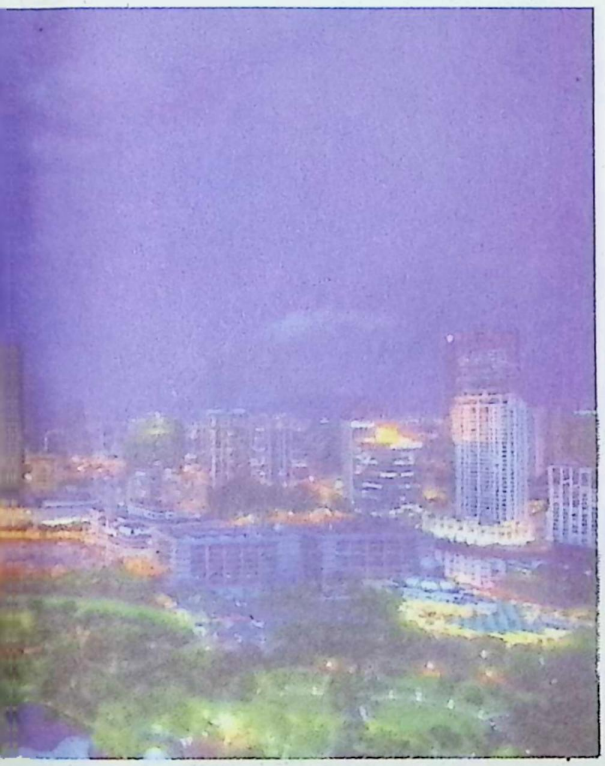
Family Time

Where do we prefer to go on a family vacation? Well, the answer depends on a number of variables: time, money and our own preference! There are plenty of amusement items like theme parks, sanctuaries, water sports, museum, and historical palaces in Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore to keep the whole family entertained. If you plan your vacation during your children's long summer vacation, and if your budget allows, plan for a long vacation outside of Asia. Europe can make for an amazing family trip for its Eclectic range of natural beauties and towering historical structures.



Malaysia has always been a favourite destination for Bangladeshi travellers.

Mashi ud Duza, Head of Health and Safety, Lafarge Surma Cement Limited, often goes on world tours with his family. He and his family have visited countries like Singapore, UK, Canada, France, Germany; the list goes on! He considers three issues when planning a trip abroad. Firstly, being an executive of a multinational company, he has colleagues in different countries. "I find it very convenient if I have friends and colleagues living in the country we plan to visit, as they help me plan the trip and choose places to visit," he explains. Secondly, if he goes on an official tour in a country for more than two days, he decides to take his family along with him and extends the trip to more days. "Once I am done with my official work, I can

Safety First

Tourists always make easy targets for muggers and thieves, as they stand out in a crowd and appear unused to their surroundings. A few simple precautions will ensure that your risk of being robbed is significantly reduced.

Safety on the Way

1. Watch your bags and valuables at all times.
2. Don't let anyone but uniformed airline officials handle your bags.
3. Don't fall for staged mishaps, like someone bumping into you or spilling a drink on you. This could be a ploy to divert your attention and steal your valuables.
4. Keep anything of value in a bag that stays with you at all times.
5. Watch for your suitcase as it appears on the airport carousel. You don't want to linger around for too long before noticing that someone else is walking away with your luggage.
6. Avoid changing money at airports or train stations at all cost. You never know who's watching.

Travel Safety

1. Don't let all and sundry know about your travel plans. That's a surefire way of inviting trouble.
2. Ask your hotel manager for advice on safe and unsafe local areas. Try to avoid the seedier localities, particularly at night. As a rule of thumb, areas that include more women and children tend to be safer for families.
3. Always carry with you the contact details of the Bangladeshi embassy of the country you plan to visit.
4. Keep a photocopy of your passport and all important documents in a safe place.
5. Don't stand out in a crowd. Walk like you know where you are going even if you don't have the slightest idea.
6. Avoid wearing touristy clothes that scream that you are not from there.
7. Don't make yourself an attractive target while travelling. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry or accessories.
8. Don't let strangers be over-friendly with you. You never know where their intentions lie.
9. Don't keep your wallet in your back pocket. To avoid being robbed, keep your wallet in your front pocket that can be buttoned up.
10. Don't leave your belongings unattended in public places. Keeping your bag hanging from chairs or at your feet is a bad, bad idea. Always keep your bag on your lap or at a place where you can keep an eye on it.
11. If you are mugged, let your valuables go. Your life is more important than the money. However, be careful about not carrying all your money in your wallet.

