



RECREATION IN THE CITY

Is it time to think outside the box?

Dhaka — a city as exhausting as we can imagine — is one that has made tremendous progress over the last two decades. From education to work to lifestyle, the bustling metropolis offers the best in the country for all your necessities. Yet, in the rush amidst these towering structures, you sometimes find yourself looking for a respite. It may be for a couple of hours or a day, but the idea is to relax, have fun, and take a break from the non-stop chaos that is life!

Enter, the fun side of Dhaka. There is no denying that the city grapples with a recreational landscape. Over time, we have seen the simplistic face of Dhaka transform itself into the

would really make a day off worth it.”

BEYOND RESTAURANTS TO OPEN SPACES

Remember Fantasy Kingdom? That was the first, and once, the finest example of thinking outside the box. The rides were so unique that despite being on the expensive side of things back in the day, Fantasy Kingdom still became the place for a much-awaited day out with friends and family. Although its popularity may have phased out with time, there are still a bunch of photographs in many of our albums reminding us of memories made.

Coming back to the present, Toggi Fun World at Bashundhara City, although confined within the walls of the mall, is one that offers the chance to forget all your worries and lose yourself in the “fun world” with their wide range of rides, games, and shows for both children and adults.

What originally started as a branch of the most popular food court chain in Dhaka, Chef’s Table, Courtside has become the perfect destination for a day out, without having to venture too far from the city. The Courtside Chef’s Table, located at the 100ft, Madani Avenue United City, is one that pretty much redefines fun for you.

Starting from children’s play area to Clay Station, GoKart, Paintball and their latest, Zero Gravity, this is the ultimate departure from the mundane.

Wahid Sorwar, Head of Business, Courtside, explains that the goal is to create an experience centre where you will find something for everyone. “Courtside Chef’s Table was the first of its branches that ventured outdoors, and the response we got told us there was definitely a need and want for more activities outdoors,” he stresses. “Each of the ventures of Courtside has been met with equal enthusiasm.” Similar opinions were expressed by Md Sagir Ahmed Turan, Owner at Yas Kayaking Sports & Builders.

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As the city evolves, so do the people who live there. The boredom of restaurant-focused leisure has created a hunger for variety.

Savit, a post-graduate student who also works a 9-to-5 job, jokes, “When you’ve had the same set of friends for the past 12 years, gossip over weekend breakfast at Star hotel, things can start to feel more like a chore than a fun break. So, naturally, having something different to do with friends

