

... beauty within



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1924, was created from the water from the stream that flows down from the hills in the northern region of the port city. The purpose of creating an artificial lake was to provide water to the residents of the railway colony.

Parki beach is situated about 8 km from Anwara thana and about 28 km from Chittagong city. Anwara thana is linked by road to the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway and is easily accessible

from all over Bangladesh, including Dhaka city. The beach is located 8 km away from the Chatri Choumuhoni point on this highway. As the beach is situated at the Karnaphuli river channel, visitors can view both the Karnaphuli river and the sea at the same time. Tourists enjoy the views of big ships anchored at the outer anchor, fishermen throwing their lines into the sea, the sunset, crabs of various colours on the beach, and the

overall relaxed atmosphere.

Sundarban is the world's biggest mangrove forest, located in southern region of Bangladesh and a small part of Eastern India. Sundarban is a vital part of Bangladeshi tourism. A large number of foreigners come to Bangladesh every year only to visit this unique mangrove forest. Besides, local tourists also go to visit Sundarban year in and year out. The Sundarbans cover approximately 6000 sq. km and are

endowed with rich flora and fauna. It is the perfect place to see and photograph the exquisite and rare Royal Bengal Tiger if one has the time to wait in the middle of the forest. There are in fact a good number of tigers in the Sundarban. Majestic spotted deer are easier to find. The wildlife of the Sundarban is truly inexhaustible.

With such outstanding sites hidden up our sleeves, Bangladesh has always had the potential to be one of the most

attractive tourist sites in the world. With 2016 named the year of tourism, Bangladesh is more than prepared to welcome guests from all corners of the world with the hospitality that nature itself has to offer, let alone everything else. This is our year; this is the year we unleash to the rest of the world the beauty within.

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