

# Star Holiday

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## Biking to Kewkradong

PART - 2

### January 3

We got out of the tent a bit late in the morning. We prepared oatmeal and poached eggs for breakfast. Few minutes later, we were on our way to Derjilingpara. We had to cross three streams by forming a line and passing the bicycles from one to another. We climbed up a slope and almost immediately had to go down. We reached Derjilingpara when the sun was exactly above us. We ended our day at Karbari's place. By the time we finished repairing our battered bikes, the sun was descending on the horizon.

We wanted to reach the top



of Kewkradong that very night. So after a quick dinner we hit the trail again. It was pretty



cold outside. The silent moon shone on the peak from a distance. And after 35 minutes

of light trekking and biking we were just a few meters away from the final destination. It



was bone-chilling over there. We were all exhausted when we finally reached there. The

breeze was so unbearably cold that we pitched our tents and went to sleep with a heart full of joy.

### January 4

It was a gorgeous morning on the Kewkradongpeak. We crawled out of the tents and started packing. We had a bus to catch from Bandarbans the next day. We waved goodbye to Kewkradong and rode down to Derjilingpara.

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### CATEGORY ADVENTURETRIP

Tourists suffering from heart, respiratory, rheumatic and altitude problems are not advised to participate in this trip. Age limit may be between 18-50 years.

**Orientation:** The spot is situated to the southwest part of the country and is about 450-km from the Dhaka city.

### THINGS TO CARRY

- A bicycle with spare parts and fixing tools.
- Sleeping bag and mattress.
- Flash light and headlamp.
- Light-soled shoe.
- Insect repellant.
- Sufficient nutrient food and drinking water.
- Map, GPS and a good backpack.
- Tent and fixing gears.
- Items of personal use.

### HOLIDAYBOOKS



## AMAZING ST. MARTIN

When a professional photographer and a wealthy hotelier with a keen zeal of photography get together, the result is a fantastic travel picture album styled "The revelation of a mystique St. Martin Island." The costly and quality production would catch your interest immediately at any bookshop, after all you don't get too many such things on Bangladesh. Turn the pages and you will get to know a lot of commonly unknown facts. This fantastic island was formed 2 million years ago, it has 68 types of coral and 234 types of sea fish, and the amazing creatures called sea horses are found

here. Even if you had never visited this amazing island before, the 128-page book will make you feel you had been there before -- the photographs so vivid and capturing the minute details of the nature and people. Authors Abdul Malek Babul, who has to his credit a chest of prizes, and Azizur Rahman, who owns the La Vinci hotel and has been taking interest in photography since he laid his hands on a mini-box camera in his childhood, have done a commendable job. A must read for travel lovers.

Price Tk 1,250 Available: Pathak Samabesh



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