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| US State Dept Travel Advisory | The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution due to crime, terrorism, and the upcoming general election. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html |
| Passport/Visa Requirements | US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country. |
| US Embassy/Consulate | [880] (2) 5566-2000; US Embassy in Dhaka, Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka -1212, Bangladesh; https://bd.usembassy.gov/ ; DhakaACS@state.gov |
| LGBTQIA+ Travelers | Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) travelers can face unique challenges when traveling abroad. Laws and attitudes in some countries may affect safety and ease of travel. Legal protections vary from country to country. Many countries do not legally recognize same-sex marriage. Approximately seventy countries consider consensual same-sex sexual relations a crime, sometimes carrying severe punishment. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html |
| Telephone Code | 880 |
| Local Emergency Phone | Police, Fire and Ambulance: 999; various government services: 333 |
| Vaccinations | http://www.who.int/ |
| Climate | Tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October) |
| Currency (Code) | Takas (BDT) |
| Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s) | 220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, C, D, G, K      |
| Major Languages | Bengali |
| Major Religions | Muslim 81.1%, Hindu 10% |
| Time Difference | UTC+6 (11 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time) |
| Potable Water | Opt for bottled water |
| International Driving Permit | Suggested |
| Road Driving Side | Left |
| Tourist Destinations | Cox's bazaar; Saint Martin' Island; Teknaf Sea Beach; Nilachal Bandarban; Sundarbans; Somapura Mahavihara (ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur) |
| Major Sports | Kabaddi (contact team sport played between two teams of seven players each), cricket |
| Cultural Practices | It is considered impolite to cross one's legs or to smoke in the presence of elders. Young people may show respect to older people by touching their feet. Bangladeshis do not commonly queue in crowded public places, such as train stations or shopping centers. |
| Tipping Guidelines | Tipping is very uncommon and may be seen as ostentatious. Taxi fares may be rounded up and left with the driver as a tip, and 20-30 takas a day is common for hotel staff. |
| Souvenirs | Pink pearls, mother-of-pearl jewelry, hand-loomed fabrics, silk, carved masks, leather goods, folk dolls |
| Traditional Cuisine | Ilish macher paturi — rice and Ilish fish marinated with ground spices and wrapped in banana leaves and steamed or roasted |