

City trip in Dhaka

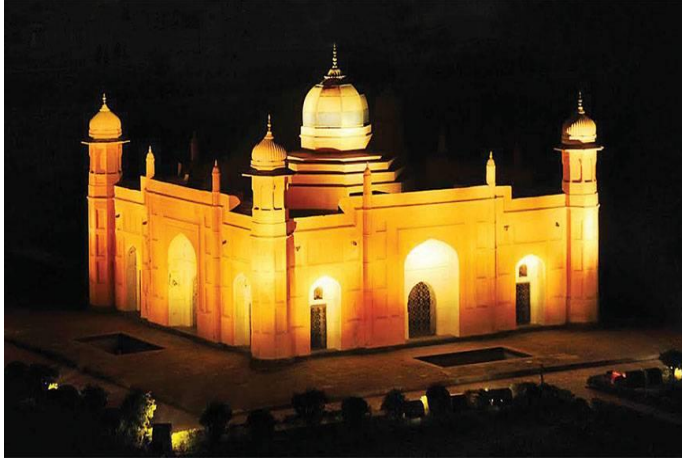
Dhaka, previously known as 'Jahangir Nagar' is a 408 years old city which is the capital of Bangladesh. It is the 20th largest megacity of the world. It attracts millions of tourists every year for the sights it has and also for the cool activities and awesome nightlife. Come to Dhaka and get an amazing lifetime experience.

Dhaka's Sights

Lalbagh Fort

Lalbagh fort is a 17th century made fort during the Mughal Empire. Though it was started by Mughal prince Muhammad Azam and left the place unfinished, the structure remained incomplete till today by Shaista Khan who was the new administrator then. Because in 1684, the daughter of Shaista Khan (named Iran Dukht Pari Bibi) died there and he thought the place was unlucky for him. Once there was a myth that Pari Bibi appears in the full moon sings and dances though local people denies this as a rumor. Lalbagh fort attracts visitor through its museum, 3 tombs, the hammam, roof garden with fountains etc.





Ahsan Manzil

Ahsan Manzil was the private royal residence of the Dhaka Nawab Family. Now it has been assigned as a national gallery. There was a landlord named Sheikh Enayet Ullah during the Mughal reign who acquired a big property and made a palace where he kept beautiful girls for his own entertainment. There is a popular myth that he was killed by the administrator of that time for one of those girls as the administrator was also attracted to her. The girl also committed suicide out of anger and distress. Gradually this splendid castle has got the current shape by the transfer of ownership among so many parties.

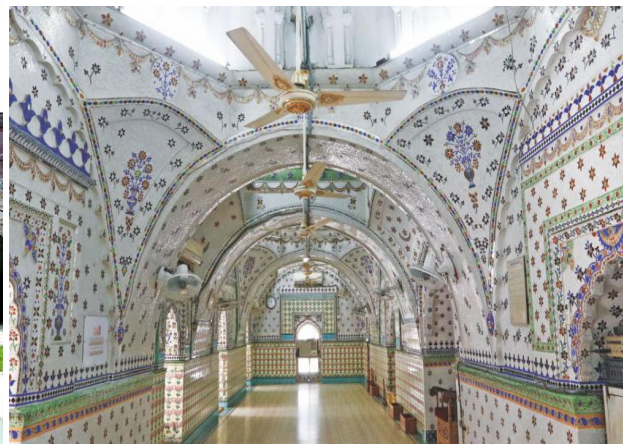


This palace is enriched with a large decorated drawing room, card room, ballroom, chess room, assembly hall, library, 'The Jalsaghar' (dance room) where the floors are decorated with white, green and yellow colored ceramic tiles. The wooden stairs, inner doors with multicolored glasses, geometrically designed wooden ceilings enables the tourists to smell the heritage.



Tara Masjid (Star Mosque)

Star Mosque which is locally known as Star Mosque is a Mughal fashioned rectangular Islamic architecture constructed in the first half of nineteenth century. The visitors amazed when they see beautiful designs and decorations with visual arts of blue stars. The work of exclusive 'chinitikri' mosaic wins the heart. The five domed structure, star shaped china clay tiles of different colors extended its beautification immensely. It is located at Armanitola.



Dhakeshwari Temple

There is a popular myth that it is the place where the jewel from the crown of the Goddess 'Sati' had fallen. It is a Hindu temple established in 12th century by the king Ballal Sen of Sena Kingdom. Tourists of historical interest and of Hindu Religion consider this temple as an obvious place to visit.



Armenian Church

Like to visit a 235 old Armenian Apostolic Church? The location is Armenian street in Armanitola. During the era of Persian dominance, the Armenian established this monument who were sent to this country to do business.



