



per yourself further, why not opt for the one bedroom Beach villa with a hot tub and a living room? For Tk 35,000++ a night, it's all yours.

But what if you like the beach but would like a closer and less salty source of water to while away in? That's where the Pool Suites come into play.

The Pool Suites line a 120 ft long infinity pool which is 12 ft wide and 4 ft deep. This is accessible only for those who live in the Pool Suites so its privacy is pretty unmatched.

Each of the accommodation comes with all the modern amenities but more importantly, you can take your pick depending on whether you are coming alone, as a couple or with family or friends. There's something for everybody.

The helpful staff will also aid you in making plans outside the resort. From telling you where to go to arranging the transport, the Mermaid team, comprised of 70 percent

locals, are there to make your trip the best one possible.

If you want, they can plan a hiking trip for you which ends with a picnic right on the hills at such a point which offers a 360 view of Cox's Bazaar in all its glory. Or you can go moonboarding, taking a boat out to picnic right in the heart of the ocean. Or how about a flowery, romantic candlelight dinner right on the beach? Yes, that is possible too. All you need to do is ask.

On full moons there are light and sound shows to celebrate the magnificence. To sum up, there's more to do than you possibly can!

What will strike you the most though is how the resort is made. How the concrete structures negotiate the paths of greenery without affecting them. The pristine naturalness has been preserved to the best of the ability of the visionaries behind the project.

Finally, we wanted to know where it all



Paddle down, one push in the water and off you go, kayaking like this is what you were born to do. The breeze just adds to the confidence. The skies tell you that you can do it. The water carries you and you float away, suspended between the sky and ground which lies underneath all that water.

While it is easy to get lost here, there's a room and unfelt comfort awaiting. You can take a bicycle from the cycle stand and make your way to your choice of room. The choices, too, are seemingly endless.

If you want proximity to the beach, then opt for the Beach Bungalows or Beach Villas which boast one large bedroom and are located almost a minute away from the beach. The price for these ranges between Tk 11,000-15,000++ per night.

The spacious 2 bedroom beach villas will cost around Tk 12,000++ per night. To pam-



began. "Mermaid started operations in 2004, solely with a beach shack. Even then, the idea was to work with nature and for nature," Mr. Anisul explained. He spoke of his time travelling around the world and how he noticed what the tourism industry in Bangladesh was missing. "I wanted to bring those elements here," he said. The Mermaid brand has done just that, forging an affinity between the beach and the beach lovers. Mermaid strives to not only preserve the beauty of Cox's Bazaar but also to showcase it, along with the hospitality that people of Bangladesh are famous for.

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