

Tourism welcomes Eid rush after two years

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Dhaka : After two years of travel plunge following the pandemic, the tourism industry of the country has embraced Eid rush once again.

Thousands of people are travelling to different domestic and foreign destinations during this Eid vacation, said representatives of Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB).

The association mentioned such trips fell short during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

Reports claimed nearly 100 per cent air tickets for domestic flights to popular tourist destinations across the country has been sold.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines, US-Bangla Airlines and NOVOAIR said the demand for tickets to two popular destinations, Cox's Bazar and Sylhet, has been high.

Tickets to Saidpur, Jashore, Rajshahi, Chattogram, and Barishal have been in high demand for the Eid vacation.

US-Bangla Airlines sold nearly 100 per cent tickets for flights on Dhaka-Cox's Bazar route for the first week of May, reports claimed, citing the airline's General Manager Public Relations Kamrul Islam.

TOAB President Rafeez-zaman said, "Domestic tourism is seeing a rebound centering Eid. We think over 1.5 million holidaymakers are travelling to different domestic and outbound destinations this Eid."

Stressing on outbound travel, Mohammad Iqbal Mahmood, President of Bangladesh

Outbound Tour Operators Association, said 6-7 lac people are travelling to different foreign destinations during the Eid vacation.

He added, India alone is seeing almost five lac visitors from Bangladesh.

Echoing the same tone, US-Bangla's Kamrul Islam said demand for tickets of Dhaka-Kolkata and Dhaka-Male flights has been very high with most of the tickets sold.

This has made the prices of Dhaka-Kolkata tickets to reach sky high.

Tickets for flights to Nepal, Turkey, Thailand, the Maldives, Bangkok, Malaysia and Dubai have also been in high demand, mentioned Kamrul.

Reports cited former TOAB Director Taslim Amin saying, resorts in and around Dhaka have been fully booked for three days from Eid while the rooms in hotels, motels and resorts in Cox's Bazar and Sylhet have been booked for a week after Eid.

He claimed the situation is similar in Rangamati and Bandarban for around a week from May 5.