaflong & Lalakhal

02 Breakfast

Spend these two days visiting picturesque Jaflong and enjoy a boat ride on the blue water canal Lalakhal in Sylhet. You'll visit the Khasia tribal villages at Jaflong, take a boat trip on the Piain river, and photograph the stone crushing activities. Fly to Dhaka on the evening of the second day.

**Hotel De Meridian**



On a Khasia tribal village in Jaflong



**DAY**  
**16**

Dhaka - Sonargaon - Dhaka

**Old Capital Sonargaon**

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit Sonargaon, the old capital of Bengal, including the Folk-Art Museum, abandoned Panam City, 15th century Galdi Mosque, and life on a char (island) in the river Meghna. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel De Meridian****DAY**  
**17-20**

Dhaka - Rangamati - Bandarban

**Chittagong Hill-Tracts**

04 Breakfast

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**Parjatan Hotel, Hillside Resort****DAY**  
**21-23**

Bandarban - Cox's Bazar - Dhaka

**Cox's Bazar**

03 Breakfast

Scenic drive to Cox's Bazar from the Chittagong Hill-tracts area, spend 2 days on the longest unbroken sandy beach in the world. Fly back to Dhaka on the afternoon of the third day.

**Mermaid Eco Resort / Long Beach Hotel, Hotel De Meridian****DAY**  
**24**

Dhaka

**Departure**

Breakfast

Airport transfer for departure according to the flight schedule, say good bye.

**End of the tour**





Tonchonga tribe of the Chittagong Hill-Tracts





Floating market in Barisal

**28**  
DAYS

# Discover Bangladesh

Dhaka - Barisal - Sundarbans - Rajshahi - Srimangal - Sylhet - Chittagong HT - Cox's Bazar - Dhaka


FROM **\$3,890**

 **Maximum Group Size: 6**

 **Accommodation:**  
Hotel (22 Nights), Eco Resort (2 Nights)  
Paddle Steamer (1 Night)  
Boat (2 Nights)

 **Food:** 27 Breakfast, 5 Lunch, 2 Dinner

 **Transportation:**  
Private Car, Steamer, Boat, Train, Tuk-Tuk

 **Tour Available:**  
Year round starting on Saturday, Sunday,  
Wednesday, or Thursday

Explore the best places in Bangladesh as recommended by popular travel guides like BRADT and Lonely Planet, plus those that we know they have not discovered yet!

Focusing mostly on the people and culture of Bangladesh, this package allows you to explore more offbeat destinations that you won't find in the guide books, and ends with a couple of days of beach leisure before returning home. If you would like to discover the hidden gems of Bangladesh normally beyond the reach of regular tourists, this is the perfect package for you.

Small group of maximum 6 people. Private tours are also available on any date outside the schedule with minimum 2 people.



## Next Departures

📅 Minimum 1 scheduled departure in October, January, and March - Every Year.

## Private Tours

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Pilgrims on Kantaji Temple in Dinajpur



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  - ★ Leisure time on the longest unbroken sandy beach in the world – Cox's Bazar.
  - ★ Visit Kantaji Temple – the most beautiful temple in Bangladesh, every inch of which is ornamented with beautiful terracotta plaques describing epic Hindu stories.
  - ★ Experience life and culture on the Ganges Delta.
  - ★ Visit floating markets, bazaars, schools, brick factories, and explore numerous rivers and canals by boat in Barisal.
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# Tour Itinerary

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**DAY**  
**01**

Dhaka

## Arrival

Pick-up from Dhaka airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay in Dhaka.

**Hotel 71**

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**DAY**  
**02**

Dhaka

## Dhaka City Tour, Board Ferry

Breakfast

Lunch

Visit key attractions of New and Old Dhaka (full day), board a traditional ferry in the evening. Overnight stay on Ferry.

**Sleeping Cabin on Ferry**

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**DAY**  
**03-04**

Barisal

## Experience life on Ganges Delta

02 Breakfast

02 Lunch

Explore the numerous rivers and canals of Barisal on a country boat. Visit floating markets, bazaars, schools, villages, brick factories, and many more interesting things to get an authentic experience of life on the Ganges Delta, the largest delta in the world.

