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Bangladesh is blessed with some of the finest beaches and islands of the world, most of which are unique and unspoiled and endowed with spectacular natural beauty and colorful lifestyle of the local people. Cox's Bazar is one of them. Cox's Bazar beach is recognized as the longest unbroken and shark free beach in the world with a length of 120 kilometers at a stretch which is just a perfect place to make your holidays with family and friends.

Kuakata is another fine beach in the district of Patuakhali, the southern part of Bangladesh, where you can enjoy the sunrise and sunset standing at the same place. As a coastal country, Bangladesh has many offshore islands with fabulous natural beauty and offerings for the tourists. Saint Martin's is the only coral island of the country and a place for enjoying the beauty of the Bay of Bengal.



COX'S BAZAR

Miles of golden sands, towering cliffs, surfing waves, rare conch shells, colorful pagodas and Buddhist temples, the tribes with their environmental wisdom and spirituality and delicious seafood are some of the wonderful aspects of Cox's Bazar, the longest unbroken sandy beach and tourist capital of Bangladesh. There are exciting opportunities to enjoy surfing, jogging, and other beach activities. Near the beach front, there are hundreds of shops selling souvenirs and beach accessories. You can see hills, green valleys and the sea all at once. Five Star and economy hotels are available.



INANI BEACH is considered as the finest beach of Bangladesh and famous for its rock and coral boulders. Here you can see the beauty of hills in one side and the beauty of the sea on the other side. Views of sunset and sunrise from this beach is a memorable lifetime experience. The clean blue and shark free water is suitable for bathing and swimming without any fear. The water stored in between stones accommodates small sea-fish, crabs, snails, and many more.



Moheshkhali is an island which is quite hilly and fringed with mangroves. You will enjoy the simplicity of the island and the lifestyle of the people. This island is also famous for salt production. *Adinath Temple* is a famous pilgrimage site of the island where thousands of Hindu devotees congregate on an annual occasion.





SONADIA ISLAND, a small island of nine square kilometers of Cox's Bazar, is a sanctuary for migratory birds such as petrels, snipes, shanks, lapwings, geese, ducks and other waterfowls. A number of rare species of marine lives such as green turtles and red crabs can be seen here. The island is the biggest dry fish producer of the country, where interested tourists will get opportunity to know the process of drying fish.



SANDWIP ISLAND is to be attracted by its uniqueness it is a river island. Situated in the Meghna river estuary, the island is 50 km in length and 5-15 km in width. The scientists are in agreement that four to five years back the land size was seven to eight times bigger than the current size. Four million people live there. Lately the island has become popular with adventurous people who choose this site for camping. The only way to reach the island is by water. There is a beach and a number of restaurants serving fish, chicken and veggies.



