



INDO ASIA TOURS

INTENSIVE BANGLADESH

Dhaka - Khulna – Sunderbans – Bagerhat - Barisal - Dhaka - Rajshahi - Paharpur - Bogra – Mahasthangarh
Tangail - Dhaka

Tour Duration: 09 Nights / 10 Days

Travel Proposal





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Program Details

Day 01:

Arrive at Dhaka

Arrive Dhaka. On arrival, you will be greeted and assisted by our representative and transferred to the hotel.
(Rooms will be available from 1400 hrs)

DHAKA - Dhaka (or Dacca) is the capital and largest city of Bangladesh. It is the cultural and economic hub of the country. It is not a quiet, retiring place. The city, bursting with nearly 17 million people, is a gloriously noisy and chaotic place, bubbling with energy. It's a city that can sometimes threaten to overwhelm the casual visitor, but once you climb into the back of one of its myriad colourful cycle-rickshaws, Dhaka's charm starts to slowly reveal itself. Life flows from the boats on the Buriganga River to its unexpectedly green parks and university campuses. Mughal and British monuments speak of its history, its mosques and Hindu temples of its spiritual side, and the thriving arts and restaurant scenes – plus the rush to build new roads and a metro railway system – give a glimpse of the direction of future travel. Dhaka isn't without challenges, but sooner or later you'll start to move to its rhythm and truly embrace this furiously beating heart of Bengali culture.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 02:

Dhaka

After breakfast explore Dhaka, one of the most vivacious (and chaotic) cities in the world.

Highlights: Old Nawab's Palace – Ahsan Manzil, Language Martyr's Memorial, University, the colony of conch shell bangle craftsmen; the ancient capital of undivided Bangladesh; abandoned city of Panam.

Today grab your breakfast and pour into the city, as early as you could. Experience the **Puran Dhaka** (we mean Dhaka - the old quarters), which is a time-stopper zone actually! **Ahasan Manzil, the Dhaka Nawab's palace** will tell you few such stories, indeed. Witness **Dhaka University**, the nerve-center of Bengali Language Movement along with the **21st Feb Monument** recalling the language martyrs, which shaped up the spirit of Bangladesh.

And if you are courageous enough, squeeze out 30 minutes (or more... you say?) **to sample some unique street food**, this foodie city is meant for.



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Overnight at the hotel

Day 03:

Dhaka / Khulna and Board the cruiser to Sundarbans

After early breakfast, drive to Khulna

On arrival in Khulna, transfer to the Cruiser. Start sailing towards Sunderbans the largest mangrove forest and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Dinner & Overnight on board the cruiser

Day 04:

Sunderbans – Full day activities in Sunderbans

Inside the Sunderbans (wildlife sanctuary) with different Forest activities like –

Creek surfing with mechanized boat, Jungle trail with armed forest guards, Beach walking, Island hopping, Bird watching.

Meals on-board

Dinner & Overnight on the Vessel

Day 05:

Sunderbans / Mongla port / Bagerhat / Barisal

Back from the wilderness; sail back to Mongla.

Disembark from boat and drive to Bagerhat (45 mins / 30 Kms drive), the mosque city. Enjoy the visit to 60-domed Mosque - a UNESCO world heritage site, Tomb of Khan Jahan (builder of the Mosque), 09-domed Mosque, and Thakur's Pond etc.

After the visit continue drive to Barisal and check into the hotel.

Overnight at the Hotel



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Day 06:

Barisal / Dhaka

After breakfast explore the Swarupkathi / Pirojpur area famous for “**Barisal Backwaters**” – crisscrossed with numerous numbers of rivulets & canals, which are actually the lifelines of Barisal. The floating market appears as the centre of Barisal’s (The Venice of Bengal) beauty. Nobody knows when the idea of this floating market began, but it’s a hundred-year old tradition. Development and modernization are taking over the country but it’s surprising to see them not reaching to this river-oriented life yet. For more than 100 years, the local farmers have been experiencing the ups and downs of life along with the ebb and flow of the river. Many farmers and wholesalers gather here every day.

In the afternoon drive to Dhaka

Overnight at the Hotel

Day 07:

Dhaka / Rajshahi

After breakfast, drive to Rajshahi on the way enjoy visit of the **Puthia Temple Complex and the Puthia Rajbari** - The Puthia Temple Complex consists of a cluster of notable old Hindu temples it has the largest number of historic temples in Bangladesh. The temples were built by Hindu Zamindars Rajas of the Puthia Raj family who were noted philanthropists of Rajshahi. The temples have been built in terracotta in a variety of styles combining the typical Jor-bangla architecture with other influences. The Rajbari or Palace of the Raja of Puthia and the Dol Mancha are part of the complex. The temples are laid out around a lake with a sprawling lawn. Puthia Rajbari is surrounded by ditches. The south end of an open field is where panch ani palace is situated. 4.31 acres of land was used for the Rajbari. The once strong walls surrounding the place are now damaged in places.

Later continue drive to Rajshahi and check into the hotel.

Overnight at the Hotel

Day 08:

Rajshahi / Paharpur / Bogra

After breakfast visit the **Somapura Mahavihara, ruins of the Buddhist Vihara in Paharpur**, that was once the

biggest Buddhist monastery in south Himalayas. It is also one of two UNESCO World Heritage sites in Bangladesh as well as one of the most important archaeological sites in Bangladesh. The Somapura Mahavihara, as the Buddhist Vihara in Paharpur was known, was once a renowned intellectual center until its demise in the 12th century. The monastery is known for its unique design because it was influenced by cultures as far away as Java, where Indonesia is located now, Burma and Cambodia. Also visit **Paharpur Museum**

After the visit continue drive to Bogra. On arrival check in at the hotel

Overnight at the Hotel

Day 09:

Bogra – Excursion to Mahasthangarh – Tangail - Dhaka

After an early breakfast enjoy an excursion to **Mahasthangarh** - one of the earliest urban archaeological sites discovered in Bangladesh.

This site contains the remains of an ancient city which was called Pundranagara or Paundravardhanapura in the territory of Pundravardhana. A limestone slab bearing six lines in Prakrit in Brahmi script, discovered in 1931, dates Mahasthangarh to at least the 3rd century BC. The fortified area was in use till the 18th century AD. Next, head to explore a large number of monuments, mounds and water reservoirs including Govinda Bhita Hindu Temple, Gokul Medh, Behula Lakshindar Basor Ghor, and Vasu Bihar that have been excavated over last few decades.

After the sightseeing continue drive to Tangail, crossing through the **Bangabandhu Bridge**, commonly called the Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge.

Here visit **The Weavers' Colony** - handloom industry in Tangail is one of the oldest cottage industries of Bangladesh and has a glorious history. The weavers here are the successors of the famous Muslin weavers. They were originally from Dhamrai and Chowhatta of Dhaka district and were invited to Tangail by the Jamidars(landlords) of Delduar, Santosh and Gharinda. The sarees produced here also known as "Tangail Saree" is well known throughout the world.

Later continue drive to Dhaka. Arrive Dhaka by late evening and transfer to the hotel

Overnight at the Hotel

Day 10:

Dhaka Departure



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In time transfer to the airport to board the flight back home / onward destination.

IMP: Rooms will be available till 1100 Hrs.

End of Services