**Hotel Arena**

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A farmer at floating market in Barisal



**DAY**  
**05**

Barisal - Hularhat - Bagerhat - Mongla

## The Rocket, Mosque City of Bagerhat

Breakfast

Catch the Rocket at 5.00 am to reach Hularhat, and enjoy the day-time leg of the journey. Visit the beautiful mosques of the 15th century mosque city Bagerhat, transfer to Mongla in the evening. Overnight stay in Mongla.

**Parjatan Hotel Posur**

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**DAY**  
**06-08**

Mongla - The Sundarbans - Mongla - Khulna

## The Sundarbans Mangrove Forest

03 Breakfast

03 Lunch

02 Dinner

Full three-day excursion to the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest on earth, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Glide through the narrow creeks and canals on a wooden rowboat in the quiet early morning and evening in search of Bengal tigers and other wildlife and birds. Trek through the forest and watch wildlife from an observation tower in the evening. Transfer to Khulna on the third evening for an overnight stay.

**Sleeping Cabin on Boat, City Inn Hotel**

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**DAY**  
**09**

Khulna - Rajshahi

## Barendra Museum and Padma River

Breakfast

Depart for Rajshahi on the morning train, arrive around noon. Visit the country's oldest museum - Barendra Research Museum, rich with archaeological artifacts. Boat ride on the Padma river in the evening. Overnight stay in Rajshahi.

**Hotel Nice**

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**DAY**  
**10**

Rajshahi - Gauda - Rajshahi

## Ancient Bengal Capital Gauda

Breakfast

Visit the remaining mosques and the palace of the rich ancient Bengal city Gauda from the medieval period, located on the Indian-Bangladeshi border and split between the two countries.

**Hotel Nice**

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**DAY**  
**11**

Rajshahi - Bagha - Puthia - Natore - Rajshahi

## Bagha Mosque, Temples of Puthia, Natore Palace

Breakfast

Visit the most beautiful terracotta mosque in Bangladesh dating from the medieval period - Bagha Mosque, numerous temples and the palace of Puthia, and the colonial period Natore Palace. Overnight stay in Rajshahi.

**Hotel Nice**



Terracotta wall of Bagha Mosque in Rajshahi

**DAY**  
**12**

Rajshahi - Kusumba - Paharpur - Bogra

## Kusumba Mosque, Sompur, and Mahasthangarh

Breakfast

Drive from Rajshahi and visit the medieval period Kusumba Mosque, one of two stone-built historic mosques in Bangladesh; 8th century Buddhist monastery Sompur Mahabhihara which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Mahasthangarh, the oldest known city of Bengal dating from the 3rd century BC. Overnight stay in Bogra.

**Hotel Naz Garden**





Terracotta decoration at Kantaji Temple in Dinajpur

**DAY**  
**13**

Bogra - Dinajpur - Rangpur - Bogra

## Kantaji temple and Tajhat Palace

Breakfast

Visit the most beautiful Hindu temple in Bangladesh - Kantaji Temple, every inch of which is decorated with beautiful terracotta. Also visit Tajhat Palace, the most beautiful palace from the colonial period in northern Bangladesh. Also visit a charming Kali Temple in Rangpur. Overnight stay in Bogra.

**Hotel Naz Garden**



Tajhat Palace in Rangpur



**DAY**  
14

Bogra - Dhaka

## Chars of Jamuna River

Breakfast

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**Hotel De Meridian**

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**DAY**  
15-17

Dhaka - Srimangal - Sylhet

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03 Breakfast

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**Nisorgo Eco Resort, Hotel De Meridian**

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**DAY**  
18-19

Sylhet - Dhaka

## Jaflong & Lalakhal

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**Hotel De Meridian**

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**DAY**  
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Dhaka - Sonargaon - Dhaka

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**Hotel De Meridian**

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**DAY**  
21-24

Dhaka - Rangamati - Bandarban

## Chittagong Hill-Tracts

04 Breakfast

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**Parjatan Hotel, Hillside Resort**

**DAY**  
25-27

Bandarban - Cox's Bazar - Dhaka

## Cox's Bazar

03 Breakfast

Scenic drive to Cox's Bazar from the Chittagong Hill-tracts area. Spend 2 days on the longest unbroken sandy beach in the world. Fly back to Dhaka on the afternoon of the third day.

