

Visiting St Martin's Island in 2021



St Martin's Island, a popular tourist destination of Bangladesh, is the perfect spot for people who love an abundance of the sun, sea, and sand. People living on the island claim that a day tour is never enough to appreciate the true beauty of the land; one must stay the night or more to fully appreciate the exquisiteness.

Bards, poets and novelists swear by a night of full moon on the majestic island. With the waves crashing and the silver rays of the lustrous moon shining over one's tresses, there's not many words that can explain the grandeur of the beauty.

The cruise ships leave for St Martin's island from Teknaf. So, if the visitors are staying at Cox's Bazaar, they need to drive to Teknaf really early in the morning. Locals usually use the trawler and the big ships a.k.a. the cruise ships, are especially

meant for the tourists. We would definitely recommend the latter for travel.

The weather is usually sunny, with the sea calm because in any other circumstance the cruise ship will refuse to leave the dock.

You can take lots of selfies with friends and family while on the ship and beauty of the surroundings will only add on to the glamour of the photo.

There are quite a few comfortable hotels near the jetty, where you can opt for the perfect night-stay.

The food on the island is fantastic and a fest for sea food lovers. Late afternoons are suggested for beach hopping — we do suggest

that a tourist never miss the sunset on St Martin's Island. It's the prime time to connect with the islet itself, its natives and the beauty that it manifests.



Day 2 can be reserved for hours at Chera Dwip. The island is detached from St Martins and can be walked over to if needed. The beauty of Chera Dwip is in the remoteness, the feelings of detachment from the rest of the world. Because sitting on a thousand-year-old coral stone and sipping tea with friends in quite inexplicable.

With stars blinking from the heavens, aroma of a fresh barbeque, music playing under the moonlight and waves crashing gently onto flowing skirts — this is simply a place to be. A place where one's troubles can be let loose and drowned along the sea.

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Luxury cruise ship 'BAYONE': Chittagong-Saint Martin and Bay of Bengal tour

One of the major attractions of 'Sea Tourism' in the world is cruise ships. Even though these pleasure boats are floating in the deep sea, it has all the modern, civic amenities and facilities to enjoy the blue water and the harmony of the sky and spend the best vacation at the same time.

Despite repeated attempts, it has been elusive to sail around in a luxury cruise ship due to various complications in recent times. Fortunately this time, the door to that opportunity has been opened thanks to the luxurious cruise ship Bay One.

The unprecedented opportunity to calm your muscles and float by the salty ocean breeze of the sea in a luxurious cruise is at hand provided by the famous 'Karnafuli Shipbuilders Limited' of Chittagong. This luxurious foreign cruise ship 'Bay One' has been purchased from Japan to provide an international quality travel experience to the tourists of Bangladesh.

At the moment, the ship is operating between Chittagong-Saint Martin and is the first luxury cruise ship of its kind to operate between Chittagong and Saint Martin.

The ship leaves for St. Martin from Patenga in Chittagong every Thursday of the week at



11 pm arriving at 7 am the next day, staying at St. Martin the following Friday, and then leaving the island for Patenga in Chittagong at 11 am the subsequent Saturday morning, to arrive at 6:30 p.m.

Moreover, the ship then sails between Patenga and St. Martin on Mondays and Wednesdays of the week and stays at St. Martin on Fridays and Tuesdays of the week.

This pleasure boat contains two thousand presidential suites, bunker bed cabins, twin bed cabins, comfortable chairs, and various other categories of seats.

It has several modern restaurants including a buffet for continental and Bengali food, automatic vending machines, and coin-operated fountains. In addition,



this ship has been redesigned by its authority in the context of Bangladesh and as a result, the ship now has a capacity of about two thousand five hundred seats. And a crew of 167.

The 400 feet long, 55 feet wide cruise ship is known to be built at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in Kobe, Japan, and has a draft of about 18 feet with an average speed of 16.1 nautical miles per hour and a maximum average of 24 nautical miles per hour. However, in the coastal sea of Bangladesh, the ship is capable of moving at an average speed of 18 to 20 nautical miles per hour and its depth is five point four meters. The ship has a total main propulsion engine of 11,200 BHP, which

enables the ship to run at a speed of 24 nautical miles per hour.

The minimum fare for this St. Martin-bound tourist is Tk. 4,000 and a maximum of Tk. 60,000. Authorities have announced multiple packages for travel, such as economy seat fare of Tk. 4,000 and business class chair fare of Tk. 5,400, open deck- Tk. 6,500 and bunker bed- Tk. 8,000.

Furthermore, four people VIP Presidential Plus Cabin, Family Bunker Cabin and Breakfast and Dinner including 2 people The Empower's Cabin Tk. 60,000, 2 people Royal Cabin – Tk. 55,000, 2 people VIP Presidential Cabin - Tk. 40,000.

One-way fare: Economy Class- Tk. 2,200, Business Class- Tk. 3,000, Open Deck- Tk. 4,000 and Bunker Bed- Tk. 4,400. On the other hand, VIP Presidential Cabin- Tk. 24,000 and Royal Cabin- Tk. 33,000 and VIP Presidential Plus Cabin, Family Bunker Cabin, VVIP Cabin, and The Empower's Cabin- Tk. 35,000.

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