



Description

*On this classic Cambodia tour, you will be able to explore the fascinating journey that goes deep into the **Cambodian land**. You will experience the main highlights of the **Angkor temples**, see the capital city of **Phnom Penh**, and discover the lesser-known town of **Battambang**.*

*Start in **Siem Reap**, where you will discover the legendary temples of **Angkor** and the historical capital of Cambodia in the ancient Khmer empire. On this entertaining tour, you'll experience the former glory of artistic ancient temples, marvel at the enigmatic faces of the **Bayon temple**, and immerse yourself in the history of this fascinating country.*

*Follow the path of the scenic road to the colonial town of **Battambang** and explore the different lifestyles through the eyes of a local.*

*Then, find out more about Cambodia's tragic past in the capital, **Phnom Penh**. This is an exciting tour on which you will learn a lot about the turbulent history of the country and is the highlight of the trip to Cambodia.*

Highlights

- *Discover the impressive Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of never-ending temples and ruins from an ancient empire. Then navigate the flooded forests and floating villages of Tonlé Sap.*
- *Visit Banteay Chhmar Temple, one of Cambodia's most important and least understood temples from the Angkorian period.*
- *Explore Cambodia's second-largest city of Battambang, see the livelihoods and take a chance to ride the bamboo trains.*
- *Indulge in a sweet and socially responsible treat at Farmhouse Smiling Gecko, visit the holistic social project, and take a farm tour.*
- *Travel to Cambodia's lively capital city, learn about Cambodia's history at the S21 Prison and Killing Fields, as well as explore the daily life in Phnom Penh.*

Day 1: Arrive in Siem Reap & Welcome Dinner

Suo Sdei! Welcome to Cambodia.

Upon arrival, please look out for the Siem Reaper Travel welcome sign at the arrivals gate. We will transfer you to your hotel, where you can take your time and relax by the pool or venture out for your first exploration of this ancient city.

At 6 PM, your guide will meet you at the hotel reception where a trip briefing will be held. Then, you will enjoy the creative local cuisine at Spoons Restaurant (Spoons is a social enterprise, they have had a great role in providing vocational training and education to unskilled youths from rural areas and poor family backgrounds, and have had a very positive impact on Cambodia community for over 10 years.).



* Hotel (BB) - Central Cprner d' Angkor (or similar) - Dinner



Day 2: Siem Reap, tour to the Ancient of Angkor Temples

After having breakfast at the hotel, it's time for the main event: a guided tour around the unforgettable Angkor temple complex. First, we will visit Angkor Wat, which is the most famous of all the Angkor temples.

The temple, built in the early 12th century by King Suryavarman II, contains three stories of libraries, galleries, and towers surrounded by a thick retaining wall and an imposing moat. With your professional historian guide, you will be able to discuss in detail what you are looking to achieve from your time at the temples.

You will then head out into the center of Angkor Thom and enter the city through the ancient Gate, an impressive stone gate carved with elephants and four giant faces.

From here, continue to Bayon Temple, located in the center of the city and famed as the enigmatic faces representing the 54 provinces of the Great Khmer Empire. The Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King are also must-visits as they are both known for their intricate bas-reliefs.

Have lunch at a local restaurant for exotic Khmer cuisine.

Next, the Ta Prohm temple is your next stop before some leisure time in the late afternoon.

Ta Prohm is unique in that it has been left largely as it was found-overgrown by jungle trees and vines, with many parts of the temple crumbling to the ground, creating one of the most photogenic and atmospheric temples of the entire Angkor site.



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Day 3: Siem Reap, explore Banteay Samre, Banteay Srei & Kbal Spean

Today, we head out of Siem Reap town on a flat road to the temple of Banteay Samre, built by Suryavarman II and Yasovarman II in the early 12th century. It is a Hindu temple in the Angkor Wat style. Named after the Samré, an ancient people of Indochina, the temple uses the same materials as the Banteay Srei.

