



A safer option in terms of reputation alone may be Jamuna Resort. One of the more famous resorts of the city, Jamuna Resort is indeed a sight to see during the winter. Although offering more sights during the rainy season, especially that of the water monitor lizards, winter at Jamuna Resort isn't too shabby either.

The resort is as large as it gets, offering plenty of activities. Regular room rates start from Tk. 5700 and go up to Tk. 10900. The cottages, on the other hand, start from Tk. 9800 and go up to Tk. 13750. The resort offers plenty of activities. The Bangabandhu Bridge in the distance offers spectacular views, while walkways around the resort offer even better

views of the mighty river. Fishing and boating are two options available but it is the sights themselves that seal the deal. A surreal chill envelopes in the resort at night, with gardens transforming into menageries of dew and mist. If the sights aren't to your taste, then there's always basketball, football or cricket to be played.

A museum within the premises is another great place to learn and pass the time but it's the rooms themselves that take the cake. If relaxation is your plan, then the rooms are comfortable enough to offer just that. The only complaint though maybe the food and how pricey it tends to get. For the budget conscious, there is a restaurant a ten minute

walk away from the resort that offers comparably better food.

Maybe it's the Bengali in us, but winter draws most of us near the water. If that's the case for you, then you best pack your bags for Nokkhotrobari Resorts. A brainchild of architect and film-maker Tauqir Ahmed and his wife Bipasha Hayat, Nokkhotrobari is as close to the water as you can get in the city. Their Tk. 30000++ priced water bungalows are a treat both for the eye and the restless soul. With the entire resort located in the heart of a village, city sounds are a distant memory and the stars seem to swallow the whole sky at night making for quite a view.

The mists cling to the water till the early

hours of the morning while the nights promise to turn every word into a puff of visible air. Other room rates for single or double rooms start from Tk. 5000++ and go up to Tk. 8500++ for couples. Fishing, boating, use of Jacuzzi and a kid's zone are all on offer at this resort. If you haven't visited it yet, do pay it a visit, even if only for a day long trip.

So take a weekend off or a week if possible and spend winter the way it was meant to be spent; hibernating under your blankets in a remote corner of the country, surrounded by your loved ones and a good book. What else can make a better memory?

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