

Class IX-X

Travelling to The Sundarbans

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Dear Learners, here are some information and suggestions for you to consider while travelling to the Sundarbans.

A. Focused Questions:

1. Have you ever gone on a holiday? If yes, where did you go?
2. If not, would you like to go on a holiday? Where do you want to go? When do you want to go? With whom do you want to go?
3. Have you ever visited the Sundarbans? If yes, how did you travel there? What have you seen?
4. If no, do you want to visit this amazing mangrove forest?

Answer prompt:

1. Yes, I have.....
2. No, I haven't..... I want to go to..... I want to visit..... I want to go with my
3. Yes, I have..... I have travelled there by..... I have seen.....
4. No, I haven't

B. The pictures are related to travelling. Look at the pictures and match the words with the pictures.

Torch Towel Umbrella Raincoat Binoculars
Camera Walking shoes Books Bag Battery



C. Mahalia is from England. She is a wildlife photographer. She has a friend here named Saima. Mahalia went to the Sundarbans. Now, Mahalia is sharing her experience with Saima about the tour.

Saima : So, Mahalia, how are you feeling today?

Mahalia : I am feeling good. Yesterday I was very tired because I had a long tour in the Sundarbans. I couldn't sleep much during the tour.

Saima : Why? Didn't you have proper accommodation on the ship?

Mahalia : Oh, no! The accommodation and other facilities were fabulous. I just didn't want to waste my time sleeping in the cabin.

Saima : Hmm. Tell me something about the tour. How did you go there? How was the ship? What did you see? Actually, tell me everything.

Mahalia : At first I contacted a travel agency here and they gave me so many offers to travel there. I selected the five-day tour. Then the authorities told me to get forest permission from the Divisional Forest officer, Khulna, as I am not a Bangladeshi citizen.

Saima : Did you get the permission easily?

Mahalia : Yes. The officer was very helpful. I got that in a short time. Then I confirmed my booking in the travel agency. I took the direct bus from Dhaka to Khulna and the journey was moderately comfortable.

Saima : Was the hotel arranged by the same agency?

Mahalia : Oh, yes! They gave me a nice hotel. Then the next morning, I started the cruise. On the first day, we had a cruise through the river and forest. On the second day, we had a walk in the mangrove forest. I visited a beautiful place called Hiron Point on the third day though I didn't enjoy the place called Karamjol. Then on the fourth day, we had a cruise through the rivers of Bangladesh and on the fifth day I came back.

Saima : Did you take photographs?

Mahalia : Oh, yes! Of course! I could take lots of pictures of wildlife. I took photographs at night, too. I will show you the pictures.

Saima : Did you need to pay for taking photographs?

Mahalia : Yes. I had to pay only Tk 1000 per roll.

Saima : It seems that you enjoyed the tour.

Mahalia : Yes. I really enjoyed the tour. The sunrise and sunset were beautiful. I could take photographs and also could relax. The weather was pleasant. I saw the Royal Bengal tigers, dotted deer and crocodiles, but unfortunately, I couldn't see the dolphins. I was really busy taking photographs of those animals and I missed the dolphins. But still, it was amazing. You should go there sometime.

D. Safety and Precautions

The Sundarbans is well-known as the only place where Bengal Tigers still hunt and kill humans. So, it is a good idea to take the help of an expert. Saltwater crocodiles also inhabit the Sundarbans and are well-known to be the largest and (along with the Nile crocodile) the most aggressive reptile on the Earth. Thus, in the Sundarbans, you are advised to take a large boat. Moreover, swimming is not advised anywhere. As you can see, while living in the Sundarbans is extremely dangerous, very little risk is posed to the average tourist. Snakes exist, but are primarily either shy or nocturnal, and unless you plan on venturing off into the bush alone, you don't have much to worry about. However, you should not walk around in the deserted areas, especially at night. Carry a small flashlight. You never know when you'll suddenly be "in the dark" and find yourself in unfamiliar surroundings. At night, it's a good idea to keep your flashlight by your bed. It is advised to carry mosquito repellent creams and mosquito coils and it is wise not to accept food or drinks from strangers during your travels. If possible, always have food that is hot. Avoid cut fruits and salads since they have high levels of contamination. Go for unpeeled fruits, as they are the safest. It is recommended to wash the fruits before eating. And last of all, it is a good idea to carry some common medicine as prescribed by a medical practitioner.

Vocabs of the week

- Fabulous : Marvellous, Wonderful
- Booking : Reservation
- Moderate: Reasonable, Fair
- Cruise : Sail, Journey
- Amazing : Astonishing, Incredible
- Nocturnal: Active at night
- Venture : An activity that involves taking risk
- Unpeel : Not to remove layer, covering, etc. from the surface of something

Writing Task:

Imagine, you have decided to visit Cox's Bazar with your family members and now you are making a tour plan with your elder brother/ sister. Write the conversation you two may have while planning the tour and send it to

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Learning Objectives: Describing and planning, Using have / haven't, Giving advice/suggestion.
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Vitamin B complex is essential for physical and mental health

Vitamin B Complex is needed for proper functioning of almost every process in the body. It helps improve memory, concentration, thinking and mental agility. It is also essential for healthy skin, hair, nails and digestion. Folic acid (also known as vitamin B9) is essential for pregnant mothers and deficiency of folic acid leads to impaired growth of babies and learning disabilities.

Let's have plenty of B complex vitamins in diet and stay healthy