National Museum

The Bangladesh National Museum, previously called the Dhaka Museum is a resource for the tourists who gets fascinated by the historical facts, relics and objects. This is one of the most visited places by the tourists.



National Botanical Garden

Love nature? Have botanical interest? The National Botanical Garden will fascinate you with its more than 100,000 preserved specimens of plants. The location is Mirpur, just adjacent Bangladesh National Zoo.



Ramna Park

If you are staying in the resorts located at Maghbazar, Malibagh, Motijheel, Shahbagh, New Market, Khilgaon etc. areas then Ramna Park is there for your refreshing morning walk along with the nature enriched with plants of numerous species.



Hatirjheel

Hatirjheel is one of the most liked recreational places located at the center of Dhaka. Everyday many people (both local and both local and foreigner) are entertained by this lakefront which was actually built to make the transportation system easier by reduce traffic congestion. If you want a natural view standing on the bridge or walking on the road, Hatirjheel is waiting to attract you. The view turns amazing during rainy season.



National Parliament House (Jatiyo Sangsad Bhaban)

Have you watched “The Architect” released in 2003? Then you are aware of Louis Kahn whose career along with this outstanding work was beautifully expressed in this film. So if you are making a trip in Dhaka, come to Sher-E-Bangla Nagar to see a master piece of a great architect.



