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Photo tours & tutorials

Bangladesh 2018



“From the overcrowded streets of Dhaka to the tea plantations of Sylhet, and the misty plains of the North West, Bangladesh really is a fascinating land.

The Bengali people are the most welcoming population I have ever encountered and will make us feel at ease for our photography.

This photography tour is very much dedicated to the people of Bangladesh, and participants can expect to focus mostly on portraits and street photography.”

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Our philosophy

Our Tours: The Right Angle

Not financially motivated, with small groups, some very special and exclusive itineraries, all focused on the workshops and knowledge sharing, my photo tours are among the best in the World because it all comes down to passion.

Locations: Off The Tourist Trail

We devise an itinerary together based on the best photographic opportunities –be they seasonal or cultural. And we avoid the common tourist trails as much as possible. No 5 star hotel, but the raw culture and experience!

Group size: Small is smart!

I limit the group size to a maximum of 6 people for tours I run alone and 8 for tours I run along with another photographer, because experience has taught me that more is less. Having a small group enables me to be more available to each member whilst on location.



Workshops: Actively improving

We do not run photography tours but photography workshops. The tours are aimed at immersing people in the right environment and coaching them on location. All tours include at least two photo critiquing sessions as well as specific themed workshops.

Portraits: People are our focus

While I love taking landscapes, people are my passion. Portrait shots engage viewers because they are emotive. And while we travel through stunning locations and have ample time to take landscape shots, my tours are also designed to maximize the time we spend with people in remote locations, and learn the best way to approach individuals when taking photos so that it is respectful of their values and traditions.

Skills: Giving it your best shot

Developing your photo skills is an absolute must on my tours. While we are working a lot on camera settings, the tours are aimed at developing composition and storytelling skills.







Dhaka

Immerse yourself into this overcrowded environment for an intensive start to the workshop. The city abounds with human activity allowing us to visit at least 3 amazing locations each day. A great way to warm up for the tour and for us to run our first photo review and get to know every participants' style







The North West

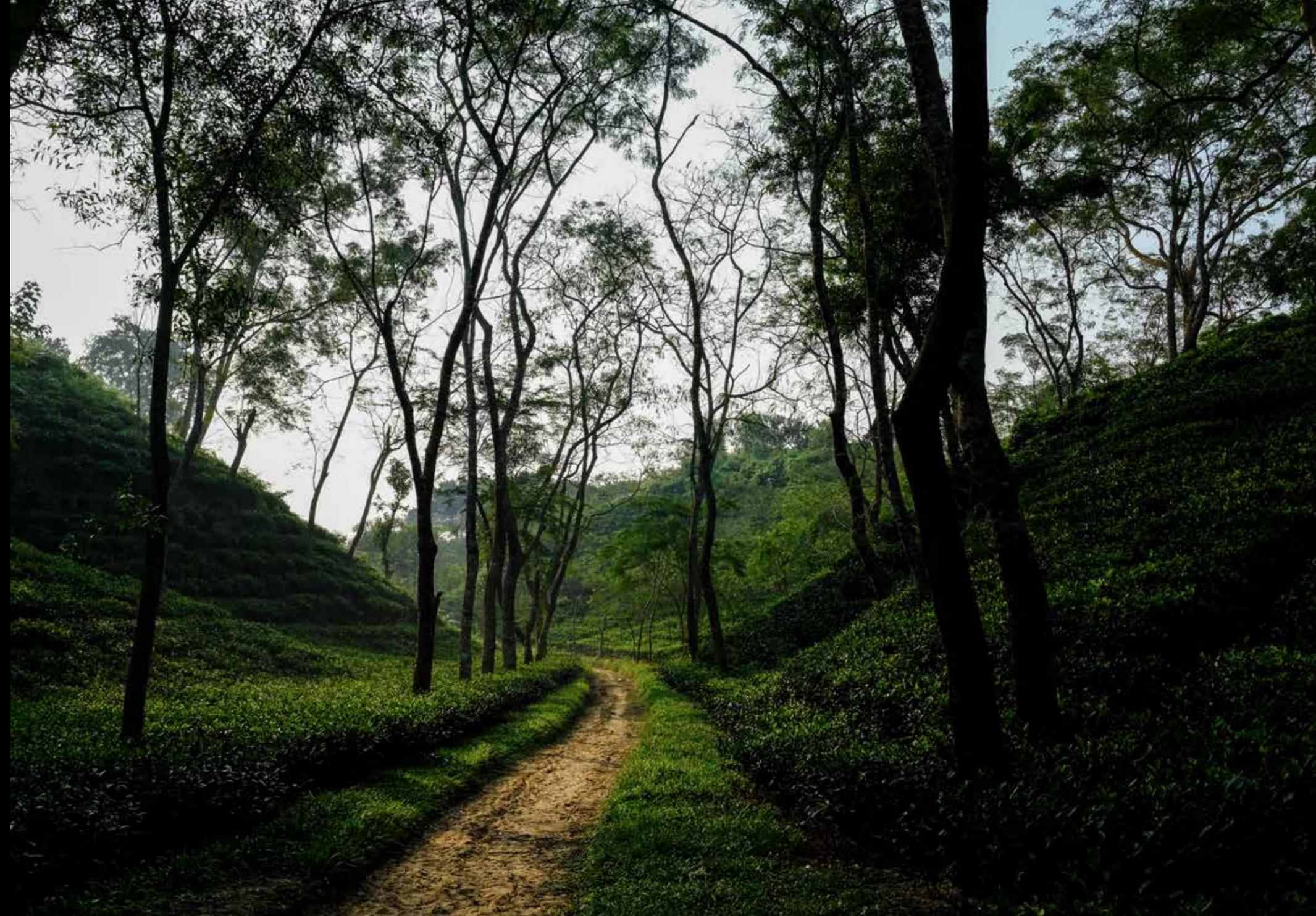
A dramatic change from the craziness of Dhaka, the North West part of Bangladesh offers us sumptuous countryside and farming life. As Bangladesh is a very wet country we will encounter many rivers, and gathering as much of fishing life as we can. Program: farming and fishing life, vegetable markets and misty morning countryside life





