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WHY BANGLADESH, WHY NOW

Asia, before the crowds.

Where the rivers meet, the welcome begins.



Picking water lilies in the wetlands

Everyone knows its neighbours. Almost no one has met Bangladesh.

Between India and Myanmar lies the world's largest river delta — green, watery and gloriously uncrowded. Empty ruins, unstaged festivals, villages where a visitor is an event, and warm, curious people who still treat a guest as family.

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BHUTAN STOPOVER

Dhaka ⇄ Paro direct. Add 3–5 days of tea hills, Sundarbans or Old Dhaka before or after the Himalaya.



Strangers become friends



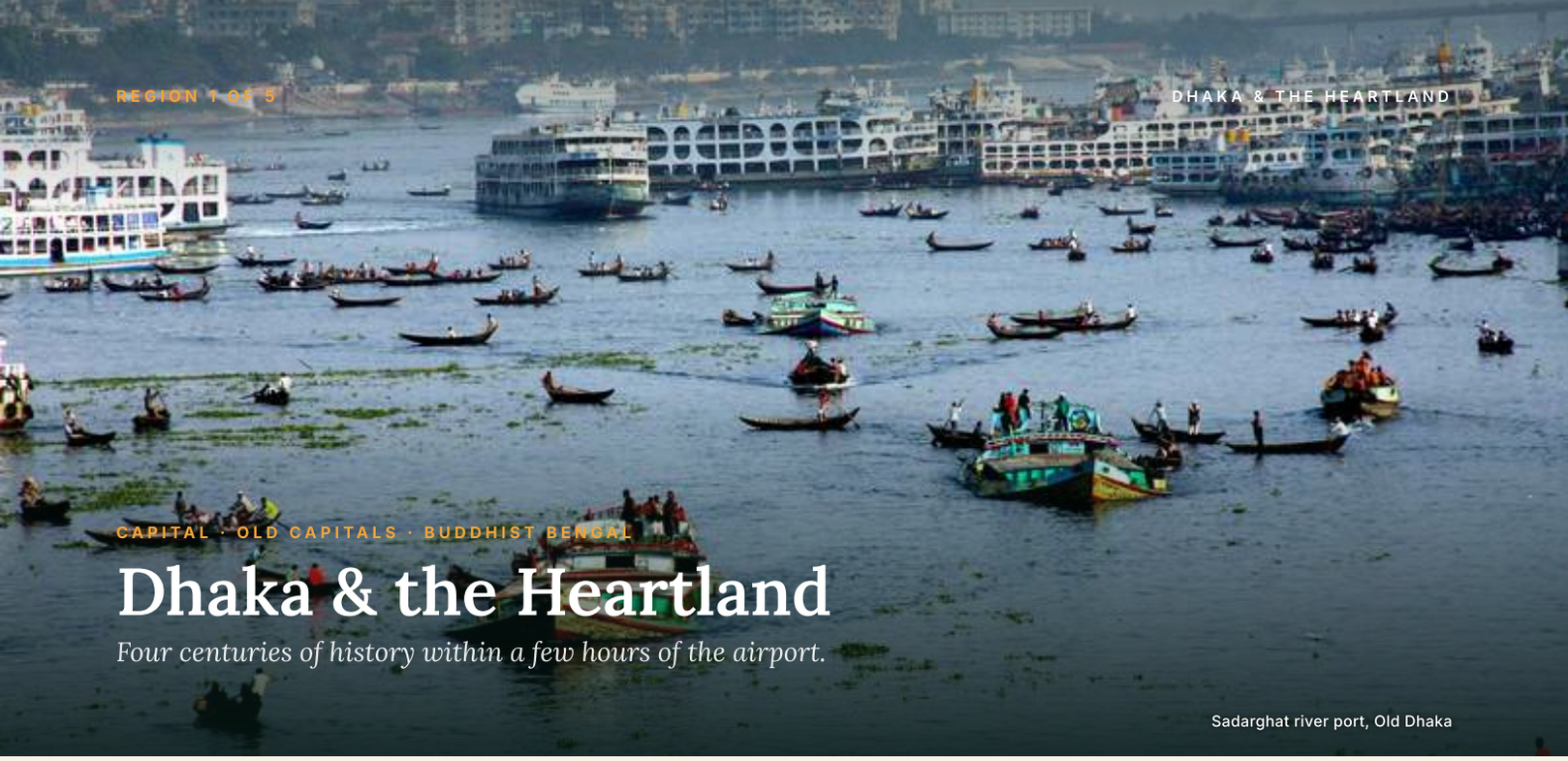
Laughter at the market



Sharing the photo, Bandarban



Bengali New Year with new friends



CAPITAL · OLD CAPITALS · BUDDHIST BENGAL

Dhaka & the Heartland

Four centuries of history within a few hours of the airport.

Sadarghat river port, Old Dhaka

Old Dhaka

Lalbagh Fort, Ahsan Manzil (the Pink Palace), the Star Mosque, the Armenian Church of 1781 and Shankhari Bazar's conch-carvers' lane.

Modern Dhaka

Louis Kahn's National Parliament, Kawran Bazar wholesale market, the flower market and Dhaka University.

Sonargaon Old capital

Medieval capital of Bengal: Panam City's ghost-mansions, Sardar Bari and the Folk Art Museum. 1 hr from Dhaka.

Cumilla · Mainamati

Shalban Vihara and the 7th–12th-century Buddhist monasteries of Mainamati, plus Khadi hand-loom weaving.

Sadarghat & the Buriganga

Row a wooden boat among the river ferries at one of the busiest river ports on earth.

Explore Dhaka in a local way

Rickshaws, street food, tea stalls and home kitchens — the city as Dhaka people live it.