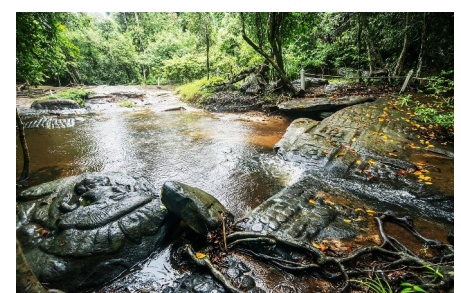
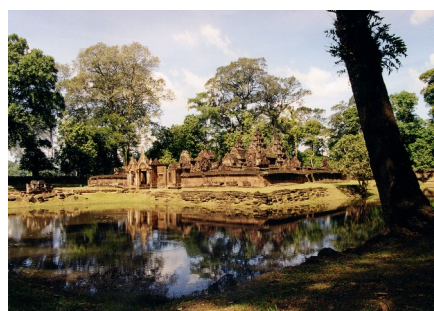
From there it goes back on unpaved roads through attractive villages, along with rice fields, and to the temple of Banteay Srei, which is located outside the actual temple city and is made of pink sandstone.

The roads are peaceful and very pretty all the way to Banteay Srei. There are plenty of beautiful and real country views to see along the way as we drive past the local markets, schools, villages, and Buddhist temples.

Take a visit to the local livelihoods before we reach Banteay Srei, which is known as the Citadel of Women.

This red sandstone temple is one of Angkor's most significant structures as its walls are decorated with elaborate carvings, which have been preserved remarkably well.

We will then enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before taking a short transfer to Kbal Span. Then we take a short trek along the jungle trail for 3 km to the waterfall and the River of Thousand Lingas. We will return to Siem Reap in the evening.



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Day 4: Explore the **Riverside Village** and **Classic Cambodian Cuisine**

Today discover the fantastic landscape of **Tonle Sap Lake**.

This is a unique experience that offers a great outdoor adventure in the **Siem Reap** countryside by exploring a **floating village** and seeing firsthand the Cambodian people's livelihoods.

We will take you to the back roads of Siem Reap to explore the local lifestyles in Siem Reap.

You will be greeted by friendly locals and have a deeper understanding of their lives and traditions.

The trip will end at Tonle Sap Lake, where you will experience the livelihoods of Cambodians living in floating villages, giving you the opportunity to see how families adapt their lives to be able to live on the water.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon. The rest of the afternoon is free.



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Day 5: Siem Reap – Battambang

Today, we leave for Battambang, it's located on the banks of the Sangker River. Battambang is surrounded by rice-growing plains, which makes it Cambodia's rice basket. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and relax at the pool.

In the early evening, join us on a relaxing city walk in the central **Battambang!**

This is an excursion that explores **Battambang's** fascinating architecture, history, and culture. **Battambang** has been shaped by Khmer, French, and Chinese influences to create a fascinating cultural tapestry. As you walk with us through the old town, you will experience the contrast between colonial-era architecture.



* Hotel (BB) - Sanctuary Villa Battambang (or similar) - Lunch – Dinner



Day 6: Battambang, Ride the Bamboo Trains & Evening Sunset Bat Caves

This morning, we take a tour to the **Bamboo Trains** and enjoy a nice ride on a bamboo bed known locally as a Norrie. Here you will catch a glimpse of the gorgeous Battambang countryside. Be sure to take plenty of photographs on this truly fun and unique ride.

Continue to visit with Cambodian families who produce traditional products such as rice paper, dried bananas, and bamboo sticky rice made in the same way they have been for generations. You will learn first-hand about everyday life in rural communities.

In the late afternoon, we will depart for **Sampov Mountain** in time for you to catch the sunset and take in spectacular views of Battambang. Sampov Mountain is a truly special and spectacular place for locals and visitors alike to bask in the tranquility and cool mountain breeze of beautiful Sampov.

The mountain contains numerous killing caves. The caves are now home to thousands of bats and a group of macaques that feed on bananas left by pilgrims beside the cave's shrines.

If you wish, stay until dusk when you can witness the bats pouring out of the caves and heading out across the surrounding paddy fields in search of food.