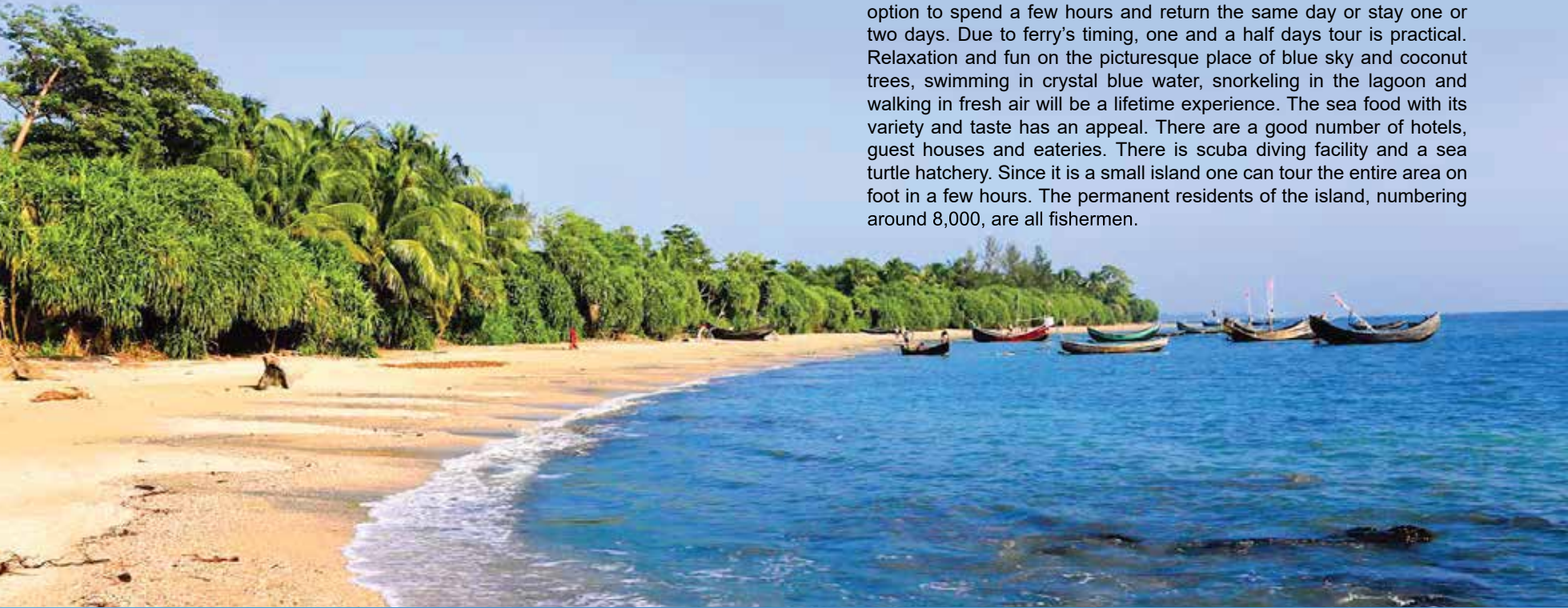


Ramu is known for monasteries, temples and various Buddhist statues and images. The most important sightseeing attraction of the place is the beautiful Buddhist Temple near *Bakkhali* on Tiger Canal. Various Buddhist relics and Burmese handicrafts are available here. The Rangkut Bonasram Buddha Bihar is the oldest temple in the area and is said to have been set up in 338 BC. The 100-feet golden colored reclining statue of Lord Buddha, located at the *Vimukti Bibeshan Bhabna Kendra Temple* is considered to be the world's third largest Buddha statue. Two other attractions of the place are coconut garden and rubber garden. The coconut garden with one million trees over 200 acres is one of the largest coconut garden in South Asia.

HIMCHARI Established in 1980 with an area of 1729 ha, the Himchari National Park is a beautiful tropical forest with more than 100 species of trees. It is near the town of Cox's Bazar. The Park is enriched with 55 species of mammals, 13 species of amphibians, 56 species of reptiles, 117 species of plants and 286 species of different kinds of birds. There are stairs to ride to the top of the hill from where a spectacular view of green hills and blue water is available. The park has a small waterfall. The nearby sea beach is a popular beach with red crabs.



Saint Martin's, the one and only coral island of Bangladesh, is a small island measuring eight square kilometers. The visible landmass sinks during tide. Alternatively called the pearl of sea, it is about 10 km from main land at Teknaf. The safest means of transport is government owned ferry which takes around two hours one way. Tourists have the option to spend a few hours and return the same day or stay one or two days. Due to ferry's timing, one and a half days tour is practical. Relaxation and fun on the picturesque place of blue sky and coconut trees, swimming in crystal blue water, snorkeling in the lagoon and walking in fresh air will be a lifetime experience. The sea food with its variety and taste has an appeal. There are a good number of hotels, guest houses and eateries. There is scuba diving facility and a sea turtle hatchery. Since it is a small island one can tour the entire area on foot in a few hours. The permanent residents of the island, numbering around 8,000, are all fishermen.



Chhera Dwip, which is a part of St. Martin's Island gets separated during tides. If the connecting land is not submerged, you can take a two and a half hours walk to this place. Alternatively you can take a motor boat. In this Islet you will find the Corals – living and dead all over the place. A small bush is there, which is the only green part of Chhera Dwip.

