Ready for a journey through time?

Ours is a land rich in history and traditions. This locality has witnessed political shifts and societal changes that have left footprints in our lives. Tracing these steps, we can go back in time for over millennia. We have ancient universities and cities, religious establishments, colonial establishments and so much more.

In recent times, heritage tourism is gaining popularity in Bangladesh. People are now keen on exploring the past and visiting places that are important from a historical, cultural, and architectural point of view. It is about connecting people to the stories, traditions, and legacies of the past.

However, we have not explored the full potential of Bangladesh as a major destination of heritage tourism. Although food is an essential aspect of all our travels, we are yet to think out of the box in presenting "food" as the reason for travel. Our riverine communities, when exposed to the world, can also form a framework for tourism.

This week, Star Lifestyle takes a peek at some of the most significant remnants of our glorious architecture. We look at Paharpur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, once a site of great learning and Buddhist spirituality. We look at Idrakpur Fort — a Mughal establishment that stands at Munshiganj and a reminder of our Muslim heritage. We also stroll along the curved roads of Old Town, where each turn is a revelation of the cultural confluence and is still visible.

This is our humble effort to invite you to rediscover Bangladesh. We hope to spark a renewed appreciation for our rich heritage and inspire people to cherish and protect the legacies that continue to shape our identity in the 21st century!

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