Dhamrai

Lost-wax brass casting in family workshops, and the great wooden chariot of the Rath Jatra festival.

Easy add-ons

Day trips by road or river — perfect for a 1–3 day stopover before Bhutan, India or Nepal.



Curzon Hall, Dhaka University



Our guests at the Pink Palace



A Dhaka welcome



Guests by rickshaw



Panam City, Sonargaon



TEA · RAINFOREST · WETLANDS · TRIBES

Sreemangal & Sylhet

The tea capital of Bangladesh — and where our own community school is.

Forest trail, Sreemangal

Tea gardens

Walk the estates with the pickers, visit a tea factory and taste the famous seven-layer tea.

Our community school

Visit

Meet the children of Kalachara village school, supported by every journey we run.

Khasia villages

Hilltop villages among betel-leaf vines, where the Khasi people keep their own language and customs.

Ratargul swamp forest

Row through a flooded freshwater forest — trees standing in the water, best in the monsoon.

Lawachara rainforest

Western hoolock gibbons, langurs and hornbills on forest trails — and the old railway through the trees.

Manipuri weaving & dance

Hand-looms in Manipuri homes, lunch with a weaving family, and the Rash Mela every November.

Baikka Beel bird sanctuary

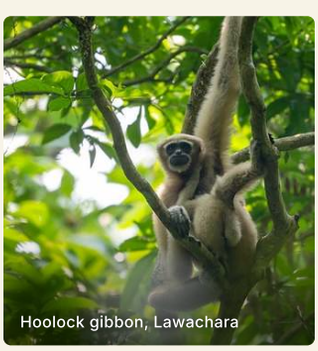
Wetland watchtowers over thousands of migratory ducks and waders, November to March.

Lalakhal & Sylhet

The turquoise river below the Meghalaya hills, Jaflong, and the Sufi shrine of Shah Jalal.



A tea picker's welcome, Sreemangal



Hoolock gibbon, Lawachara



Our community school



Ratargul swamp forest



Train into Lawachara forest



Manipuri weaving



TERRACOTTA · ANCIENT CITIES · MYSTIC MUSIC

North Bengal

2,500 years of Bengal, told in burnt clay.