**Mermaid Eco Resort / Long Beach Hotel, Hotel De Meridian**

**DAY**  
28

Dhaka

## Departure

Breakfast

Airport transfer for departure according to the flight schedule, say good bye.

**End of the tour**



Visiting a village in Barisal









## Bangladesh Experiences

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Riding a rickshaw in Dhaka

## “Felt like one of the safest countries I have traveled to”

Michael & Jacqueline Hulton, Surrey, UK

“It is probably fair to say that Bangladesh for various reasons isn’t on many people’s wish list of places to visit but ironically that is one of the main reasons we wanted to visit. It was extremely refreshing and rewarding to travel around a country, unspoiled by mass tourism and to have the opportunity of experiencing and observing the many facets of Bangladeshi life in such a natural and personal way.

Our tour was too long and varied to write a full account. Possibly the biggest highlight was the Bangladeshi people. Everywhere we went we were greeted with smiling, friendly faces eager to have their photos taken and to take ours. Our numerous visits to homes in towns and villages and the sharing of food or a chai gave us a chance to meet ‘real’ Bangladeshi people and a chance to begin to understand this relatively new nation.

A word on security. We decided to visit despite the July bombings in Dhaka, security concerns with visiting cricket teams and foreign office warnings against visiting CHT. We were so glad we did.

At no time did we feel at all at risk or in danger. In fact it felt like one of the safest countries I have traveled to. Our whereabouts were tracked by security personal whilst in Chittagong Hill tracts but our guide had a very good relationship with the police and at no time did this feel oppressive or uneasy. In fact it was almost reassuring, we even got invited to police station to meet the ‘chief’ We almost had the whole area to ourselves-what a treat, beautiful people and scenery which made our image of Bangladesh complete.

In summary if you want to visit Bangladesh, go now!”





## “Never felt even slightly unsafe”

□ John Skovron, Washington, USA

“As part of a longer trip to the area we arranged in advance for a 5 day customized tour. Bangladesh is filled with friendly and open people. Especially away from the few key tourist spots, light-skinned people are a rarity. If people stare or ask to take a selfie with you, it is with warmth and curiosity. We were offered tea countless times. Despite the poverty, begging was almost non-existent.

I know there are concerns about safety. There was an attack a few months before we visited. We were undeterred. There are crazy people all over the world, and apparently there are some in Bangladesh too. That is not a reason to avoid an entire country. I never felt even slightly unsafe. Like everywhere else, the vast majority of people were friendly and peaceful. Each of the countless times I answered “what country?” with “America” I got smiles. We visited a Hindu temple and neighborhood, and a mosque as well.”





Boat ride on Lalakhal in Sylhet

## “Made us feel like we were visiting royalty”

□ Hilary Heath-Caldwell, Napier, New Zealand

“Our two week holiday in Bangladesh began with a flight from Guangzhou, China to Dhaka. I was pretty excited about returning to Bangladesh, after 46 years and had organized a tour guide through a company called Nijhoom Tours, which I found on TripAdvisor. I asked them what they could provide and together we made a two weeks package.

You see I’ve already lived in Dhaka; in the 70’s. I was a volunteer smallpox vaccinator for WHO, and lived with my family who were working on a New Zealand aid program teaching pilots how to fly. I am one of the last people to see smallpox on the planet.

I already knew that Dhaka was a chaotic place and to buy tickets for transport would be hours – valuable time, that I did not want to waste on my holiday. So all of the purchasing was done ahead of time by Hassan at Nijhoom Tours.

We traveled at the end of the monsoon. I like this time because the air is really clean, and the rivers are full and the paddy fields still hold lots of water. It is very picturesque. Actually Bangladesh is photo heaven.

On arrival we went and had lunch in Old Dhaka and then went on the little wooden boats on the river for a small paddle before boarding our 1929 paddle steamer to go on an overnight journey to Bagerhat.

