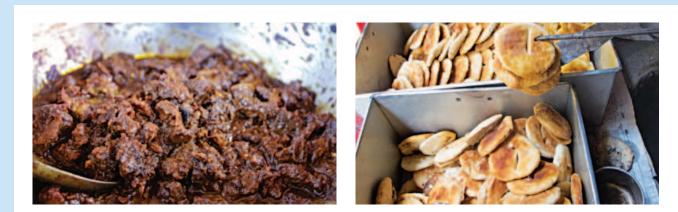
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With its rich history and culture, most places in Bangladesh offer something of interest. Not only is there plenty to see, but also there's plenty to taste. Here is a short list (and in no way comprehensive) of places you can travel while treating your palate.



TASTE THE BEST OF BANGLADESH Must-try dishes and destinations

RAJSHAHI

There are a number of tourist spots in Rajshahi like Choto Sona Masjid, Darasbari Masjid, Bagha Masjid, and Varendra Research Museum. Some are located in the centre while others are scattered around the city or its outskirts. Rajshahi is historically rich and local cuisine is not far behind either.

The best time to visit Rajshahi is in the summer when the mangoes are ready to harvest. Do you want Himsagar? Of the fabled Langra? How about Fazlee? Ask and you shall receive.

Another delicacy of Rajshahi is the kalai ruti, which is found in Chapainawabganj. Kalai ruti with beef is quite the dish but if you try it with smashed aubergine, you will remember it for the rest of your life. There are also mango pickles, bot parota, and one may try kachagolla from Natore which is not far from the city.

KHULNA

The Sixty Dome Mosque at Bagerhat can be quite the spectacle. If you prefer natural beauty, Padmabeel of Bhutia, Hiran Point, and Putney Island are waiting for you. One may go to Khulna by train, which itself can be a fun experience with the clickety-clack and the constant swaying.

All these jaunts are bound to make you hungry, and Khulna will not disappoint. The signature dish of this region is chuijhal gost. Chuijhal is a spice that comes from a vine-like plant and parts of the stem, roots, and even the skin may be used for cooking. It adds a noticeable boost to the dish, one that you will certainly remember. Chuknagar's Abbas Hotel is well known for their chuiJhal mutton. Kamrul Hotel at Zero Point is another chuijhal destination for the travellers. Apart from chuijhal dishes, there are a number of other options that are memorable. For example, chingri bhorta or mashed shrimp, malaikari, and hilsa head with mung beans can be a treat for those who prefer savoury dishes. And the locally produced date molasses will appease the sweet tooth for sure.

CHATTOGRAM

Travelling to Chattogram can be tricky to plan because there are so many great places to visit. Just gazing at the sea while sitting on the beach could be the highlight of your travel if you want it to be. From Patenga Beach to Khoiyachora Waterfall or Chandranath Temple, it's a place that takes your breath away.



