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Top 5 must see places to visit in Kishoreganj

Kishoreganj, a district under Dhaka division, is full of diverse landscapes, greeneries and rivers as well as a rich cultural heritage. Whether it's the scenic haors that comes alive colourfully during monsoon or sites that has a strong historical and cultural legacy, Kishoreganj is every travel enthusiast's dream place.

So, let us recommend 5 must see places in Kishoreganj that will satisfy your wanderlust.

Austagram haor

Imagine the raw beauty of nature, hearing the sound of water while you are on a boat floating alongside the villages that feels like islands that you have set out to explore on an ocean, all that and more can be witnessed in Austagram haor. Located 60 km south of Kishoreganj district town, Austagram is a haor enclosed upazilla, essentially a large wetland surrounded by water. The people of haor engage in widespread fishing, thanks to an abundance of various kinds of fishes in the water bodies.

To fully witness the beauty of the haor areas, it's best to travel there during monsoon as the frequent heavy rains add to revitalise the surrounding areas and the lush greenery scenic view as well as the reflective view of the river.

Kutub Shah Mosque

The five domed Kutub Shah Mosque

in Austagram is an amazing specimen of Bengali architecture. According to archaeologists, this mosque was built in the 16th century. The mosque's distinctive feature is a crescent shaped terracotta pattern, which showcases beautiful motifs of the region's talented artisans. The natural curvature of the mosque is infused with the Bengali two storey house models of the 16th century, with the mosque still standing the shore of a wide bay with an open courtyard.

Isha Khan's Jangalbari fort

Located in Jangalbari village under Karimganj upazila, the 16th century ruler Isha Khan took over the fort after defeating the then local ruler of this area. The fort gives of an impression of being situated in an island thanks to the surrounding waterways. The waterways are so deep that it needs to be crossed by boat even in the dry season. Though only scattered potsherds and a few low mound of the fort exists day, visiting this heritage site will make you wonder about just how significant this fort was in its heyday.

Chandrabati temple

Chandrabati, regarded as the first female poet of Bengali literature, requested to set up two temples which can be found today in Katcharipara



village, situated only 6km away from the town. There are two temples there with the bigger one octagonal in shape, with both displaying intricate terracotta works on the walls that is still quite well preserved today. The temples showcase the diversity that is culturally prevalent in Kishoreganj.

All weather road of Mithamain

Situated at Nikli Haor, the all-weather

road directly connects three upazillas of Itna, Mithamain and Austagram by land. This nearly 30 km long road has become a favourite travel destination for tourists as the road looks absolutely stunning, especially during the rainy season. The rain adds new colour to the river water, with water on both sides of the road as you drive on the long stretches of the road, giving you a surreal vibe that's unparalleled anywhere in Bangladesh.

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