We traveled First Class, Bangladesh style. We are both physically fit and used to camping. Bangladesh is a developing nation so nothing is what you expect, the beds are hard, things can look grubby and run down, and people stare at you. If you are a 5 Star tourist, this is not the place for you.



On the other hand if you love color, other cultures, and have some travel endurance, then this might be your next destination.

We traveled on little boats, big boats, trains, tri-shaws, hiking, cycling, and a jeep from one side of the country to the other. We ate everything, and everywhere and never got sick. We used signs and laughs and smiles to communicate with the local people, and we got plenty back.

Bangladeshis made us feel like we were visiting royalty. They were so pleased that we had come to their country to visit them. And of course by being there we were helping the local little communities by spreading our dollars.

We were in a country with 160 million Muslims. That's quite a few and I have to say I felt safe the entire time. Bangladeshis are people going about their lives eking out a living, and feeling very optimistic about their future.

Now remember I'd lived there in the 1970's and things had changed. This is a quick-list of the changes..

Women are loving wearing brightly colored saris.

There is not a strong prevalence of skin disease among the children.

There were few beggars.

The pie dogs look healthy.

People are optimistic.

People work hard.

There is plenty of healthy food and everyone appeared well fed.

Our tour leader Arafat was conscious of litter in the National Parks and collected it up.

It was OK for cross dressers to collect funds on one section of the train route.

The traffic in Dhaka is worse, so get out into the country.

Book a tour leader AND GO EXPLORE."







## “One of the best experiences in my life”

□ David Wanner, Chilliwack, Canada

“I arrived in Bangladesh without a plan. I contacted Nijhoom Tours and in one day Mr. Hasan worked his magic and organized a 15 day tour for me. Normally 2 to 3 months advance notice is required to plan a tour like this.

In 15 days I toured Dhaka, spent several days in Sylhet and Jaflong (India border) and the tea gardens and national park in Srimangal. Rode the Rocket Ship Paddle Wheeler to Barisal and spent several days exploring the rivers, canals and villages in this area.

Visited the UNESCO heritage city of Bagerhat. Then spent several relaxing days exploring the Sundarbans mangrove forests.

I travelled by train, boat, rickshaw, tuk-tuk and car - each of which was its own unique experience. I met hundreds of wonderful local people, seeing how they live and work every day. I saw so much more than I can really write in this review but Bangladesh is such an interesting and beautiful country to visit.

Mr. Hasan and the tour guides went above and beyond to make my tour as interesting and pleasurable as possible. I highly recommend their service because this truly was one of the best experiences in my life. I plan to return.”





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## “Fabulous trip”

📍 Helen Reynolds, Wellingborough, UK

“21 days in total-for our group of just 4 – what an amazing and enjoyable experience! We loved Srimongal – Barisal was an unexpected delight – as was Cox’s Bazar – and the Sundarbans were gorgeous!

The Rocket steamer is a must-out of Dhaka.  
We thought the food was excellent – and no one was ill.

Hasan is always on hand and is a great guy – helpful and thoughtful – a wealth of information to – and generally he has thought of everything.

There is so much to see and do – we simply have to return again – soon!”





Walking inside Sundarbans

## “Fabulous choice for touring Bangladesh”

□ Svetlana Suslova, Moscow, Russia

“I joined the already scheduled tour. So I had a companion for the most part of my travel – a girl from Norway. It made my trip cheaper a little bit. And it was a good luck to meet such a nice companion as she was (it’s always a real pleasure to meet wonderful people when you are a solo-traveler and when being so far from your home and family).

Our guide Masbah had a huge amount of information for us everywhere we went. We had such a great adventure getting glimpses into villages, and towns, and jungles. Masbah was very friendly and cheerful and always seemed to be in a good mood for us and always was thinking of how to make our staying joyful at every moment. It’s not easy and It’s a very professional attitude to work! And what is also important he is a very knowledgeable and intelligent person. So it was not difficult to find interesting topics to discuss with him and Hilde even with my non-fluent English.

