

Highlights of Cambodia

6 Days/5 Nights

Phnom Penh – Siem Reap

Admire the stunning sunrise over the tops of Angkor Wat and the surrounding temples. Take a boat ride to visit the unique floating village of Kampong Phluk and learn about the fascinating life of the local people.

Glide through the fascinating streets of Phnom Penh on a traditional cyclo tour. Experience an evening of music, theatre and acrobatics with a night at the Cambodian Phare Circus.

Day 1 Arrival in Phnom Penh

On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over welcome drinks while your Tour Leader explains some important details and logistics of the journey ahead.

Day 2 Phnom Penh

Discover the heart of Phnom Penh. Embark on a captivating exploration of Phnom Penh via a Cyclo (Bicycle Rickshaw), delving into the city's vibrant chaos and energy. Your journey begins at Wat Phnom, the historical birthplace of the capital. Visit the Royal Palace, the opulent residence of King Norodom Sihamoni, and be awestruck by the beauty of the Silver Pagoda. A short stroll away lies the National Museum, a treasure trove of Khmer art. Don't miss the bustling Central Market, a maze of stalls offering a myriad of goods, from DVDs to silk, crafts, jewelry, and daily essentials.

In the afternoon, learn about Cambodia's history with a visit to the Toul Sleng Museum, housed in a former high school turned notorious interrogation and torture facility during the Khmer Rouge regime. (B)

Day 3 Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

A scenic overland transfer will bring you from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. Along the way, make stops at the infamous spider and insect market in Skun and the stone mason village near Santuk.

Before reaching Siem Reap, immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of the floating village of Kampong Phluk. This isolated community, built on stilts, offers a picturesque experience. Explore the floaded mangrove forests in a small rowing boat if the water level permits. Continue your journey to Siem Reap, where you'll check in at your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy. (B, L)

Day 4: Siem Reap

Wake up early to witness the breathtaking sunrise over Angkor Wat. Afterward, explore the bas-relief and central complex of Angkor Wat in the peaceful morning hours. Enjoy breakfast at a local restaurant near the temple complex.

Embark on a journey to the "Great City" of Angkor Thom. You will enter via the Southern Gate, marveling at the exquisite Temples of King Jayavarman VII. Discover the awe-inspiring stone faces of Avalokiteshvara at the Bayon Temple. Visit the Terrace of Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Explore the iconic temples from the 11th century, including

Baphuon, Phimeanakas, and in the afternoon Ta Prohm, known for its colossal trees with thick roots. Return to Siem Reap for a relaxing evening. (B)

Day 5: Siem Reap

Start your day with a visit to the vibrant local market at Damdek before venturing to the aweinspiring Beng Mealea temple. Admire the perfectly squared sandstone blocks and intricate decorations dating back to the 12th century. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Banteay Srei temple.

Visit the Landmine Museum, established in 1997, to gain insights into the efforts to clear landmines worldwide. Explore a local village and witness the art of sugar palm production.

In the evening, indulge in a delightful Khmer Farewell Dinner at a charming local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Siem Reap Departure

Enjoy your last morning in Siem Reap with free time until your departure transfer to the airport (transfer without guide services). As you bid farewell to this extraordinary journey, carry with you the memories of Cambodia's rich history and breathtaking landscapes. (B)

Includes:

- 5 nights in described Hotel or similar
- Daily Breakfast for 2 Persons
- 1 Farewell Dinner
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except Tuk Tuk touring)
- Small group touring
- All Entrance fees
- English speaking tour leader
- All Tipping
- Arrival and departure transfer