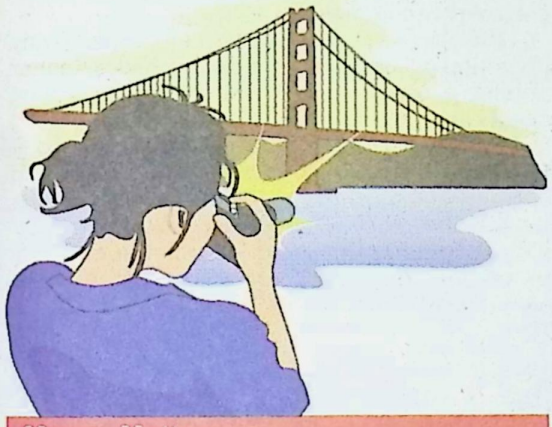
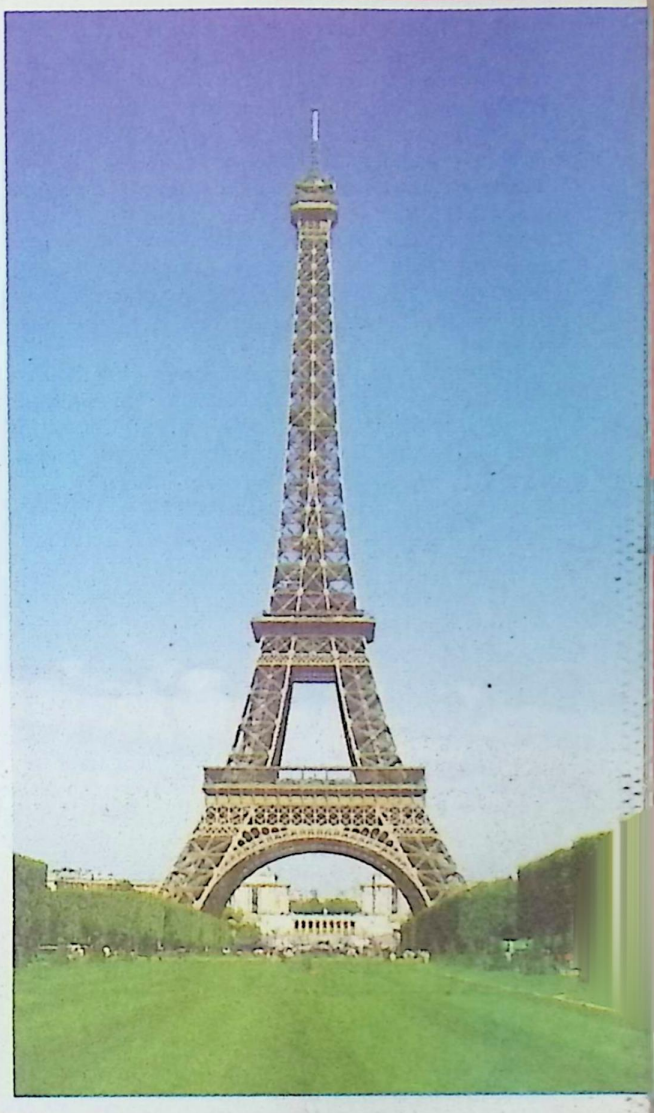
of time. Nowadays, people travel to France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland," Mazhar explains.

"Egypt was formerly a popular holiday destination but due to its current political turmoil, the country is losing its appeal for travellers," Mazhar says. Dubai attracts a large number of travellers every year who visit the country for relaxing and shopping purposes, even though the trip is relatively expensive.

"Turkey has become a recent favorite amidst Bangladeshis for its rich historical monuments and also for having a number of cheap direct flights from Dhaka to Istanbul," concludes Mazhar.





Money Matters

Imagine, you only carry cash to your travel destination. You get mugged, and all your money is lost. Or worse, the international ATM card that you were carrying gets eaten by the machine, and you are left stranded. You always need to be careful about money matters when you are in an unfamiliar place. Here are some tips to ensure that the money keeps flowing and the good times keep rolling.

1. Always carry only small cash in your wallet. You could keep the rest of your money in a ziplock bag tucked into the lining of your suitcase to avoid prying eyes and wandering hands
2. Keep alternatives. Carry an international credit or debit card with you to ensure that you are not wholly dependent on cash.
3. Make sure your card is accepted in the country you plan to visit.
4. Use ATM booths during the day when there are people around, as there will lesser chance of being mugged.
5. Traveller's cheques are no longer as widely accepted as they used to be, as changing cheques can often involve dealing with hours of bureaucracy. So, it's best to chuck the cheques and carry cards and cash with you.
6. For those countries where cash is the only option, you should carry only as much as you need for the day, and keep the rest in a safe place in your suitcase. Carry a currency, such as dollars or euros, that you can change anywhere.
7. If you have valuables in the suitcase, keep it locked when going out. Using the hotel safe to lock up your valuables is another option.
8. While planning your trip, be sure to trim your wallet. Take the time go through your wallet and take out everything except the necessities such as your credit and debit cards, an ID card and cash.

Bye Bye BD

There's nothing more refreshing than getting out of the country for a while. When you feel like you just aren't being able to continue, a break from all of it is sure to do you good. You don't want to remain stagnant at one spot all your life without giving yourself the chance to explore the world, do you? Give yourself a break, pack those bags and start with the exploring, already! Bon Voyage!