Excursion to Manikganj Baliati palace

Tour Itinerary

• Pick up and start for the journey.

Due to heavy traffic in the road Savar-Aricha highway on the weekend we will start our journey pretty early roughly at 8 am. On the weekdays we will start at 8.30 am in the morning. Leave Dhaka early in the morning for Manikganj, located about 70 km from Dhaka, destination Baliati palace with over 200 rooms, the Baliati palace is one of the largest and finest Rajbari (Jamindar’s Palace) in Bangladesh. It was built by Zamindar (landlord) Govinda Ram Saha mid-18th century. On the way we will visit the National Monument for Martyr at Savar.

• Insightful picture of rural and peaceful village life of Bangladesh:

A twenty minute walk through the picturesque landscape brings you to some of the abandoned Hindu palaces in the nearby village, this walk let’s see the local’s life and gives you an insightful picture of rural and peaceful village life of Bangladesh. On the way stop at the Eshore Chandra High School, the first certified high school in East Bengal.

• Brass artisans and Lost wax method:

Continue drive to Dhamrai, in the nearby village Dhamrai, famous for its brass artisans, you can observe the making of various traditional utensils and religious objects. During the Bengali month of Ashar (June-July) the colorful Hindu festival ‘Ratha Jatra’ takes place here. The
large ‘Rath’, similar to a Roman chariot, can be seen throughout the year.

- **Lunch Break and experience local cuisine.**

  Lunch will be served at a local restaurant on the way.

- **Boat ride and exploring pottery village.**

  The tour will continue to Nayarhat, where you will leave the vehicle and take a short boat journey to Kakran. Here most villagers are engaged in the pottery trade. The use of clay pots and utensils is slowly disappearing, posing a threat to the traditional livelihood of these skilled artisans.

- **Jahangir Nagar University**

  On the way you will stop at the beautiful Jahangir Nagar University campus, famous for the flocks of migratory birds visiting the many lakes in winter. This tour returns to Dhaka in the late afternoon.

- **End of the tour and drop to your place.**

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**Tour Includes**

- **What's included?**
  Air-conditioned vehicle and driver.

  Local English speaking guide.

  Boat ride to and from Kakran village

  Bangla food for Lunch at a local Restaurant

  Bottled water for drinking and soft drinks

  All entrance fees and necessary permits.

  All tips except our guide and driver.
• **What's not Included?**
  Meals, Personal expenses, gratuities, activities not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.

**Special Notes**

• **Curious Village children**
  Sometimes poor children at Kakran will be always around you for candy while visiting the pottery village. Carrying some candies (as much as possible) for kids will be fun and also charity work.

• **Availability of good food.**
  Lunch will be served at local restaurant which will be the biryani or khuchuri subject to the availability. As that place is out skirt of Dhaka city there might not be so much of good restaurant. In the afternoon you will be offered some light snacks.

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• **What to ware ?**
  As Bangladesh is a majority Muslim country and has a conservative attitude toward dress. In this regard, a modest dress is always welcomed. In the metropolitan cities western dress will not be any problem but in the rural area better to be a bit modestly dressed to receive respect from the locals.
Dress code for women

If you cannot avoid wearing the inappropriate clothes for temple/mosque/church visits like the above, bring a shawl and a big piece of cloth to cover your shoulders and your knees.
Tour Price

- **1 Pax Tour:** $131 USD / 13500 BDT
- **2 Pax Tour:** $83 USD / 8500 BDT
- **3 Pax Tour:** $68 USD / 7000 BDT