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Day 7/8: Battambang – Farmhouse Smiling Gecko - Tour

Today, take a 5-hour drive to the Farmhouse Smiling Gecko. You will stop several times along the way, including visiting a pottery family. In the course of the afternoon, you will arrive at the Smiling Gecko Farmhouse. Relax by the lovely swimming pool or treat yourself to a soothing massage.

The Farmhouse Smiling Gecko was established in 2015 by a local NGO to provide disadvantaged locals with a training opportunity to acquire skills that will allow them to earn a living without leaving their hometown. In the afternoon, a member of the Smiling Gecko team will give you an overview of their other inspirational projects that focus on education, supporting local employment initiatives, and promoting self-help among the rural population. By staying here, you're directly contributing to the livelihood of the local people.

This morning, take part in a farm tour. You will get a deeper insight into the structures and work of the innovative, holistic social project and visit its various cluster projects as well as the Smiling Gecko School (except on weekends, public holidays, and school vacations). On the Smiling Gecko Project Tour, you will learn about the history of Smiling Gecko and gain a deeper insight into the various Smiling Gecko projects. The tour also includes a visit to the agricultural farms and the carpentry workshop, among other things.

Your afternoon will be at your own leisure. And there are many wonderful leisure facilities, such as the spacious swimming pool, yoga with meditation opportunities in a beautiful yoga shala, and wellness programs in the small but excellent massage center, which will round of



* Hotel (BB) Farmhouse Smiling Gecko - Lunch



Day 9: Farmhouse Smiling Gecko – Phnom Penh

Today, say goodbye to the **Farmhouse Smiling Gecko**. Drive to **Phnom Penh** (approximately 2 hours), we make a stop at the ancient **Cambodian capital of Phnom Oudong** to enjoy the beautiful view of the surrounding plains and rice fields from the hilltop.

Continue to **Phnom Penh**. The city is considered one of the most beautiful in the world as it still retains a colonial charm.

This capital city is a bustling town, majestically located at the confluence of the mighty rivers of the **Mekong** and **Tonle Sap Lake**. The city contains many colonial-era buildings that reflect the glory days and add to the allure of the city, where Asian and Western traditions meet in a fascinating way.

Your afternoon will be leisure until set off on a sunset cruise along the **Phnom Penh** riverfront. Take in the sights and sip cocktails, beer, or soft drinks as you get a unique overview of Phnom Penh and make your time an **unforgettable experience**.

* Hotel (BB) - Frangipani Palas Hotel - Lunch

Day 10: Phnom Penh City Tour

This morning, your guide will introduce you to the sights of **Phnom Penh** during a full-day city tour.

The first stop of the day will be **Choeung Ek**, better known as the “**Killing Fields**,” where thousands of people were executed during the Khmer Rouge regime. The visits will continue with the genocide museum, “**Tuol Sleng**,” which is a testimony to the Cambodian genocide of that historical period.

Later, visit the **magnificent Royal Palace**, the waterfront, and the beautiful colonial architecture that make Phnom Penh an ideal place to relax. With its local flair, historical beauty, and culture, **Phnom Penh** is a unique attraction in.



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Day 11: Phnom Penh – Departure Transfer

* Breakfast

Today, your journey to the highlights of Cambodia ends. There is no activity planned for the last day. Individual follow-up treatment or a return trip. Our driver will be ready to transfer you to **Phnom Penh** airport to catch your return flight.

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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Airport pick up and drop off (Siem Reap & Phnom Penh)
- Siem Reap - 3 day Angkor Pass
- Siem Reap - The floating village excursion and boat ride
- Battambang - Ride the Bamboo trains and ticket to the Bat Caves
- Kampong Chhnang - Pottery Demonstration & Smiling Gecko farm tour
- Phnom Penh - Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S21)
- Phnom Penh - The Killing Fields of Choeung Ek
- Land transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles
- First aid kits per tour guide

What's excluded

- International and domestic flights
- Visa or visa arrangements
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, hats, and protective clothing
- Camera/video entrance fees
- Personal expenses (drinks, laundry, telephone, tips, etc)
- Other services not clearly indicated in the package inclusions above

Price from **\$ 1.750.00**