



The Art, Cultures and Life on the Ancient Khmer trail – 15 Days (trip code: CSEF)

Siem Reap – Koh Ker – Phnom Kulen – Kampong Cham – Indigenous region of Rattanakiri – Homestay in Kratie – Historic site and weaving village in Phnom Penh

Travel to the home of the world famous heritage of the Angkor Temple including the magnificent Angkor Wat. Continue to explore Cambodia indigenous people in Rattanakiri and enjoy the elephant riding into the jungle. On the way back to Phnom Penh, overnight in Kratie, experience with Cambodian homestay and admire the Irrawaddy dolphin in the Mekong River, the trip end by visit historic site and cycling tour to the weaving village in Phnom Penh.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Siem Reap – Arrival day (-/-/D)

Transfer to hotel from the airport

Group meeting and welcome dinner with traditional dance show

Day 2: Siem Reap – Angkor Temple (B/L/-)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

visit *The Roluos Group* is a collection of monuments representing the remains of Hariharalaya, the first major capital of the Angkorian-era Khmer Empire (Bakong, Preah Ko, Lolei).

Lunch: Local restaurant

Continue to the wonderful Angkor Thom including the Southern Gate, famous Bayon temple (12th century in the center of city remains one the most enigmatic temples of the Angkor group. Baphuon temple is lying just to the north of Bayon. Terrace of Elephants used as a giant reviewing stand for public ceremonies. Terrace of the Leper King a platform 7m high, on the top stands a nude though sexless statue; Phimean Akas temple means "Celestial Palace", dedicated to Hinduism.

Evening: Dine on your own

Visit local night market

Day 3: Siem Reap – Angkor Temple (B/L/-)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

you will visit Thommanon, small, attractive temple in very good condition. Chaosay Tevoda, it seems to stand in partnership with Thommanon, Banteay Kdei, Srash Srong. Then visit Kravan & especially Ta Phrom Temple, was a monastery built by Jayavarman VII as a residence for his mother.

Lunch: Local restaurant

Visit the wonderful Angkor Wat – one of the seven greatest architectural wonders of the world, as a temple and mausoleum for King Suryavarman II at the peak of the Khmer empire in the first half of 12th.

Phnom Bakheng temple, is the first temple in Angkor region build by the YacovarmanI King, and where to see the marvellous sunset.

Evening: Dine on your own

Day 4: Siem Reap – Koh Ker (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Visit Beng Mealea : Sprawling jungle temple covering over one square kilometer. The temple is largely overrun by vegetation and very lightly touristed, giving it an adventurous, 'lost temple' feel.

Lunch: Picnic with lunch box

Koh Ker is an Angkorian site in northern Cambodia. 100 km northeast of Angkor itself, it was briefly the capital of the Khmer empire between 928 and 944 under king Jayavarman IV and his son Hasavarman II. The Koh Ker site is dominated by Prasat Thom, a 30 meter tall temple mountain raising high above the plain and the surrounding forest.

Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 5: Siem Reap – Phnom Kulen (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at your hotel

Kulen Mountain is the most sacred of all Khmer Pilgrimage sites situated in a picturesque location 1 hour drive from Siem Reap. Approached by a scenic mountain road it gives some of the best landscape views in the Area.

The falls are a popular bathing place for local families. At festival times the Wats and Reclining Buddha are a place of great atmosphere. There is an area of Hindu Lingas on the riverbed; though nothing as extensive as Kbal Spean.

Lunch: Picnic with lunch box

Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 6: Siem Reap – Kampong Cham (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to Kampong Thom

Lunch: Local restaurant

Sambor Prei Kuh: The ancient city where monuments of Samba Prei Kuk are found today was identified as ISANAPURA, the capital of Chenla in 7th century. Chenla was a former vassal of the Funan kingdom that was one of the first states in Southeast Asia.

Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 7: Kampong Cham – Rattanakiri (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at local restaurant

Transfer to Rattanakiri, and stopover to visit the rubber plantation

Lunch: Local restaurant

Arrival in Banlung and city tour, transfer to Hotel

Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 8: Rattanakiri – Veun Sai Village (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Transfer Veun Sai and take a boat on Se San River, the Se San River is one of the most important ecology systems amid the green forestry in the northeast region of Stung Treng and Ratanak Kiri provinces. Visiting the tribal village of Kachork, then village Chinese and Laos village.