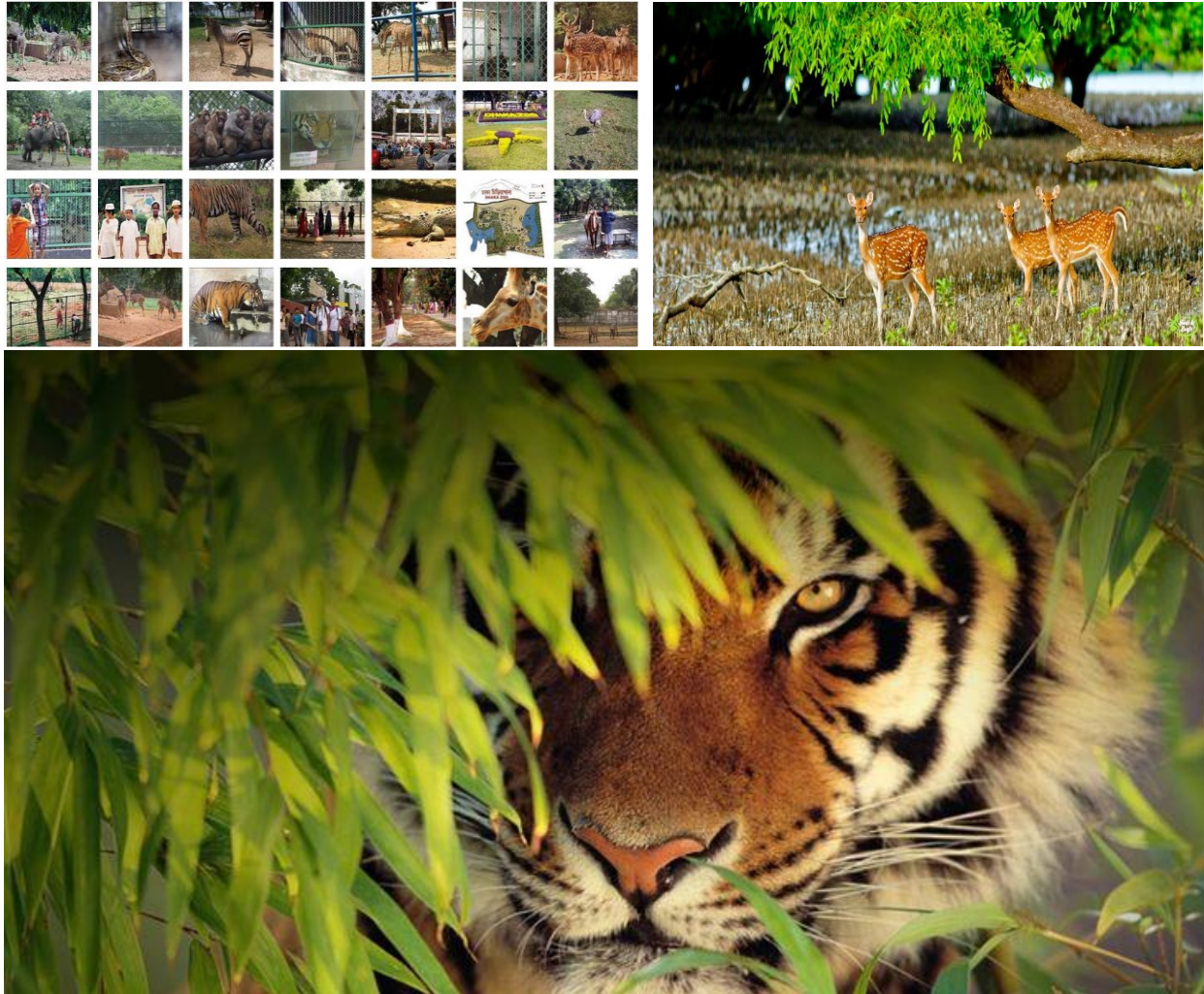
Shaheed Minar

Which is the only nation in this world that sacrificed many of its children on 21st of February, 1952 for their language? It is Bangladesh. For this since year 2000, 21st February has been celebrated as ‘International Mother Language Day’. Shaheed Minar is a symbol of that sacrifice and honor. You will be fascinated visiting here.



Bangladesh National Zoo

Are you an animal lover? Then prepare to spend an entire day to visit Bangladesh National Zoo which is located at Mirpur in Dhaka. Every day more than 10000 visitors come in this place and the number increases significantly during weekends and holidays. Currently the zoo exhibits 58 species of mammals, 28 species of fishes, 91 species of birds and 13 species of reptiles. The unique 'Royal Bengal Tiger' is roaring to catch the center of your attraction and we can bet on that.



Nightlife in Dhaka

Dutch Club

Dutch Club is very famous among the locals and the tourists whose member exceeded from over 30 countries. If you have good choices in alcohol, cocktails and also like dance, sports, music, party then Dutch Club is a high recommendation for you. 10% discounts on drinks are given daily during happy hours (5pm-7pm).



The American Club

This bar is quite American themed located at Gulshan. But you will need an expat friend here in Dhaka to sign in.



Blue Moon Recreation Club

It is a place for the tourists who want to get American bar experience. The bar offers special imported wines and beers, cocktails, fresh juice and soft drinks. Contemporary Continental, Italian, Thai, Chinese, Mexican, Lebanese and Indian Cuisine are available for the foodies. Other features are live music performances, free Wi-Fi, billiards, comfortable beds etc. The neon lighting creates a special feeling inside.



Sakura Restaurant and Bar

Sakura Restaurant and Bar is a very popular bar in Dhaka and always occupied by the locals and tourists. Drinks of different brands and cocktails are the main reason behind its popularity. Delicious foods at reasonable prices are also offered.



La Diplomat

La Diplomat is a Spanish restaurant and Bar located at Gulshan 1 in Dhaka city. The main features are comparatively lower priced alcoholic beverages and good food specially grill and BBQ.



Shisha Lounge

Shisha (flavored tobacco) is a recent addition in this country. So if you like to have this experience, some lounges are here to serve you.

Deja Vu Café

Do you like shisha? Dance floor? DJ performances? Good food?

Remember the name “Deja Vu Café”. It is 24 hour open and located at Gulshan 2 in Dhaka.



Shisha World

Dhaka Regency Hotel is one of the best hotel and shisha lounge in the country. Quality is guaranteed here though the price is a bit higher.



H2O Lounge

Do you hate time limits while enjoying shisha, beverage and food? This is a recommendation for you which you will find at Dhanmondi in Dhaka.



Shanghai Café

Enjoy exotic shisha experience within an outstanding Middle Eastern fashioned interior. It's in Banani, Dhaka.



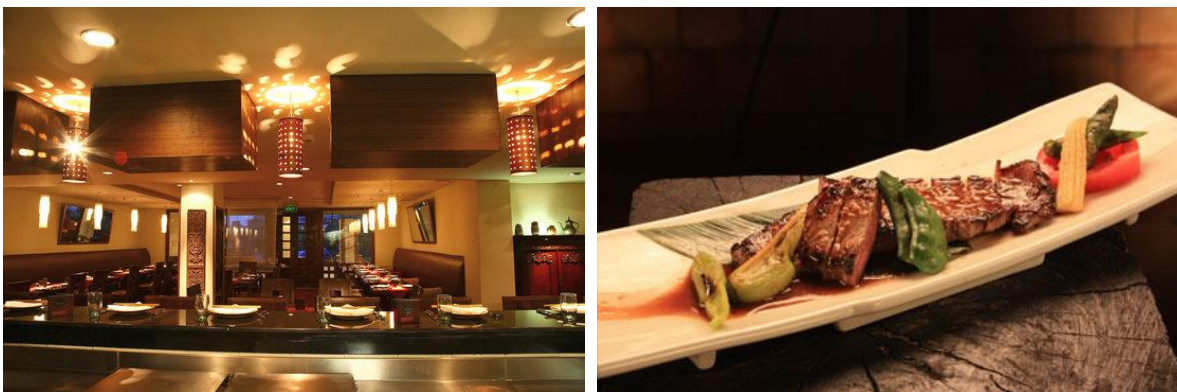
Some other popular shisha lounges in this city are X Lounge (Banani), Steak House (Gulshan 1), Kozmo Lounge (Dhanmondi) etc.