So I had an experience of coming by steamer, by train and had nights on the boat. It often occurs that in tours you have to get up very early and pack and unpack your bag almost every day. But I think during vacations it’s essential to have sometimes time to sleep much and not to be in a hurry, just relax as we did on the boat and in Srimangal.

It may not be easy to travel in Bangladesh: sometimes there are too many crowds, too many traffic jams, too much noise.. Trains and hotels may not be perfectly comfortable.. But anyway the overall impression of my holidays is wonderful. And I would not hesitate to recommend Nijhoom Tours to anyone considering travel to South Asia in general and to Bangladesh in particular.”





## “A very interesting country to visit”

▮ Hilde Steen, Kristiansand, Norway

“I had an 11 day group tour with Nijhoom Tours. It was well organized, no time wasted, and great tour guides! I got to see a lot of what Bangladesh has to offer: from interesting buildings in Dhaka, river boat trips, train trips, tea plantation, and my absolute favorite – a 3 day trip in the Sundarbans!

It was all over a great experience, and a very interesting country to visit. May be especially because it is not the most typical country to visit. But I would recommend traveling to Bangladesh to anyone. It has got culture, beautiful nature, and the nicest people you'll ever meet!

And if you decide to go, I would absolutely recommend Nijhoom tours. They are very helpful before you arrive, so you can select the best route/program for yourself. And they have great tour guides and staffs that take good care of you. And they don't waste your time, so you get to experience a lot on a short time, which I liked a lot, cause I didn't have a lot of time!”





Driving a local boat on a canal

## “Great place, great food, great people”

Richard Gennis, Wellingborough, UK

“After spending 22 days in Bangladesh in December with everything organized by Nijhoom Tours you will not get a better company to sort out all your tour requirements for Bangladesh.

Now while we were in Bangladesh there were some political problems from the opposition party before the up and coming election but don't let this put you off as we had no problems getting around and completing our holiday. You should be flexible though and you will find everyone very friendly and helpful. The road blocks that were in place over the Christmas period have now finished and travelling around is back to normal, although driving around Dhaka can't be classed as normal at any time!!

Hasan sorted everything and was flexible himself to our changes on route! When we arrived at the ferry and it was not working, Hasan soon had a speed boat set up and we continued our journey with hardly any delay, and at no extra cost!

Hasan can sort out all of your problems for you, and right from the early stages of planning the trip he was there answering emails, but remember if he doesn't come back to straight away, he could be on another trip to the Sunderbans without a phone signal!!

Can't wait to go back to Bangladesh again soon, great place great food great people.”





## “Well organized, and extremely interesting experience”

□ Stephanie Alcock, Carine, Australia

“I found Nijhoom tours on the Internet and found the website so well done and interesting. I wanted to do everything. But settled for the Old Dhaka tour with Niaz. A great day. Seeing the sights with such a knowable person was fun and interesting.

Next I went on the overnight Rocket experience with Ontu. A very caring and passionate guide for the Barisol area. I loved the backwaters and the villages and the industriousness of the villagers. So many different enterprises to be seen from our little boat on the canals.

Back to Dhaka via Bagerat and Khulna. Then onto Srimangal and the tea plantation with Liton. Once again, I loved the villages and the tea gardens and Liton’s obvious interest and enjoyment of sharing his passion for village life and the people.

Dhaka again for a great day with Hasan, visiting the amazing Parliament House

Last was Sonargaon and its monuments with Mushfiq, another well informed and caring person.

The drivers, Mr. Liton and Mr. Shazahan were careful and I felt very safe with them.

I would like every person to come this country and see for themselves the warmth and friendliness of the Bangladeshi people”





Bird watching in Baikka Beal

## “Seen the real Bangladesh”

□ Judith & John Cormack, Hexham, UK

“After 22 days touring Bangladesh with Mesbab, Liton, Arafat, Mr Lemon, and Ali and his boat crew, we feel that we have seen the real Bangladesh. The organisation of the tour from first contact to conclusion was first rate, professional seamless and hassle free. We were looked after so well by Hasan and his team. Liton was a great driver (he made me say that) no not really it’s hard to relax on Bangladesh’s roads but we managed it with Liton.

