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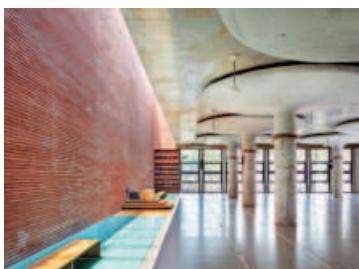
7 beautiful mosques in Bangladesh you must visit at least once!

Whether you are a history enthusiast who is drawn to the beauty of Islamic heritage or a curious traveller eager to dive into the spiritual realm, Bangladeshi mosques can offer you an enchanting experience. With the sheer grandeur, artistry and serene ambience, some of these places can surely take our breath away.

As the Eid vacation is right around the corner, we have curated a list of stunning mosques across the country that you must visit at least once!

Aman Mosque, Narayanganj

Nestled within the bustling backdrop of Narayanganj lies a hidden respite that offers tranquillity like no other — Aman Mosque. The premises of this mosque are surrounded by sloped walls, creating a sunken courtyard vibe. Imagine walking into a prayer hall that feels like an underground sanctuary, secluding you from



the chaotic surroundings.

Designed by Nakshabid Architects, this magical mosque was established in 2018. Ever since then, this place has become a beloved spot for the locals of all walks of life.

The cubical prayer hall and the soaring minaret of the mosque make a picturesque view. The walls are adorned with triangular punches, inviting sunlight to stream inside the praying zone creating a sublime interplay of light and shadow.

If you want to soak in this magical ambience — make sure to add Aman Mosque on your next trip to Narayanganj!

Bait-ur-Rayyan Mosque, Madaripur

For those of you who want to visit a modern mosque in the heart of rural Bangladesh, Bait-ur-Rayyan is the perfect pick for you. This charming single-storied prayer space is more than a mosque, it serves as a vibrant hub for the community, who gather here and engage in enlightening discussions.

Perched near the mighty Arial Kha River, the environment around the red-brick-mosque is immersed in rural beauty. Even by looking at the pictures, you can feel the magnetic allure. The sculptural minarets stand tall while the floating dome adds to the quintessential grandeur, inviting ample sunshine into the interior.

What sets it apart is its absence of heavy ornamentation, proving that a mosque can be equally captivating through simplicity and minimalism. Designed by Cubeinside Design in 2023, this structure has been recognised internationally, bagging the prestigious Architecture Masterprize Award.

Khan Muhammad Mridha Mosque, Dhaka

History lovers, prepare to be enchanted by the ever-so-elegant Khan Muhammad Mridha Mosque! This majestic masjid will surely take you back to the times when mosques were a statement of the mighty

Mughal Empire.

The mystic staircase of this site takes you up to a sweeping plaza where time stands still. Tourists from different parts of the country including foreigners flock to this destination, to simply witness this architectural showstopper.

To dive into its timeless beauty, pay a visit to Old Dhaka. And while you are there, also stop at the nearby Lalbagh fort for an extra dose of Mughal splendour!

Miah Bari Mosque, Barishal

Miah Bari Mosque at Karapur, Barishal is a standout. Established in the 18th century, this structure is a perfect spot for history buffs. Legend has it that the mosque was built by Hayat Mahmud, who was a rebellious zamindar exiled on a foreign island. He built this remarkable landmark upon his return to Bengal.

The mosque exhibits three ornate domes and four minarets on both sides. The minarets are also a head-turner, with their floral motifs and intricate craftsmanship. This artistry is a showcase of the skills of Bengali artisans, bringing an aesthetic appeal to the countryside to this day.

Kusumba Mosque, Naogaon

Popularly known as the Black Gem of Bengal, the sleek-black look of Kusumba mosque is an underrated landmark from the Sultanate era. Six domes and rounded corners make up this monolithic structure while the walls are adorned with breathtaking artistry.

Unlike many mosques in Bengal, Kusumba mosque is surely an eye-catcher. With its unique appearance, the mosque adds to the mystery and spiritual depth

for the worshippers. Made with sandstone, granite and marble this landmark is a magical testament to the royalty of the Sultanate king.

Mayor Mohammad Hanif Jame Mosque, Azimpur, Dhaka

Situated in the historic neighbourhood of Azimpur, Mayor Mohammad Hanif Jame Mosque is a state-of-the-art mosque in Dhaka.

Once you enter the mosque, an expansive terrace welcomes you in, offering a quiet respite in the ever-hustling city. A towering minaret and the view of Azimpur Graveyard are surely striking, transporting you to feeling about the higher power and this limited life of ours!

Designed by SHATOTTO Architecture for Green

Living, this mosque has a lofty hall for female devotees, which is equally stunning as sunlight pours down through a circular cut-out on the ceiling.

If you are celebrating this Eid in Dhaka, Mayor Mohammad Hanif Jame Mosque can elevate the experience of your morning Eid prayer!

Zebun Nessa Mosque, Ashulia

Recently declared as one of TIME's greatest places to visit, Zebun Nessa mosque is the epitome of contemporary mosques in Bangladesh. Arriving at the beautiful court with tall trees you cannot help but wonder how beautiful the curved wall of the pinked-mosque is.

This spiritual space was built to honour the memory of the late mother of an industrialist. The entire mosque compound was designed to give the staff a beautiful place of worship, which also serves as a social hub where people can rest or interact with each other.

One of the unforgettable features of this mosque is as you look towards the west, a tranquil water body appears through the arched opening. A translucent glass mihrab shimmers as the devotees immerse themselves in prayer.

This stunning landmark is the only masterpiece from Bangladesh to be honoured globally by TIME, so do not miss out on taking a trip to this one!

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