Lunch: Local restaurant

Getting back Banlung, then continue to Katieng waterfall. The cascade is surrounded by trees which provides welcome shade to the visitors. Elephant trekking to the jungle for one hour

Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 9: Rattanakiri – Kratie (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to Kratie province about 254 km from Banlung

Lunch: Local restaurant
Visit Wat Sar Sar Mouy Roy (100 pillars) and transfer to hotel for check in. Visit CRDT office for Koh Pdao presentation.

Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 10: Kratie – Koh Pdao (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel
Drive to the pier to connect the boat to Koh Pdao community based ecotourism.

Lunch: Lunch at local people home
Visiting the village and local school at Koh Pdao island, continue to take a boat to explore the Cambodian Mekong Irrawaddy dolphin.

Evening: Dinner at local people home
Overnight at home stay

Day 11: Koh Pdao – Kratie – Kampong Cham – Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel
Transfer to the pier for the boat to Kratie and connect the car to Kampong Cham, Stopover for rubber plantation.

Lunch: local restaurant
One stop to visit Phnom Pros & Phnom Srey (Male & Female Hill), the northern part of Phnom Srey and Phnom Pros of Kampong Cham is surrounded by spectacular mountains of Dang Rek, Ba Ley and Chhuk. Overnight in Kampong Cham.

Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 12: Phnom Penh – City Tour (B/L/-)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel
Cheung Ek killing field is about 15 km from Phnom Penh.
Toul Sleng Museum: Prior to 1975, Toul Sleng was a high school - a set of classroom buildings in a walled compound. When the Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975 they converted into the S-21 prison and interrogation facility.

Lunch: local restaurant
Enjoy your shopping for some souvenirs from Cambodia at Russian Market; this market became the foreigner's market during the 1980's when most of the foreigners in Cambodia were Russians. Drive to Association of Apsara, where is the school support the child by dance teaching.

Evening: Dine on your own

Day 13: Phnom Penh – City Tour (B/L/-)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel
Royal Palace: serves as the residence of the King, a venue for court ceremony and as a symbol of the Kingdom. Wat Preah Keo Morokat: It is known as the 'Silver Pagoda' for the 5329 silver tiles that cover the floor. Each tile was handcrafted and weighs 1.125kg. Continue to National Museum: Over 5000 objects are on display including Angkorian era statues, lingas and other artifacts, most notably the legendary statue of the 'Leper King.

Lunch: Local restaurant
Continue to Wat Phnom, a small hillock, the only one in the city, crowned by an active Buddhist Wat, marks the legendary founding place of Phnom Penh. After that, visit Phnom Penh mail post; end by boating on Mekong River for Phnom Penh riverfront view.

Evening: Dine on your own

Day 14: Phnom Penh – Cycling Tour (B/L/D)

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Meet at 8am with your camera, sunscreen and some comfortable clothing. Cross the river by boat and take in this relaxing 30km ride through Cham Muslim communities on quiet back roads to reach the Mekong Islands. On the islands, cycle through orchards and market gardens. Enjoy the peaceful farmland and learn about the lives of the people who live here. Back to Phnom Penh

Lunch: local restaurant
Free at your own leisure
Evening: Dinner at local restaurant

Day 15: Phnom Penh – Departure day (B/-/-)

Morning Breakfast / free at leisure.
Noon Check out / transfer to bus terminal or airport.
End of service.

Physical grading: 4

Culture shock grading: 4

Preferred hotel: Siem Reap – Angkor Holiday, Kampong Cham – Monorom VIP, Rattanakiri – Terre Rouge, Kratie – Odom Sambath, Koh Pdao – Homestay, Phnom Penh – Cardamom Hotel

Transport: Private car, boat and bike.

Activities: Homestay, trekking, cycling, boating and elephant riding.

Pricing: for private tour in USD, net to agent rate

Meals: 14-breakfasts / 13-lunches / 14-dinners

Note:

When you visit tribal village, there some village is not allow to access or take picture. Before you want to do something, please ask your tour guide for some advice.

Responsible mind:

The income from tourist is to support the community or it is a best ways to offer them a good career and anti-illegal mineral exploration, deforestation and hunting wildlife.

Service includes:

- Private transfer and transport with A/C
- Accommodation in 2* or 3* hotel with Twin sharing room (2 pax in one room) or home stay as mentioned in the program
- English Speaking Guide
- Meal as mentioned above
- Riding elephant
- Boating on Sen San River and Mekong River
- Cycling tour in Phnom Penh
- All entrance fee of visit site as mentioned in the program
- Mineral drinking water and cool towel

Service excludes:

- Additional soft drinks / Alcohol / snacks outside mealtimes
- Souvenirs
- Tip for Guide and Driver
- Domestic and international flight

- Travel insurance

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