Our guide Masbab had a great sense of humor and we really enjoyed his company. Arafat also and he even managed to show us a rare Huluk Gibbon at Lawachhara National Park. The boat trip on the Sundarbans we especially enjoyed the birds, animals and daily life and the food was great! Each part of the country has something different to offer and it was this diversity that really made the holiday for us.

Thank you to all the staff at Nijhoom for making our stay so memorable. Anyone wishing to explore Bangladesh can do no better than Nijhoom Tours.”





Kite flying in Sundarbans

## “The whole experience was so unique!”

□ Thomas Rickert, Georgia, USA

“I recently returned from a wonderful 6 day tour to Bangladesh with Nijhoom Tours. My tour, ‘Sunarbans Excursion with Rocket’, far exceeded my expectations. Spent 3 days in the Sundarbans on a very adequate boat with a friendly and caring crew. Saw a great variety of colorful birds, dolphins, and various animals here, the world’s largest mangrove forest.

Went on a fun 80 year old paddle steamer boat through the extensive river system in the southern part of the country. Visited teeming Old Dhaka and historic Bagerhat, a UNESCO world heritage site. Even rode on a Bangladesh train in comfortable first class. The whole experience was so unique, varied and exciting! I thoroughly recommend a trip to Bangladesh with Nijhoom Tours.”





## “Haven’t stopped ‘raving’ about the country”

▮ Ilonca Raymond, Cambridge, New Zealand

“We had 7 nights in Bangladesh and it was so amazing!! Bangladesh would be one of the only countries in the world where the local people do not mind having their photos taken! The people are not used to having lots of tourists visiting their country, they are inquisitive and super friendly.

We did a mixture of tours – 3 day tours in Dhaka then we headed out to the tea plantation area. We felt very safe and well looked after whilst on the tour.

Since being home, I have been putting all my wonderful photos into photobooks – they truly are great images of the people of Bangladesh. I haven’t stopped ‘raving’ about the country.”





## “Felt safe and comfortable everywhere I went”

□ Michael Kendall, Berkshire, UK

“Recent events have been unkind to Bangladesh and its people. I admit to being apprehensive myself but decided that I would still go ahead with my trip.

My tour started with a day around frenetic Dhaka. People would stop you frequently to ask how you are, where you are from and frequent requests for photographs, they were also happy to have their photographs taken.

The Rocket Steamer trip belonged in a different era, truly wonderful. A day around the UNESCO World heritage sites of Bagerhat with its many domed mosques followed, this also provided lots of opportunities to interact with Bangladeshis visiting the area themselves.

The trip culminated with 3 days meandering the mangrove waterways of the Sundarbans in search of the elusive Tiger. No luck on this occasion but there is lots of other mammals and birds to see.

The tour went smoothly and I felt safe and comfortable everywhere I went. The food is good and the standard of the hotels were better than I expected.”





## “Felt very safe and looked after”

□ Eva Rohland, Bonn, Germany

“In its whole diversity beautiful tour which allowed insights into wonderful Bangladesh. The day in Dhaka was very revealing and we surely would not have been able to see all of it on our own. The rocket was just an adventure and Bagerhat is thrilling in its historicity, all the people we met were very kind.

Everyone was very considerate on our needs and we felt very safe and looked after on the three boat trip to the Sundurbans. You see some beautiful wildlife there (crocodiles, monkeys, water monitors, deer, lots of birds and we were lucky to spot a baby tiger for half a minute from the boat).

The cook was excellent – he offered us a variety of vegetarian dishes and fresh fruits as all the people working on the boat contributed to an atmosphere of hospitality.”





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## “Wonderful country, with wonderful people”

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□ Richard Evans, Carmarthenshire, UK

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“Bangladesh may not be top of everyone’s holiday destination list but that’s partly why we visited – and we are so glad we did. We spent a week in the country as part of a month’s traveling in South East Asia and it was definitely up there as one of our favorite experiences.

We visited in November 2016 and although some people have been put off by worries about security, we felt perfectly safe particularly in the hands of Nijhoom Tours staff.

Bangladesh is a wonderful country, with wonderful people and we would highly recommend it.”





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