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Adventure Cruise to Sundarban

Tour Itinerary

- **Day 01: Transfer from Dhaka to Khulna/Mongla. :**

There are numerous options to reach Khulna or Mongla where our boat will be waiting for you. Take the bus: takes 6 hours and 8 hours via Aricha to Khulna. Train: takes 7-10 hours, There is also a regular flight to Jessore from Dhaka which takes about 40 minutes of flying time and 2 hours of driving to reach Khulna by airline shuttle bus or reserved transport. In the case of arriving in Khulna the night before the trip starts, you may take accommodation in a hotel or in our boat (subject to availability) There is a moderate quality hotel available in the Khulna division.

- **Day 02: Welcome to our Sundarban Adventure Cruise, the homeland of the Royal Bengal Tiger.:**

Just after completion of boarding, you will start the lifetime memory journey through the magical mangrove forest, you likely will be arriving in Kotka/ Kochikhali by late in the afternoon. Your expert guide will offer you some forest activities in the afternoon after reaching there and if only we are allowed by the daylight. Enjoy the fascinating nature; hang on to the music of silence. Overnight and all meals onboard. The boat will be anchored nearby the forest station.

- **Day 03: Full day activities Kotka/Kochikahli:**

Early in the morning around 6 am (will depend on the weather situation) your guide will offer you a silent wooden rowing boat trip, which is considered one of the must-do activities during your stay at the home of tiger the magical forest, through the narrow creek for couples of hours and get back to the boat for breakfast. We will invite you to a six-kilometer beach walk/ easy forest walk and beach activities for the next couple of hours in between lunch and breakfast. After the beach activity return to the boat by lunchtime, after lunch around 3:30pm, an adventurous jungle walk will be offered by your guide. Soon after completion of your boarding on the boat, you will start the journey for the Pakhir Khal or at a convenient location for overnight stay by the forest station.

- **Day 04: Return journey to Khulna/Mongla afterward to Dhaka. :**

This is the last morning you are spending there and today early morning around 6:30 am depending on the weather situation your guide will offer you a bird watching rowing boat trip through the narrow creek again. Return to the boat for breakfast and start the return journey to Mongla/Khulan After having an early lunch disembark in Mongla and drive to Jessore by reserved car to avail the afternoon flight to Dhaka. Other groups who will take the overnight bus or train, may continue their journey by the same houseboat till to Khulna and leave the boat after dinner to get your overnight transport to Dhaka or to the next destination. Arriving in Dhaka by the following morning, as per your transport's scheduled time and end of the tour with a nice memory of being guest at the home of tiger, the magical mangrove forest.

Tour Includes

- **What's included?**

The trip as per itinerary with accommodation and all meals on the boat in Sundarban Forest

Forest armed guard.

Experienced English Speaking guide.

- **Additional Costs for Supplementary Services.**

Not included in the trip price:

Video camera fee for foreigner BDT 300.00 / per day

Forest permission fees for each foreign nationals BDT 5200 (for 3 days)

Dhaka – Jessore flight ticket BDT 3800 to 6500 each way, per person

Dhaka-Khulna bus ticket BDT 1500.00

Dhaka – Khulna train ticket BDT 1500.00

Jessore - Mongla transfer by sedan car (2 PAX) BDT 5500.00

Jessore - Mongla transfer by minivan (7 PAX) BDT 6500.00

Khulna – Mongla Transfer by sedan Car (2 PAX) BDT 3000.00

Khulna – Mongla Transfer by minivan (7 PAX) BDT 4000.00

Special Notes

- **Things to carry.**

Torch / flashlight

Binoculars

Camera with extra batteries.

Mosquito repellent for the (mosquito nets are provided on a boat in the cabin)

Sun protection (Hat, lotion, shades)

Lightweight walking shoes, which won't come off easily (During the activities you might be crossing muddy patches)

Full sleeve clothes for walks in the forest and cool evenings (
Preferably not in bright colors)

From November to February: warm clothes, as it can be very cold

Hard drinks of your own

Swimming gear & Towel

Raincoat or umbrella.

Field guide of identification Book for your area of interest

Any medication needed for yourself

Reading the material, board games, etc.

- **Code of ethics and conduct for visitors to the sundarban reserve forest.**

Please read this code of ethics and conduct carefully and follow the advice of your guides. Educate others about the importance of being an eco-tourist and how to behave appropriately in the forest.

Inform yourself about the Sundarban Reserve Forest before you visit.

Dress in as dark as possible and garments that blend with the flora. Thus, this will help to minimize the impact on the fauna and increase your chances of seeing wildlife.

Safety is important to you and your friends. Always ensure that armed forest guards and/or an experienced guide accompany you. They are your friends, and their knowledge and experience are essential for your protection.

Whenever possible try to utilize boats to minimize your walks in the forest. Stop the boat engines when viewing wildlife and taking photographs. Leave the animals undisturbed.

Please walk silently and in small groups in the forest, follow and respect the signs, remain in the areas of public access only and do not disturb the wildlife, ongoing research or the other visitors.

Respect the fragility of the forest. Do not cut, extract and damage the flora.

