Ultimate choice of travelers: Discover the World largest mangrove- Sundarbans

**Introduction**

The mangrove Sundarban- is the world largest halophytic mangrove forest in world. Diverse types of trees and shrubs are grown in the saline water and the sediment habitats here. It is situated in the south western coast of Bangladesh and part of the coast of West Bengal, India. The name of Sundarban may have been derived from the tree Sundary that are found in Sundarban in a large scale. Area of Sundarban is about 3860 square miles or 10,000 square kilometer. It is designated as UNESCO world heritage site since 1997. The most abundant tree species are sundri (Heritierafomes) and gewa (Excoecariaagallocha). Unknown numbers of tidal rivers and canals flows inside the Sundarban. The forests provide habitat to 453 numbers faunal wildlife, including 290 birds, 120 fish species, 42 mammals, 35 reptiles and eight amphibian species.

**Popular destination at Sundarban**

**Hiron Point:** Hiron Point is a beautiful spot, great for spotting tigers and other spectacular and rare wildlife animals. This place is known as Nilkamal, it is famous for tiger, deer, monkey, crocodiles and many precious birds. This place attracts many tourists owing to its natural beauty and innate splendor.This place attracts many tourists owing to its natural beauty and innate splendor. This is a place to have a look at the rare species of wild animals and birds, to be noted in the diary of bird watchers and Wildlife enthusiasts.The visitors can get a comfortable stay in the three-storied Rest House of the Mongla Port Authority with prior booking.

**Katka:** Katka is one of Heritage sites in Sunderban and very close to Bay of Bengal. Katka is a base for safaris, and well spot to see tigers and to watch birds. Katka is well known for many rare and majestic wild animals. At Katka, one can see many precious wild animals right from tigers to deer and also varieties of birds and many kinds of monkeys. Here one can hear the natures’ music mixed with the wild fowls in the mornings and evenings. For those interested in wildlife trekking, the vast expanse of grassy meadows running from Katka to Kachikhali (Tiger Point) is an ideal route. Don’t miss this place if you are an adventurous tourist.

**Jamtola Sea beach:** The Sundarbans is a vast forest which is mainly situated in Satkhira district under Khulna division and extended to Khulna and Bagerhat. Sundarbans has some amazing places to visit and Jamtola Sea-beach is one of them. The numerous trees enhance the beauty of this beach. Tourists can also see the natural view of sunrise and sunset, clouds, fogs and the blue sky. There is a watch tower in Kotka and from here, it takes half an hour in walking to reach Jamtola sea beach.

**Bangabandhu Island:** Bangabandhu Island is a small Island situated in Bay of Bengal. It is about 15 nautical miles far from Hiran point and 25 nautical miles from Dublar char of Sundarban. It is one of the beautiful islands in the world. There is no human settlement establish here yet. Sometimes, fishermen those who go to the deep sea for fishing come here for taking rest. Three fourth of this island is covered with newly grown mangrove forests. Numbers of white spot deer is found in this island. Besides, red crabs, sea turtle can be watched in the Beach of Bangabandhu Island. This is an Island from where both sun rise and sun set can see from a single sitting.

**Dublar char:** The Sundarban is one of the biggest single block of tidal halophytic mangrove forest in the world. It is located in Bangladesh and part of India. There are many tourism destination here. Dublar Char Island is one of them. Dublar Char, a beautiful island known for its picturesque scenes, is famous for fishing and is a place for fishermen with abundant of fish fauna. One can enjoy the fishing here and have a firsthand experience of this fun filled activity. The Island has all the natural beauty of any other places of the world renowned Islands. Dublar char is also famous for fish drying during the winter.

The Island has all the natural beauty of any of the world distinguished Islands. It is an attractive island where herds of spotted deer are often seen to graze. A casual walk around the Island provides the tourist with the chance of spotting many wild animals. With water all around and with lots of fish fauna, Dublar Char offers unique experience to the enthusiastic visitors. Information source:

**Shela Island (Tin konadwip):** This Island is famous for white spot deer and the tiger. This island is situated in the north side of Dublar char.

**Kachikhali:** This spot is located 14km to the east of Katka and belongs to East Wildlife Sanctuary under Sundarban East Forest Division. This spot features dense forests facing the Bay of Bengal. Trails of numerous marine and land creatures are found on the beach. The East KochikhaliKhal and Supatikhal are famous as the entrance of Tiger to Kochikhali. Boating along the canals criss-crossing the area provides tourists with the opportunity to spot basking crocodiles, deer, lizards, wild boar and lots of birds. There is also a rest house at Kachikhali.

**Harbaria:** Harbaria is one of the beautiful places of world largest mangrove forest Sundarban. It is located beside the river Poshur at the Chadpai range of Sundarban and at the North side of Bay of Bengal. It is a house of Bengal tiger. It is called the most attractive and dangerous place of Sundarban.

**Kalagachia:** Kalagachia forest is located beside the river Kholpetua. It is situated in the west side of Gabura union of Syamnagarupazila under Satkhira district. If anyone likes to visit Kalagachia forest, first have to go Munshiganj then go to the Kalagachia by boat.

**How to visit Sundarban**

It is easy to go khulna city first then hire a launch from there. Without hiring a launch (river cruse), it is not possible to visit the real charming of Sundarban. Beside, launch can be hired from Munshiganj of Satkhira and Mongla from Bagerhat district. But Khulna is the best place for hiring vessel due to availability of various types of vessel.

From Dhaka there are various mode of transports are available, such as- bus, train and air. For air travel one have to arrive at Jashore Airport first and then have to go to Khulna from there by bus or any other private vehicles.

**Experiencing Sundarban with Bonvoyage**

Bon-voyage organizes Sundarban travelling mainly in winter (October-March). Any interested people/group of people may contact with Bon-voyage for a memorable tour in Sundarban.

Tentative cost for a luxury travel in Sundarban from Dhaka (a 5 days package) is about: USD 550 (per person, but for a group of 10 people at least)

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