

are extremely deceitful and would gladly pertain to fraud, the moment they get a chance.

Shah Porir Island and Teknaf can be visited in the other seasons aside from the monsoon as well. It best to avoid the place during summer because the heat can be somewhat overwhelming; winter is another preferable option for travel because the air is chilly and very suitable. For us, we basically wanted to enjoy the monsoon rain sitting near the Naf River amusing ourselves; devouring on some delectable deshi cuisine, typical of the season. Some of our tour members still cannot forget the taste of the appetising food at the bungalow. My advice to you is to contemplate about it and you'd soon share a similar mindset, I am sure.

This travelogue is dedicated to those people who love being tourists, trekking in the mountains, wandering in the sea, a little bit of serenity, napping in a peaceful setting, chit-chatting with friends, a little bit of shopping amidst travel and of course, a scrumptious cuisine.

You can visit the Naf river anytime from Netong; the waters are similar to that of the



ocean. There are high tides, large boats and ferries on the river. The water is as clear as it can get. If you want, you can even visit the St. Martin Island for a day.

While staying at Netong, we were

informed 'Mongdu' in Burma could easily be visited. Just as the thought appeared, all of us decided to opt for the swift but enlivening travel. Few local journalists arranged the permission for us upon a payment of Tk 500.

But the duration grant for the visit was just for 8 hours.

Finally, we travelled to the place, plying along the Naf river on a boat. At the border we had to go through a check by post by the local forces. When we reached, we saw the famous Burmese market from where goods usually travelled to Cox's Bazar and Teknaf.

All the merchants at the bazaar were women. A strange connotation about the place is that it has many wide roads but does not have any medium of transport. The best way to travel is by foot.

We enjoyed Burmese 'Rui fish' for lunch and prepared to return before nightfall because of our limited, set- timing and also because Mongdu had no electric supply. Upon nightfall, everything in the surrounding areas would become dark.

However, right now I am unsure whether a similar travel opportunity to Mongdu, Burma is still available or not. If it is, then the trip is definitely a worthy try and a dual benefit for the adventurer in you.

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