Paharpur Buddhist Vihara from the air

Paharpur UNESCO

Somapura Mahavihara — one of the largest Buddhist monasteries south of the Himalaya (8th century).

Mahasthangarh

Bengal's oldest known city, dating back to at least the 3rd century BC, near Bogura.

Puthia

A village of Raj palaces and terracotta temples on lotus-filled ponds.

Rajshahi

Silk-weaving town on the Padma, mango orchards and the painted mud-houses of Santal villages.

Gaur

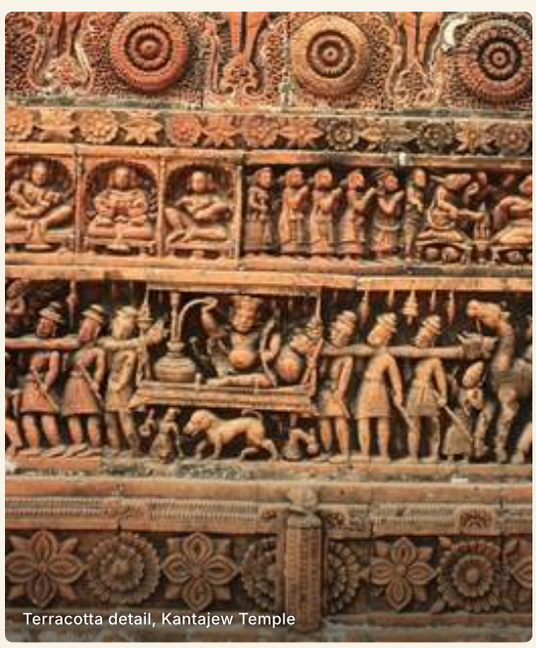
The old Sultanate capital: Choto Sona Masjid and the brick-and-terracotta mosques of Chapai Nawabganj.

Kantajew Temple, Dinajpur

Every surface carved in terracotta — epic scenes, hunters, dancers and gods.

Kushtia

The shrine of Lalon Fakir and the wandering Baul minstrels, Tagore's Shilaidaha Kuthibari, and the Hardinge Bridge over the Padma.



Terracotta detail, Kantajew Temple



Puthia temples



Paharpur Buddhist monastery (UNESCO)



Painted Santal village



Bauls at Lalon's shrine, Kushtia

TWO UNESCO SITES · MANGROVES · RIVER LIFE

Sundarbans & the Delta

Your hotel is a boat, anchored deep inside the forest.



Royal Bengal tiger swimming a creek · Photo: David Longworth

Sundarbans — fauna UNESCO

Royal Bengal tigers, spotted deer, estuarine crocodiles, river dolphins, otters and over 300 kinds of birds — eight of them kingfishers.

Sundarbans — flora

The world's largest mangrove forest: sundari, goran and keora trees, breathing roots and tidal creeks explored by country boat.

Bagerhat Mosque City UNESCO

Khan Jahan Ali's 15th-century city and the Sixty Dome Mosque, gateway to the forest.

Otter fishing Rare

In the Narail–Jashore river country, a handful of families still fish with trained otters — a centuries-old tradition almost gone.

Honey hunters & fishing villages

Mawali honey collectors, crab catchers and net fishers on the forest edge.

Barisal — Venice of Bengal

Floating guava and vegetable markets, backwaters, and the Bede river-gypsy boat communities.



Spotted deer



Guests on a mangrove walk



Fishing otters, Narail



Sixty Dome Mosque, Bagerhat



Floating market, Barisal



Our boat in the mangroves



PORT CITY · HILL PEOPLES · SEA BEACH

Chattogram, Hills & Coast

From the busiest harbour to the quietest hills.

Islands and salt fields of the coast

Chattogram — business capital

Bangladesh's great port: the Karnaphuli harbour by boat, the dawn fish market and the old British hill quarter.

Ship-breaking yards

At Sitakunda, ocean giants are taken apart by hand — one of the most extraordinary sights in Asia.

