

Information about MSHMCDhaka: Know before you go

1. Housing information for the students should be sent to teachers on Sunday.
2. All participants will be met at the airport by either Mike or Simona from AISD. Transportation back to the airport is also being arranged by AISD.
3. There is no need to change money at the airport. Both students and teachers should bring US Dollars which can be changed to Taka at the AISD Business Office.
4. Teacher hotel bills can be paid by major credit cards or cash.
5. It is important that all participants should keep in mind that Bangladesh is a Moslem country, and therefore should plan to dress accordingly. Shorts, mini-skirts and tops with midriffs or spaghetti straps are not appropriate.
6. You may very well need an umbrella. Although the weather will be VERY hot and humid, you probably will need a sweater or wrap of some kind in the theatre or other heavily air-conditioned premises.
7. Concert clothes: Be sure you have all the parts of your concert uniform with you and that you have a hanger on which to hang them when you bring them to school on Saturday, as well as a plastic carrier bag to put your concert shoes in.

Concert clothes are :

Girls: white blouse, concert length black skirt (knee or longer) or dressy full length black trousers, black shoes. Absolutely no bare midriffs or bare shoulders!

Boys: white shirt, tie, black trousers, dark shoes and dark socks.

NO SNEAKERS!

8. ARA on the schedule refers to the American Club.
9. Because AISD operates at Friday and Saturday weekend, the only day that students will travel to school with their hosts is Thursday. On Friday and Saturday buses will pick up teachers, then their students.
10. Teachers and students will be participating in a social event on Thursday evening at ARA which is a self-contained facility with room for all. We'll have a light dinner there.
11. Everyone needs to realize that in Bangladesh we should not eat or drink anything except at AISD sponsored events, host families, school and the hotel. As Simona said, they have spent five years there without food-related illnesses, but have been very careful not to "eat on the street." Students should be aware of this.
12. Swimming suits would be good to bring.
13. The concert will start at 18:30 (6:30 p.m.) on Saturday at the school.
14. The schedule being posted now is a draft schedule. There will be details added and there may be changes to it.
15. Plugs in Dhaka are the three pronged UK type.
16. Do we have your mobile number? If not, please send it to AMIS by return.
17. Remember if you have a significant travel delay, Simona needs to know about it.
18. Bassetts leave AMIS headquarters on Friday, May 1 and can be reached at the Westin starting on Sunday evening prior to the festival. Enroute we will have occasional email access.

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