

Panigram Resort Fact Sheet

Panigram Resort and Spa will be a small, sustainable boutique resort in southern Bangladesh that will give guests a taste of village life in the world's largest river delta. The resort will provide international caliber service and cuisine to foreign expatriates living in Bangladesh, foreign tourists, and wealthy Bangladeshi nationals. Designed to harmonize with the community and powered by alternative energy, Panigram will be committed to social and environmental sustainability.

The 60 bigha (20 acre) site is located at the intersection of two rivers. There are several trees (mahogany, teak, bamboo, mango, date palm, blackberry, etc.) on the site which we will preserve.

Panigram Resort will have the following facilities:

- 10 Bungalows (ranging from 2 to 4 bedrooms)
- Guest House with 10 rooms
- Restaurant
- Bar (which serves alcohol)
- Tea House
- Spa and Wellness Center
- Small Conference Center
- Hammock House
- Swimming Pool
- Playground with tree house
- Gardens
- Customers' staff quarters
- Resort staff and management residences

We are currently in the fundraising stage of the project. We anticipate starting construction after the monsoon season in September 2009. Our anticipated Grand opening is September 2010.

Activities

There will be many activities at the resort which will enable guests to interact with the local community and beautiful environment. Activities will include:

- Boat tours
- Cruise of the Sundarban Forest
- Fishing with otters
- Rickshaw rides through the countryside
- Guided tours of local archaeological sites and villages
- Pottery classes at the nearby pottery village
- Bicycle rentals
- Voluntourism
- Board games
- Relaxing in the hammock house
- Spa treatments
- Nutrition, yoga, and other health classes and lectures



Responsible Hospitality

Our mantra is “responsible hospitality”. Panigram will be a socially and environmentally responsible resort that improves the lives of the people in the host community.

Socially Responsible Features of the Resort:

- Bedspreads produced by a non-profit organization that supports women’s cottage industries
- Glassware, dishware, silverware, and furniture produced by local artists and craftsmen (where they meet our quality standards)
- Artwork by local artists
- Entrepreneurship seminars in the local community to teach them how they can develop businesses that cater to the burgeoning tourism industry
- Hiring and training local people and managers to work in the resort
- Socially responsible wages and benefits

Environmentally Sustainable Features of the Resort:

- Built with mud and bamboo from the area
- Preserving the trees on the project site
- Powered by alternative energy (solar and wind power)
- Passive heating, cooling, and ventilation (mud architecture naturally does this)
- Composting
- Water collection and gray water recycling
- Green roofs
- Handmade toiletries from ingredients grown at the resort
- Restaurant food prepared with fruits and vegetables that are organically grown on site
- Landscaping with edible plants
- Environmental education program in a local school