Rangamati

Kaptai Lake's islands, the Chakma royal seat, hand-loom weavers and Buddhist monasteries.

Bandarban

Mro, Bawm and Marma villages, the Sangu River, Nilgiri hills and the Golden Temple.

Cox's Bazar

One of the world's longest natural beaches (120 km), half-moon fishing boats, dry-fish markets and the temples of Ramu.

Saint Martin's Island

Bangladesh's only coral island, in the Bay of Bengal. Limited permits in season — we arrange them.



Ship-breaking yard, Sitakunda, Chattogram



Hill village home, Bandarban



Chandanpura Mosque, Chattogram



Half-moon boat, Cox's Bazar



Tribal market, Bandarban

CHOOSE YOUR JOURNEY

Ways to see Bangladesh

Fixed departures, private journeys and fully tailor-made programmes — for any group size.



3 DAYS · 2 NIGHTS

Sundarbans by small boat

Sleep aboard deep in the mangroves. Dawn creek safaris by country boat, forest walks with armed guards, fishing villages and honey collectors.



5 DAYS · ALL 3 UNESCO SITES

World Heritage Trail

Bagerhat's Mosque City, the Sundarbans and Paharpur's 8th-century Buddhist monastery — with Puthia's temples and Mahasthangarh on the way.



8–14 DAYS · GROUP OR ONE-TO-ONE

Photography tours

Workshops, rivers, festivals and faces, with guides who know the light, the people and how to ask first. Respect before the camera, always.



1 DAY · FULL OR HALF DAY

Explore Dhaka in a local way

Old Dhaka's lanes on foot and by rickshaw, a wooden boat at Sadarghat, street food, tea stalls and a home-cooked lunch with a Dhaka family.



3–5 DAYS · HOUSEBOAT

Brahmaputra houseboat cruise

Sleep aboard our houseboat on the Brahmaputra: breakfast on the roof deck, sandbar islands, ox-cart rides through char villages. Also on the Tanguar Haor wetlands.



4–5 DAYS · BANDARBAN & RANGAMATI

Meet the hill tribes

Mro, Bawm, Marma and Chakma villages, tribal markets, Kaptai Lake and boat rides on the Sangu River.

Also: Classical Bangladesh (16 days) · Grand Bangladesh (24 days) · Sreemangal tea & rainforest (2–3 days) · Festival tours (pages 10–11) · Bhutan & India add-ons

LIVING CULTURES

Meet the people who make Bangladesh

Brick-makers, rice farmers, river gypsies, weavers — real working lives, met with respect and never staged.


Women drying rice at a mill


Women at a village market


River-gypsy boat home, Barisal


Hill-tracts hand-loom weaver


Ploughing with oxen

FARMERS · RICE MILLS · BRICK FIELDS · DAILY LABOURERS · RIVER GYPSIES · WEAVERS · TEA WORKERS · HILL PEOPLES

COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM

Travel that leaves something behind

You stay in their villages, learn their crafts and are guided by their own — and a share of every booking goes back. Not as charity: as rent for the beauty we borrow.


Our guests at a supported school


Guests with the children

- ✓ **Kalachara village school** — benches, clean water, school bags every year and a share of the teacher's salary.
- ✓ **Bandarban hill schools** — school fees, and raincoats in the monsoon so children can attend.
- ✓ **Santal culture, Rajshahi** — rehearsals and costumes so teenagers learn their own dances.
- ✓ **River gypsies, Barisal** — the Bede boat families asked for toilets; that is what we are building.
- ✓ **Manipuri weavers, Sreemangal** — lunch in a weaving family's home, paid directly.
- ✓ **Local first** — local guides, drivers, homestays and meals; maximum 12 guests per group.

"We were not trying to build a big company. We were trying to build an honest one."