The North East

Home to some of the biggest tea estates in the world, Sylhet and Sreemongol offer us a mixture of countryside life, city vibes and of course tea plantations. Being a smaller city, Sylhet is a perfect place to walk the streets and visit its numerous markets.







People

Still in my opinion THE best country on Earth to practice people photography, you will find yourself at ease from the first second when entering a new place. Any man in Bangladesh is keen to be photographed and love posing for a nice portrait, which allows us to focus entirely on composition tricks without having to “feel” the place first. Given the numerous activities we will find all over the country we will have ample opportunities to capture people at work in many different conditions: from the outdoor brick factories to the indoor markets.







Food and Tea

One of the drawbacks from traveling to Bangladesh is... getting fat! Such amazing food all the way: kebabs, Biryanis, Nans and Indian food, and of course the Shawarma! Surprisingly none of the participants of my groups in this country ever got sick on a tour, unlike other countries.

If you worry about not being able to have your morning coffee there, do not worry: Bangladesh is a country of tea and it is available on every street corner and every market. After the third morning tea one tends to forget about coffee and is able to entirely focus on their photography



“Etienne is your passport
to great photography...”

—TripAdvisor



your photo tour leader

Etienne Bossot

Eleven years, countless S.E Asia photography tours and over 6,000 successful students ago, Etienne Bossot set up his camera in Hoi An, Central Vietnam and like many artists before him was seduced by the unique clarity of light, romantic scenery and charismatic characters and their customs.

The SE Asia Photography Tours were born of a combination of Etienne's passion to discover ways of studying authentic populations in their living environment, his wealth of local knowledge and his uncompromising integrity. He has a canny eye for scouting out unique settings, locations and photo opportunities and an uncanny way of getting subjects to engage.



