

# A Ship for Every Tale: Karnafuly Cruise Line's love letters to the sea

There is no doubt that beach vacations have an unmatched appeal among the people of our country. From the captivating charms of Cox's Bazar to the serenity of Saint Martin Island, we often cannot help but respond to the call of the sea, no matter how many times we may have been there before. Over the years, the increased number of tourists in Cox's Bazar and Saint Martin, from different parts of the country and beyond borders, has encouraged the rise of both lavish hotels and aesthetic resorts. Yet, the journey to our ultimate beach destination still feels more like a chore than an adventure.

But what if the travel could become a big part of your experience itself? Enter Karnafuly Cruise Line, a trailblazer who revolutionised beach vacations. With 4 uniquely designed luxurious ships that travel through the scenic routes to Saint Martin's Island, now the journey can be just as enjoyable as the ultimate destination.

## Floating wonderland: MV Karnafuly Express

The first to set sail from this pioneering cruise line was none other than the MV Karnafuly Express. With a passenger capacity of over 600, it welcomes guests to set out on a journey where ordinary life fades away as it makes its beautiful departure from Cox's Bazar to the enchanting Saint Martin. This year, MV Karnafuly Express started its seasonal travel in October, taking on the scenic route through Bakkhali River, every morning around the times 7am to 8.15 am. The ship comes with a wide range of seats and cabins, making sure to fit your budget and preferences. With its panoramic windows and opulent



amenities, this ship ensures your vacation begins long before you step onto the sandy beaches of Saint Martin. Despite being the first venture of Karnafuly Cruise Line, MV Karnafuly Express is equipped with a rooftop party area, a restaurant, a smoking area, and a separate coffee area. Safe to say MV Karnafuly Express was the first in the line of surprises that promised to raise the bar for luxurious maritime travel in Bangladesh.

## Synonymous with opulence: MV Bay One

Next comes the MV Bay One, a 7-storeyed tall majestic grandeur imported all the way from Japan. After a successful season last year this beauty is all set for its seasonal launch this year on the 16th of November! If luxury had a second name, it would be Bay

One. In addition to the facilities of MV Karnafuly Express, MV Bay One has a total of 42 wide ranges of luxurious cabins, starting from Emperor's Cabin, VVIP Presidential Plus to Family Bunker. It is also equipped with 2 restaurants, multiple kitchens, a barbecue area and a separate space for seminars, concerts, weddings, meetings, and more. Safety is ensured at all times with more than enough life jackets always at hand and a total of 54 life rafts that can carry a total of 2300 people in case of an emergency.

Although at first glance it may look like a trip in MV Bay One will put a dent in your wallet, the reality is far from it. Where others are offering a 'mode of transport' that comes with a number of hassles, MV Bay One is offering an experience right from the right till the end of the journey. Taking the beautiful route from the port of Chattogram to Saint Martin, this grand beauty is the epitome of luxury, and the perfect way to explore the blue ocean. The promise of a journey unlike any other is carried by the sea breeze, right through the

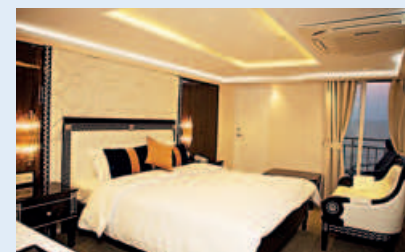
deck of MV Bay One.

## Straight to paradise: MV Baro Awlia

In a ground-breaking move, Karnafuly Cruise Line made history by introducing the very first ship that takes a direct route from Teknaf to Saint Martin, the MV Baro Awlia. The fact that this direct sea connectivity eliminates the need for several modes of transportation and lowers the overall cost of travel is one of its strongest features. Baro Awlia maintains the luxury and comfort expected from the Karnafuly brand while being a triumph of efficiency and practicality.

## For the romantics: MV Saint Martin Cruise

Lastly, there is the MV Saint Martin Cruise that sets sail with a singular



purpose; to mesmerise you during the golden hours of Saint Martin's sunset. As the sun drapes the sky in a blanket of hues, the ship navigates through the calm waters of the island, making you fall in love with the sea all over again.

So, why settle for just a holiday destination when the journey itself can be your escapade? Karnafuly Cruise Line is here to offer a canvas where the sea paints its most vivid pictures. Are you ready to answer the call of the sea with a touch of flair and taste of adventure? If so, then it's time to get ready for your next maritime escapade.

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