



ARIES
(MAR. 21- APRIL 20)

Monitor your budget carefully to avoid unnecessary stress. Realise that you don't have to do everything yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



TAURUS
(APR. 21- MAY 21)

Career changes may not be your choice right now, but will be your advantage in the long run. Take a break from loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Put some of that hard earned cash into a safe investment. Too many opportunities and too many changes going on. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Be precise in your communications to avoid any misunderstandings. Unrealistic promises will only get you in trouble. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



LEO
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Don't give out information you don't want to spread around. You can make changes to your living quarters. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



VIRGO
(AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)

You may be the recipient of false information. Take extra special care of your luggage if you are travelling today. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



LIBRA
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

You could find yourself left with someone's dirty laundry. Try to be precise in your communications. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



SCORPIO
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Don't be too eager to buy things for who really don't deserve it. Make sure you concentrate if operating machinery. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Enjoy some socialising today. You may feel a need to make changes to your legal documents. Put efforts into creative projects. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Try to avoid serious discussions with loved ones. You can make financial gains if you are prepared to take a risk. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



AQUARIUS
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Mingle with those who can help you get ahead. Finishing projects early, will bring you praise from superiors. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



PISCES
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

You may be thinking of starting your own business. Be sure to catch up on overdue correspondence. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

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BUDGET TRIP

Tk 2000 Vacation

YET another holiday passed by without any trip because the bank account is empty? Tired of hanging out in the same old 'tong' or fast-food joint? Frown no more, as we offer you 'student-friendly travel plans'. Smart travelling, so to speak, can get you places and that too without having to sell a kidney.

It had been wisely said that we dream of faraway exotic travel destinations can be right there in front of our eyes. And while we would not go as far as to claim that of Dhaka, it certainly can be a great place to start. Before you set out to explore unknown territories and climb uncharted heights, your very own Dhaka city deserves a chance. A whole day out in the Old Dhaka locality can make for a memorable escapade. The authentic food, the narrow lanes, the beautiful arches of the country's oldest churches the impressive Ahsan Manzil and Lalbagh Fort all come

together to provide you the original flavour of this historical corner of the city. Add a boat trip on the Buriganga and a walk around the Dhaka University campus (Curzon Hall is a must) and make sure that the rickshaw is your one and only mode of transport.

All that is required for this trip is lots of change, lots of time in hand and a complete abandonment of hygiene issues. The cost? A maximum of Tk.1,000 per head (food included).

Moving slightly out of the city, you can choose one of the numerous picnic spots on the fringes of Dhaka such as Ashulia, Tangail, Rupganj, Gazipur. An overnight trip and day of picnic in these spots will cost you Tk.1,500-2,000 depending on the place and the number of people sharing the cost.

Jamuna Resort is another ideal overnight destination and will cost five people

a maximum of Tk.2,000 each (transport expenses included).

Fantasy Kingdom in Ashulia and Foy's Lake in Chittagong both allow two fun-filled days with an overnight stay in their Motel Atlantis. This too will cost you approximately Tk.2,000 per person.

Beyond the boundaries of the Dhaka Division you have Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Bandarban and Chittagong as popular budget destinations. To keep that budget un-stretched, make sure all the travelling is via train.

So shake the last penny out of that piggy bank, starve for a week to save the lunch money and set out with your friends in search of unimaginable fun. With a little research and a smart itinerary, money should never be a factor to not travel and stretch those city legs.

By Raisaa Tashnova

SPOTLIGHT

The World of Superstitions

AS a Bangladeshi we all have our share of superstitions. It doesn't matter if you consider yourself to be a logical human being; superstitions are such an integral part of our daily life that we find ourselves unconsciously giving everyone two helpings of rice to make sure no one falls in the lake.

Each superstition has a separate origin and dates back to hundreds of years. Some actually hold a semblance of truth to them, while the rest are just the remnants of old wives' tales. In the 21st century however, it might seem out of place with everything else that is going on. But everyone holds onto at least one superstition close to their heart. Maybe you are superstitious or maybe it's the guilt of bringing shame to your entire family for not following their traditions. For me, it's the latter. Every time I walk over someone I can hear my grandmother shouting at me for stunting their growth. It doesn't matter if they're past puberty. This stuff has no time for logic.

Some of the most popular superstitions that we've all heard at least once include one shalikh brings bad luck and overturned shoes bring bad luck. Some are so ingrained into us that it's a part of our everyday habits. We usually spend more time knocking on wood to congratulate anyone than actually congratulating them. There are several superstitions surrounding black cats, doing anything an odd number of times and various activities in maghrib time. At one point in our past people used to kill black cats to bring good luck. It's almost as if they didn't know killing innocent beings are a one way ticket to hell and not heaven.

However, like everything else, a healthy dose of superstitions can even be good for the soul. With the cricket world cup coming up maybe it's time you dry cleaned your favourite jersey. So when Bangladesh is up there holding the cup you can brag to your friends about how you singlehand-



edly won it for us. It helps bring us some peace of mind. It can even give you a small surge of confidence for the upcoming job interview or watching our bowling. Sometimes things don't have to be scientifically sound for one to follow it. As long as you don't inflict your superstitions on everyone else, you're doing just fine.

If at the end of the day you're still unimpressed by superstitions, have a good laugh at your grandmother and take it easy. Just know that if you end up biting your tongue or choking on your water, it's her plotting to kick you out of the family.

By Daneesha Khan