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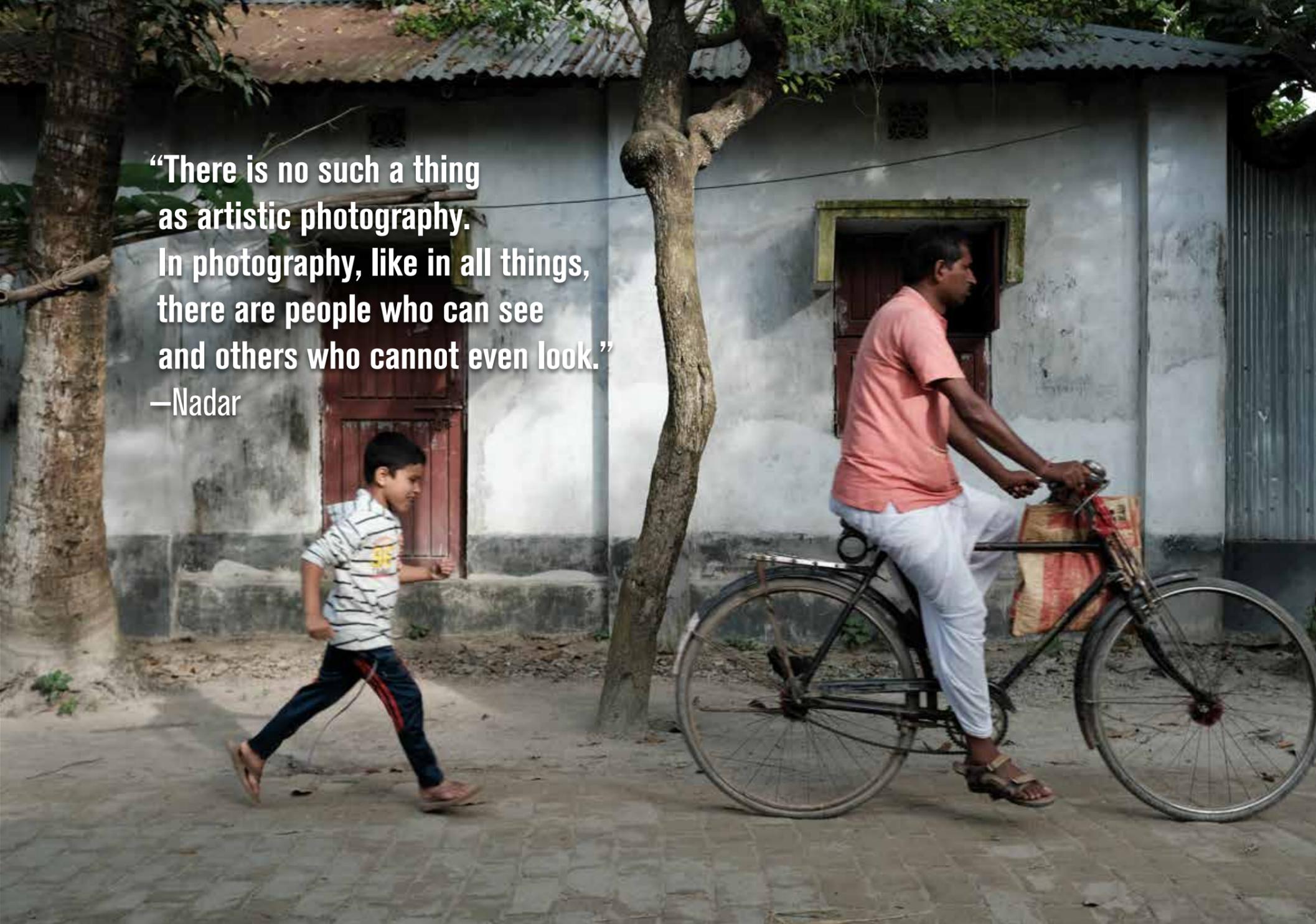
21-30 November 2018

starting-ending point

Dhaka

brief itinerary

- Day 1 Dhaka river & South Dhaka
Photo review
- Day 2 Dhaka brick factories
Street photography workshop
- Day 3 Fly to Rajshahi, afternoon on the Ganges
- Day 4 On our way to Bogra and its chili fields
- Day 5 Vegetable market and countryside life
- Day 6 Dinajpur and its misty mornings
- Day 7 Fly to Sylhet
- Day 8 Sreemongol and the tea plantations
- Day 9 Morning market
Street photography workshop
- Day 10 Morning fish market - Fly back to Dhaka



“There is no such a thing
as artistic photography.
In photography, like in all things,
there are people who can see
and others who cannot even look.”
—Nadar

what's included

In all our tours we strive to make things easy so everyone can focus entirely on photography. This is the reason why our rates include everything during the tour: accommodation, transportation, all meals, and even tips to local people. What is not included is your international flight, Visa, travel insurance, and souvenir purchase.

group size & workshops

Like in all our tours we limit the number of participants to 6, for better and more personalized coaching. As it is the case in my tours, we will mostly focus on people and ways to take their photos. As we are doing photo critiques and Lightroom tutorials, make sure to take your laptop / iPad.

accommodation & transportation

We will be staying in 3- to 4-star hotels for most of the tour. All our meals will be in local restaurants, offering us amazing food from Bangladesh. All our transportation between cities will be made by plane except for small journeys from town to town.

rates

6 pax	5 pax	4 pax
\$4350	\$4650	\$5150
Single supplement + \$400		

what now

If you are interested in joining the tour, drop us an email at info@picsofasia.com. We will let you know if there are still availabilities.

Find more information into our [FAQ](#) section.

important notice

As you know Bangladesh is a Muslim country. People are very friendly and open to foreigners coming to visit their country but you have to keep in mind that we have to respect their culture and traditions.

It is very easy to photograph men in the streets (they will even keep asking you to take their picture) but you have to be more subtle in your approach to photograph women. A lot of them will turn away from the camera, or some men may give you weird looks if you photograph their wives. Do not insist and do not worry, you will have plenty of opportunities for portraits during the tour. But things are actually much easier if you are a woman.

For women joining the tour, wear wide and ample clothes and long pants. No need to cover our hair, plenty of women there don't.

Expect no alcoholic beverages for the length of the tour (I know, I know....).

I personally have been eating in all sorts of places and never got sick, but Bangladesh and the Indian sub continent are well known for tummy issues. Take all the appropriate medicine.



Start learning with our
online photo tutorials.
We are also
regularly posting photos
and thoughts about
photography in
our blog section.

photo tour bookings and further information

We are adding a lot of information in the FAQ section of the website, make sure to check it out.

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