# Bangladesh

# **Travel Facts**

## US State Department Travel Advisor

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution due to crime, terrorism, and the upcoming general election. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

#### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

#### US Embassy/Consulate

[880] (2) 5566-2000; US Embassy in Dhaka, Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka -1212, Bangladesh; https://bd.usembassy.gov/; <a href="mailto:DhakaACS@state.gov">DhakaACS@state.gov</a>

#### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. <u>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</u>

# Telephone Code

880

#### Local Emergency Phone

Police, Fire and Ambulance: 999; various government services: 333

#### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Bangladesh: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza. http://www.who.int/

#### Climate

Tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October)

#### Currency (Code)

Takas (BDT)

# Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, C, D, G



Major Languages Bengali

Major Religions Muslim, Hindu

# Time Difference

UTC+6 (11 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

## Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit Suggested

Road Driving Side Left



#### **Tourist Destinations**

Cox's bazaar; Saint Martin' Island; Teknaf Sea Beach; Nilachal Bandarban; Sundarbans; Somapura Mahavihara (ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur)

#### **Major Sports**

Kabaddi (contact team sport played between two teams of seven players each), cricket

#### **Cultural Practices**

It is considered impolite to cross one's legs or to smoke in the presence of elders. Young people may show respect to older people by touching their feet. Bangladeshis do not commonly queue in crowded public places, such as train stations or shopping centers.

#### **Tipping Guidelines**

Tipping is very uncommon and may be seen as ostentatious. Taxi fares may be rounded up and left with the driver as a tip, and 20-30 takas a day is common for hotel staff.

#### Souvenirs

Pink pearls, mother-of-pearl jewelry, hand-loomed fabrics, silk, carved masks, leather goods, folk dolls

#### **Traditional Cuisine**

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