

THE CAMBODIAN ESCAPE

SIEM REAP – PHNOM PENH – SIHANOUKVILLE

8 Days / 7 Nights

Day 01: Siem Reap Arrival

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Welcome to Siem Reap.

Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by your guide. The guide will assist you in transferring to your hotel for check-in. Please note that the standard check-in time is 14:00.

Lunch and dinner on your own account.

Notice: Revealing clothes such as shorts and skirts above the knees and bare shoulders are prohibited in sacred places and temples. On religious Buddhist dates, the Top Tower (Level 3) of Angkor Wat temple is closed, and the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh is closed in the morning.

SIEM REAP

Siem Reap is located in northwest Cambodia and is the closest city to the world-famous, must-see temples of Angkor. The provincial capital is also called Siem Reap and is located in the south of the province on the shores of Tonle Sap Lake, the greatest sweet water reserve in all of Southeast Asia. It's a laid-back, lovely place to stay while touring the temples and offers the best of both worlds between observing Cambodian life and enjoying the amenities of modern services and entertainment. Although the temples are the main 'draw' in this area, there is much more to experience by traveling a little further in this region.

Accommodation: As selected.

Day 02: Siem Reap

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At 8:00 a.m., we'll pick you up from your hotel for the day's tour. Your first visit is the South Gate, with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk. You will also see the ancient capital of **Angkor Thom**, built in the late 12th century, before we head onwards to **Bayon Temple**, which is unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of *Avolokitesvara*. *Baphuon* is like an artificial mountain that recently re-opened after years of restoration.

Following, you may visit the **Royal Enclosure**, the **Elephants Terrace**, and the **Terrace of the Leper King**. Then continue to the popular temple of **Ta Prohm**, which is the modern name of the temple at Angkor, built in the late 12th and early 13th centuries. However, it is probably more famous for being the location where they filmed *the Tomb Raider movie*.

Afternoon, we continue to the magnificent **Angkor Wat Temple**, Angkor Park's most revered temple and the largest religious monument in the world. Inside the temple, the walls are covered with stone carvings and bas-reliefs, which are absolutely breathtaking. Your guide will explain the stories in exquisite detail and provide you with ample time to explore the inner and outer grounds of the temple. At the end of the tour, return to the hotel.

Lunch and dinner are on your own account.

Accommodation: As selected.

Day 03: Siem Reap

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At 8:00 a.m., proceed to the tour started by the **Angkor National Museum**, an archaeological museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, and presentation of Angkorian artifacts. The collections are mainly dated from the Khmer Empire's Angkor period, circa 9th to 14th centuries, with most of the artifacts discovered in and around the Angkor archaeological sites nearby.

Then your tour guide will bring you back to the ancient time before the Angkorian period, where you will visit the first Angkorian capital, **Bakong**, which represents the first application of the temple-mountain architectural formula on a grand scale with a picturesque moat and vegetation surrounding Bakong. Step into the pagoda for monk blessing, a special Buddhist tradition whereby a local monk will impart wishes of good luck and success in a solemn, age-old ceremony.

In the afternoon, we set off to **Tonle Sap Lake**, where you will discover different aspects of the floating village activities, from crocodile farming to fishing farms, traditional medicine shops, boat shops, spirit houses, floating schools, and more. **Artisans D'Angkor**, a local artisan boutique, was established to support Cambodian arts and crafts. Discover how wood and stone carvings, lacquering, gilding, and silk paintings are created.

Lunch and dinner are on your own account.

Accommodation: As selected.

Day 04: Siem Reap – Phnom Penh

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Today, your guide will transfer you to the bus station or airport for departure to Phnom Penh City. Upon arrival in Phnom Penh, our guide will transfer you to your hotel for check-in.
Please note that check-in time is at 14:00.

In the afternoon, we start your tour to visit the **Central Market**, built in 1937 during the French colonial period. Selling gold and silver jewelry, electronic equipment, clothing, fake watches and bags, suitcases, dried and fresh food, and lots of souvenirs. Next is **Wat Lanka**, one of the oldest pagodas in Phnom Penh.

Lunch and dinner are on your own account.

PHNOM PENH

Phnom Penh is Cambodia's busy capital; it sits where the Mekong and Tonlé Sap rivers meet. It was a hub for both the Khmer Empire and French colonialists. On its walkable riverfront, lined with parks, trendy restaurants, and bars, are the ornate Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum, which displays artifacts from around Cambodia. Despite its checkered past, PP is in the midst of rapid change and growth, although it continues to exude a sort of provincial charm and tranquility with French colonial mansions and tree-lined boulevards amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. Definitely eclectic and alluring, it's a capital worth seeing.

Accommodation: As selected.

Day 05: Phnom Penh

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A discovery tour of Phnom Penh At 8:00 a.m., you will be met by your driver and guide. Gain insight into the recent dark history of Cambodia at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a former school converted into a detention center during the Khmer Rouge. Visit the equally harrowing Killing Fields of Choeng Ek. These are tough visits, but important for learning about the country's history.

Afternoon, visit the Russian Market, the largest in Cambodia, where everything is sold, from carvings to jewelry, clothes, and souvenirs. Then came Wat Phnom, a beautiful hilltop temple with manicured gardens, followed by the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, named for the 5,000 silver tiles that cover the pagoda's floor, known for its collection of gold, silver, crystal, and bronze Buddha statues.

Lunch and dinner are on your own account.

Accommodation: As selected.

Day 06: Phnom Penh – Sihanoukville – Koh Rong

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Breakfast at your hotel.

- 07:30 AM – Your driver will transfer by land to Sihanoukville, then
- 11:30 AM – Get a speed boat by Buva Sea to the resort (our driver will pass you the boat ticket; please keep it for both ways).

Upon arrival at the island, our hotel team will meet and greet you, then accompany you to the resort.

Lunch and dinner are on your own account.

SIHANOUK VILE

Sihanoukville's white-sand beaches and warm Gulf of Thailand waters combine with a laid-back, beachy atmosphere to provide a great little tropical getaway. Sihanoukville is a great place to unwind by the beach, enjoy the fresh from-the-ocean seafood, take in a snorkeling or scuba trip, and generally slow down, lay back, and chill out.

Accommodation: As selected.

Day 07: Koh Rong

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Breakfast at your hotel.

Today is free at leisure.

Accommodation: As selected.

Day 08: Koh Rong – Sihanouk Vile – Phnom Penh Airport (late evening flight suggest)

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Enjoy your final breakfast at the resort and check out.

- 08:45 AM – The hotel team will accompany you to the pier to get one of the same boat company. *[Buva Ssea, you need to show your ticket that passed by our driver early date].*

Upon arrival at main land, the driver will meet you to assist with luggage and take you to Phnom Penh city.

You will expect to arrive in Phnom Penh by 14:00, depending on the traffic allowed.

End of Service.