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BANGLADESH COMPACT *The quintessence. (8 days)*

This is our shortest trip, but it should not be underestimated and – despite all modesty – this represents the country quite well because despite the rather tight time frame, this week offers you a variety of insights into the conditions of the country and the life of its inhabitants.

Bangladesh is first and foremost a river delta, which is why you will also be largely on the rivers and streams – the actual streets of the country. We escape the brittle charm of Old Dhaka and go from the largest, most chaotic and probably also the dirtiest river port in the world, the Sadarghat, into the silent expanse of the Ganges Delta.

Enjoy the passing rural Bangladesh with style and a few cups of tea and the colonial flair of an original paddle steamer from the 1930s, a so-called Rocket or one of its modern counterparts. The undisputed king of the area is of course the Bengal tiger.

At Narail it is the otters who go fishing with their masters. It is pretty much the last place in the world where this is still practiced. A small picturesque temple complex in the middle of nowhere and in the middle of a village community are the icing on the cake and in no time you are back in Dhaka.

You will encounter silent witnesses to history as lively and lively the present. Scenic highlights are paired with religious traditions, the everyday life of the village communities with that of the megacities. You can still find traditional agriculture and fishing everywhere, in the cities craft and trade are still as public as when the British conquered the country. In other words, there are a myriad of impressions and experiences that are waiting for you and that cannot replace a newspaper report or a television program.

Sure, it is exhausting to travel away from touristically developed regions, but Bangladesh will reward you with priceless impressions and experiences!

Highlights

- Old Dhaka as a bubbling juggernaut
- everything about the Sadarghat, the largest city port in the world
- ship passage on the Meghna, the largest river in Asia
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Sundarbans. 3 day cruise in the Ganges Delta
- picturesque temples in the village of Bhatnagar
- the last otter fishermen in the world

Itinerary

day/date		stage/services	transport	overnight stay
1	Sunday	arrival Dhaka → Morrelganj Old Dhaka, river trip <i>handluggage!</i>	bus 30km ferry 350km/15h	riverboat 1. class cabin
2	Monday	Morrelganj → Mongla river trip	ferry bus 130km/5h	cabin

3	Tuesday	Sundarbans Sundarbans	cruiser	
4	Wednesday	Sundarbans → Mongla Sundarbans		
5	Thursday	Mongla → Jessore Bhatnagar Temple Complex	bus 100km/4h	Iqbal Manzil Apartments ***
6	Friday	Jessore → Narail → Jessore otter fisherman	bus 80km/4h	
7	Saturday	Jessore → Dhaka Dhaka handluggage!	plane 150km/1h	Marino Hotel ***
8	Sunday	Abreise Dhaka Flughafentransfer	bus 5km	-

travel day	itinerary
1 Sunday	<p>The heart of the juggernaut, Old-Dhaka</p> <p>Day of arrival! We will have no time to waste and will start straight away: It goes straight to the heart of Dhaka, the old town. Dhaka is not a city, it is rather a juggernaut, an alluring and devouring black hole and Old Dhaka is its center. We stroll through Hindu Street and roam through the impenetrable tangle of alleys around the Sadarghat, always accompanied by a sea of 600,000 colorful, deafening ringing rickshaws. At the end of the day we embark from here to Morrelganj from the world's largest river port.</p> <p><i>In Dhaka, please switch to hand luggage. You have your main luggage on the evening of the second day on our Sundarbans cruiser.</i></p> <p>Fair wind and good night in your 1st class cabin on the ferry.</p>
2 - 4 Monday - Wednesday	<p>UNESCO World Heritage Sundarbans</p> <p>It is only in the afternoon of the second day that we reach Morrelganj on our tranquil journey. So we have enough time to observe rural life on board, as well as to inspect the paddle steamer (Rocket) from the 1930s. Our bus continues to Mongla, the gateway to the Ganges Delta where our small cruise ship is already waiting for us.</p> <p>In the late afternoon of the third day we reach Kotka, a game station in the southeastern part of the Sundarbans. There should still be enough time for a first shore leave...</p> <p>We end the day with a BBQ dinner on board.</p> <p>On the morning of the fourth day we watch the awakening life from the dinghy, in one of the side arms. After breakfast we hike towards the pristine beach of the Bengal Bay. In the afternoon you cross towards Mongla with the opposite course. Arrive the next morning.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight camp on our small cruise ship.</p>
5 - 7 Thursday - Saturday	<p>About tame otters, picturesque temples and idyllic country life</p> <p>After an early lunch on the 5th day we disembark and continue towards Jessore. Country life is very important today and tomorrow. The first highlight will be the idyllic Bhatnagar Temple Complex on the banks of the Bhairab.</p> <p>Good night in Jessore!</p> <p>Also on day 6 we ring the villages to one where there is something unique to see: Otter fishermen! The fish don't have it easy, at least around here. Her predator no.1 man is a quite ominous alliance with another, not even more pleasant contemporary for her, the smooth coated otter. The fishermen breed and raise them, train them and with a lot of patience the otters grow to be excellent accomplices of the fishermen...</p> <p><i>In Jessore, please switch to hand luggage. You have your main luggage in the evening of the 7th day in the hotel in Dhaka.</i></p> <p>Good night in Jessore!</p> <p>Around noon on the 7th day we fly back to Dhaka, where we can go shopping in the neighborhood. Arongs would be an excellent choice, but it also has enough local markets.</p> <p>In the evening there will be a final dinner together.</p> <p>A good night's sleep for the last time in Dhaka / Bangladesh.</p>
8 Sunday	<p>Back on "Go"</p> <p>Airport transfer depending on departure.</p> <p>Farewell and end of the tour.</p> <p>Thank you and good trip home!</p>

Travel route



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