MAHADI HASAN · FOUNDER

FESTIVALS & PHOTOGRAPHY

Green country. *Red-letter days.*

Colour, fire, water, music and devotion — some of the world's most photogenic celebrations, almost unseen by outsiders.


Lal Kach — only in Bangladesh


Pohela Boishakh, Dhaka


Sangrai water festival


Rakher Upobash


Manipuri Rash Mela

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14 Apr — NATIONWIDE

Pohela Boishakh — Bengali New Year FESTIVAL TOUR

Dhaka's great procession of giant folk figures, masks and colour — UNESCO-listed heritage.

Mid-Apr — BANDARBAN

Sangrai — the Marma water festival FESTIVAL TOUR

The hill peoples' New Year: water splashing, rice cakes, dancing and processions through the hills.

Mid-Apr — DHAKA & SOUTH

Lal Kach & Charak Puja Unique FESTIVAL TOUR

Devotees painted head to toe in red, swords raised, at the end of the Bengali year — seen nowhere else on earth.

Nov — DHAKA

Rakher Upobash FESTIVAL TOUR

Thousands of oil lamps and devotees in prayer during the month of Kartik — one of Bangladesh's most photographed rituals.

Nov — SREEMANGAL

Rash Purnima · Rash Mela FESTIVAL TOUR

The Manipuri people's most colourful festival: costume, dance and torchlight.

Also: Biswa Ijtema (Jan) · Holi (Mar) · Durga Puja (Oct) · Buddha Purnima · Lalon music festivals · Nov–Feb migratory birds

Dates follow the Bengali, lunar and Buddhist calendars and shift each year — we confirm exact dates for your departure.



FESTIVAL TOUR · APRIL · 14 DAYS

Colour, water & the Bengali New Year

Four festivals — Pohela Boishakh, Lal Kach, Charak Puja and Sangrai — with the Sundarbans, Barisal's floating markets, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar. Private and small-group departures timed to the festival dates each year.

POHELA BOISHAKH · SANGRAI · LAL KACH · CHARAK PUJA · SUNDARBANS · FLOATING MARKET · SHIP-BREAKING YARD · COX'S BAZAR

DAY 1	Arrive Dhaka · Lalbagh Fort & Dhakeshwari Temple
DAY 2	Delta cruise to Barisal · river-gypsy village
DAY 3	Barisal floating markets & backwaters
DAY 4	Grameen Bank · Bagerhat UNESCO · Khulna
DAY 5	Sundarbans by boat → Munshiganj
DAY 6	**★ Lal Kach festival**
DAY 7	**★ Bengali New Year rally & Charak Puja**
DAY 8	Sonargaon · ship-breaking yard · Chattogram
DAY 9	**★ Fish market → Sangrai, Bandarban**
DAY 10	**★ Sangrai · Mro & Bawm villages · Sangu River**
DAY 11	Ramu · Cox's Bazar half-moon boats
DAY 12	Cox's Bazar dry-fish market · fly to Dhaka
DAY 13	Kawran Bazar & Old Dhaka by boat
DAY 14	Departure



FESTIVAL TOUR · NOVEMBER · 15 DAYS

Lamps, torches & the Rash Mela

All three UNESCO sites, hills, tea and floating markets — and two of Bangladesh's most beautiful festivals.

RAKHER UPOBASH · RASH MELA · LALON MUSIC · FLOATING MARKET · HILL TRIBES

DAY 1	Dhaka & Old Dhaka
DAY 2	Tangail weaving & Bogura
DAY 3	Paharpur UNESCO & Rajshahi
DAY 4	Puthia temples & Lalon music
DAY 5	Sundarbans day trip
DAY 6	Bagerhat UNESCO · Barisal river-gypsy village
DAY 7	Floating market → Dhaka
DAY 8	**★ Sonargaon & Rakher Upobash**
DAY 9–10	**★ Sreemangal & Rash Mela**
DAY 11	Train to Chattogram
DAY 12–13	Rangamati & Bandarban hill tribes
DAY 14–15	Cox's Bazar & farewell

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