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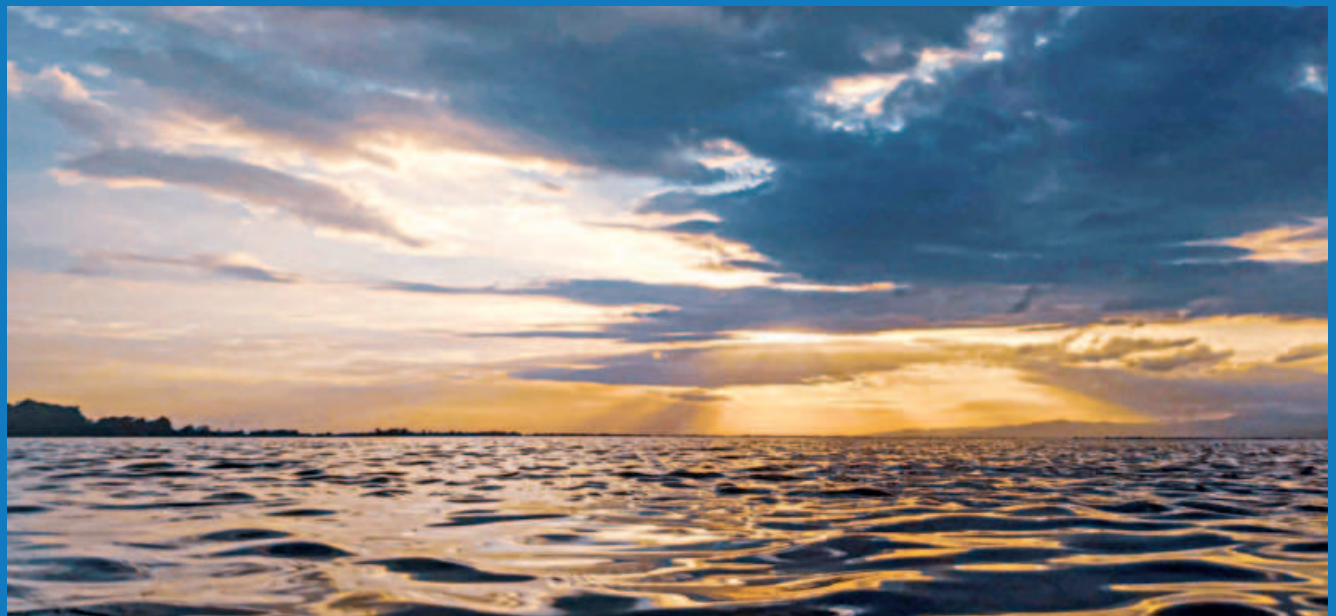
Top 6 places to travel in Sunamganj

A scenic place full of beautiful haors, serene rivers, and culturally diverse monuments, Sunamganj, situated in the Sylhet division of north-eastern Bangladesh, is a place that travel enthusiasts will fall in love with.

Whether you want to go for a single day tour or take your time to visit the beautiful places spread around the district, we recommend these 6 places to be part of your next travel itinerary.

Tanguar Haor

The place that is in everyone's travelling wish list, Tanguar Haor is a unique wetland ecosystem located in the Dharmapash and Tahirpur upazilas. Witness the haor turn into a large waterbody with strong waves



in monsoon or greet over 200 kinds of migratory birds in winter; the wetland is a soothing sight for the tired urban eyes. To fully experience the magic of haors, reserve a boat and just roam around on the waters, see fishermen catch over 140 species

of fresh water fishes and witness the diverse natural and aquatic elements.

Surma Bridge

Also known as The Keane Bridge, built in 1936, Surma Bridge is one of the most iconic steel and iron architectures of Bangladesh. Standing on the Surma River, this bridge is 18 feet wide and 1150 feet long. Roaming around the bridge as the day ends, while the river under is glowing in the moonlight is a visual treat for all travellers. Even with new bridges around, the Surma Bridge still gives a nostalgic feeling of the bygone era.

Jadukata River

Originating in Meghalaya and flowing into Sunamganj, this river is close to Tanguar haor. If you want to see really blue waters where even the river bed can be seen in shallow areas, then this is the river for you. In monsoon this river gets wider while in winter the

white sandy banks give it a wonderful picturesque scenic element.

Barik Tila

On the bank of Jadukata River, a small hillock of about 150 feet high is located named Barik Tila. The dividing point of the Bangladesh border with India, one needs to go to the hillock to get a wider and clearer view of both sides. From this side of the border, stunning panoramic views of mountains and forests of Meghalaya can be seen, giving this hillock a unique edge.

Hason Raja Museum

Hason Raja, a Bangladeshi mystic poet and songwriter, whose old house situated at the bank of Surma River in the Tegharia area, has been converted into a museum. This house holds a special place among followers of Raja as all his songs were composed in this place. Inside the museum, there is a photograph of

Hason Raja, along with paintings by different artists, but the real attractions are the various items related to the memory of the poet including tables, chairs, colourful cloaks, sword, earthenware, etc.

Pagla Jame Mosque

Also known as Raypur Boro Mosque, which is located in the village of Raypur, Paschim Pagla union in south Sunamganj and built in 1941. It's a two-storey building with three large domes and six towering minarets and famous for its exquisite craftsmanship. Built entirely on bricks, without using any rods, other unique aspects of this mosque are its amazing crafted designs on the floor with rare white stones surrounded by blocks of black stones. The mihrab features elegant designs that are created by cutting gorgeous stones.

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