Restaurants

Usually you will find restaurants in the place where you are staying or in the shopping malls while shopping. But to experience special cuisine, you have the option of numerous restaurants as the inhabitants of Dhaka are food lovers.

Izumi

One of the best restaurants of Japanese origin located at Gulshan 2 in Dhaka. Different Japanese food and also their own wine is available here though the price is a bit expensive.



Koreana Restaurant

Looking for delicious Korean, Chinese, Japanese food? Awesome place? Reasonable price? This restaurant will give you an enjoyable memory. Remember, it is at Gulshan 2.



El Toro

If you believe you will not find authentic Mexican food outside Mexico, El Toro at Gulshan 1 will make you rethink not only for the food but also the drink experience.



Bunka

Bunka is highly recommended for the food monsters for a special service called 'all you can eat' at 2,999 taka (38 US dollars). This restaurant is a mixture of soothing panoramic view of gulshan Lake, delicious food with their very own dish called "Live Tepanyaki Steak". Bunka is one of the leading restaurants for desserts.



Pizza Roma

All we know that the world has a large fan group of Italian Foods. So if you are obsessed with Italian foods then come to Pizza Roma where you will taste one of the finest pizzas and pastas in the country along with lasagna, thin crust, tiramisu etc. at reasonable price.



Activities in Dhaka

Enjoy a cricket match in Dhaka

If you love cricket then Bangladesh is not a new name to you. As it is one of the strongest sides in the world, tourists of many countries come to Dhaka to watch international cricket matches (both one day and T20 format) every year. You can visit the two international stadiums available in Dhaka even there is no match.



Ride in a Rickshaw

Want to ride in the most popular vehicle of this country? You are most welcome in Dhaka, the capital of rickshaw of the world. It is one of the most amazing experiences to travel in Dhaka by rickshaw. It is so cheap, comfortable, traditional and eco-friendly. This three wheeler transport is decorated, colorful and usually includes paintings and messages on the backwards.



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novo Theatre

Hey planetarium lovers! Do you need feelings to watch the space live? This place will blow your minds with celestial shows of stars, planets using modern technology.



Shopping

Jamuna Future Park, South Asia's largest shopping mall is located at Kuril in Dhaka. You will find products of world renowned brands as well as non-branded goods. You can enjoy foods from Garlic 'n Ginger, KFC, Pizza Hut, Tekiya and other various famous restaurants. Many coffee shops, rides and couple of high tech cinema theatres are there to give you an amazing experience.



Bashundhara Shopping Mall is another one which will ensure quality shopping and fun memories. As Bangladesh is the leader in RMG sector, visitors from outside never forget to shop from **Banga Bazar** and buy all sort of garments at cheapest price which is hard to believe.



Theatre

Watching plays based on renowned stories are another form of entertainment here. The biggest theatre for plays of Bangladesh is located at Shegunbagicha, Dhaka and called **Jatiya Natyashala** (national theatre of play). But if you want to enjoy foods and shopping after watching plays, then you need to go **Mahila Samiti Auditorium** and the **Guide House Auditorium** located at Bailey Road, Dhaka where you will find many world renowned restaurants and shopping malls under one umbrella.



Theme Parks and Racing

Are you planning to make a trip in Dhaka with your kids? Here are some recommendations especially for your off springs. Come to Ashulia, Dhaka where 1 day is not enough for you, let alone the kids. **'Fantasy Kingdom'** offers world class rides and sights for kid's photo-shoot where Prince Ashu, Princess Lia and their animal friends Zuzu, Bobo, Zipper and Bangasaur are waiting to entertain.



'Water Kingdom' is specialized in water themed rides which thrills people of all ages by DJ shows and dance floors. It has its own theme 3 star hotel **'The Resort Atlantis'** which offers excellent accommodation services.



'Xtreme Racing' is a world class Go-Kart track adjacent to it where you can do both day and night time racing operated by TAG HEUER timing system. Kids who have interest in heritage will be entertained in **'Heritage Park'** which is also adjacent to Fantasy Kingdom.



Other suggestions include **'Jamuna Future Park'** located at Kuril and **'Shahbagh Shishu Park'** with facilities of numerous rides, views, foods and shopping.