Dispose of waste properly or if no bins are available, bring it back with you when possible. Do not leave or throw or litter anything inside the forest, including cigarette butts.

Respect the privacy and dignity of others. Always ask before photographing people.

Do not buy, encourage or trace products from endangered plants or animals (skins, antlers, teeth, etc.) Hunting in the reserve forest is illegal. Fishing in the sanctuary areas is forbidden.

Do not use any loudspeakers or create loud noise, or set bonfires inside the forest.

Support the Forest Department initiatives and other conservation programs and organizations working to preserve the Sundarban Reserve Forest.

Leave behind only footprints. Take only photographs. No graffiti.

- **Activity in sundarban forest**

- **KOTKA STATION & SURROUNDING FOREST**

The very location of Kotka forest station is unique. Towards the south

There is a sweet water pond (near the forest office) where many birds and wildlife make a regular visit for drinking water. Normally it is a very good place for a wildlife photographer to take pictures. In the afternoon just to sit on the jetty and looking to the south is worthwhile. In the months of March- October the south- western strong monsoon wind will be there to greet and cool you down. One can also take a stroll to the west and into the forest to have a close look at the forest as well as to watch some wildlife. is the Bay of Bengal, on the west you have the long jetty and on the east and north you have the forest.

Depending upon the interest of the group and availability of time this trip May last between 1-2 hours. We can take any number of people on this trip. The best way to experience the forest and watch wildlife is by staying absolutely quiet in the Forest. Avoiding brightly coloured wears (i.e. red, yellow) will enhance your chances of seeing wildlife from a close distance. Generally, one or more guide along with armed forest guards will accompany you on this trip.

Things to take along: camera, binoculars, hat, water, walking shoe/s, sneakers, a pair of good eyes& ears.

SILENT COUNTRY BOAT RIDE

This boat trip is probably the best way to experience this unique ecosystem and its tranquillity of the Sunderban from close proximity. Staying quiet is the first and foremost requirement of the trip, as the careless chatters may make the wildlife disappear even before they are spotted by the visitors. It is the best not to have any brightly coloured wears on this trip. Darker shades of green, grey are best to wear on this trip.

Depending upon the interest of the group and availability of time this trip May last between 1-3 hours. Normally we recommend this trip early morning around sunrise, or in the afternoon starting around 3-4 pm. We can take as many as 25 people on our big country boat while on the smaller one we can take a maximum of 12 people. Generally, one guide accompanies this trip who can help you identify the birds and wildlife.

Things to take along: Water, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Binoculars, Hat or Umbrella.

WALKING TO THE BEACH

This is a long beach hiking trip normally offered between Kotka and Kochikhali. It is better to have this trip started immediately after breakfast. The hike involves about 6 km walk mainly through the beach between Kotka and Kochikhali. The journey will take you through the meadow mostly with a brief passage into the forest of dense Gewa trees. A quiet walk shall help you to see birds and wildlife.

The destination of the walk is a white sandy beach, probably the best in the country can offer. On the beach you can spend the time walking on the beach, swimming, playing football or volleyball. You can also spend your time just sitting and sunbathing. Even though the water is a bit murky with sediments, it still offers a very nice and relaxing swimming experience in the safety of shallow waters.

Most of the time the walk will be through dry land, but you might have to cross through the small tidal channel during the monsoon and during spring tides when the water reaches part of this walkway.

Depending upon the interest of the group and availability of time this trip may last 2-4 hours. We can take any number of people on this trip. It is important that the group maintains a single queue and not make much noise during the walk. Generally, one or more guide along with armed forest guards will accompany this trip.

Things to take Along: Water, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Towel, Swimming gears, Hat or Umbrella.

KOCHIKHALI (TIGER POINT) FOREST STATION VISIT

This is the easternmost forest station in the south. Once this place was selected by some international wildlife and conservation agency as the first tiger project area in the country. For some reason that never happened but the name tiger point remained associated with this place. Like other here also there is a rest house, sweet water pond and a meadow extended to the south to the Bay of Bengal. On the right there

lies the forest. It is very interesting to have a walk from in front of the forest station to the south-west and south and reach the beach after about 1 hour of lazy walk. After arriving on to the beach you may have a walk/ bath/ swim before going back to the mother boat.

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BOYAR KHEAL & THE FOREST

Boyar Khal (channel) is one of the most beautiful places you will find in Kotka area. Especially in the afternoon and in the morning, this creek looks beautiful with Keora trees on both the sides of this channel. A quiet boat trip is very rewarding in this creek.

A boat trip goes into this channel for about 700 m for bird watching and from their walk about 40 minutes into the forest to reach a place once upon a time used to be a place where people used to collect salt, is an ideal option for a small enthusiastic group .the walk takes place in a very dense part of the forest, and depending on the tide walk can be very muddy at times. For the walk, a pair of good boots is recommended.

Generally, one or more guide along with armed forest guards will accompany you on this trip.

Things to take along: Camera, Binoculars, Hat, Water, a pair of good eyes & ears.

***This activity will only be offered by particular guide/s.

Tour Price

- **2 Pax Tour:**\$400 USD / 41000 BDT