



## **Legendary of the Angkor – 8 Days** (trip code: CSWE)

*Welcome to Cambodia, your trip start from Phnom Penh – Battambang – Banteay Chmar – Siem Reap*

Travel from historic site of Phnom Penh to Battambang, known as the rice bowl of Cambodia the province has strong agricultural economy with the great production of rice. Continue to get experience with Cambodian homestay in Banteay Chhmar where you can admire the amazing temple and your last destination is Siem Reap, home to the world famous heritage of the Angkor temple including the magnificent Angkor Wat.

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Day 1: Phnom Penh – Arrival day (-/-/D)**

Transfer from airport (or boat/bus terminal) to Cardamom Hotel (or equivalent)  
Group meeting and welcome dinner

#### **Day 2: Phnom Penh – Battambang (B/L/D)**

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 Kampong Chhnang, visit the pottery village: The quiet village of Andong Rossey in Kampong Chhnang, where the area's famous red pottery is made under every house.

Lunch: Local restaurant

Pursat Province : On the rural east bank, walk south along the river road and you'll come upon a number of small marble-carving shop, where artisan make – and sell – everything from tiny thatches to huge smiling Buddhas.

Battambang : Cambodia's second-largest city is an elegant riverside town, home to some of the best-preserved French-period architecture in the country and to warm and friendly inhabitants.

Evening: Dinner at Local restaurant

#### **Day 3: Battambang – Banon Temple (B/L/D)**

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Visit Banon Temple and continue to experience with bamboo train: is a unique and creative form of ad-hoc local transportation. It consists of a small motorcycle engine-powered bamboo cart, which you have never seen before.

Ek Phnom Temple: an atmospheric, partly collapsed, 11<sup>th</sup>-century temple situated 11km north of Battambang, measures 52m by 49m and is surrounded by the remains of a laterite wall and an ancient baray (reservoir).

Lunch: Local restaurant

Wat Dam Rei Sor : many temples which survived the Khmer Rouge period relatively unscathed thanks to a local commander who ignored orders, include Wat Dam Rei Sar, west of the Battambang Museum.

Phare Ponleu Selpak NGO : meaning "the brightness of art", visit the centre during working hours and see students rehearsing in the Circus and Music School and watch young painters at work in the Visual Arts School.

Evening: Dinner at Local restaurant

**Day 4: Battambang – Banteay Chhmar (B/L/D)**

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Morning transfer to Banteay Chhmar 126 km in Banteay Meanchey Province.

Welcome in Banteay Chhmar Community-Based Tourism centre.

Lunch: Lunch prepared by a local women's group

Banteay Chhmar consists of a XII century Angkorian temple complex. One of its masterpieces is the so called 'Temple of the cat' which is to be renovated by the Global Heritage Fund. It also contains both barays (rectangular water reservoirs) from ancient times and from under the Pol Pot regime.

Kuyon ride to visit the killing Baray and watching a fishing process, watching sunset in the evening.

Evening: Dinner in the Temple place with traditional wooden torches.

**Day 5: Banteay Chhmar – Siem Reap (B/L/D)**

Morning: Breakfast in the homestays prepared and delivered by CBT.

Walking to the Banteay Chhmar local market place. Oxcart tour to discover the Banteay Chhmar way of life (rice fields, vegetable gardens along the west moat, Silk Center).

Lunch: Last meal in CBT place before departure to Siem Reap.

Evening: Overnight In Siem Reap

**Day 6: Siem Reap – Angkor Temple (B/L/D)**

Morning: Before Breakfast, you bring the food to pagoda to offer the food to the monk

Firstly, you will visit *The Roluos Group* is a collection of monuments representing the remains of Hariharalaya, the first major capital of the Angkorian-era Khmer Empire. Setting the pattern for the next four centuries, the first great Khmer temples (Bakong, Preah Ko, Lolei) and baray (reservoir).

Lunch: Local restaurant

Continue to the wonderful Angkor Thom (the Great City) including the Southern Gate, famous Bayon temple (12<sup>th</sup> century in the center of city remains one the most enigmatic temples of the Angkor group. Baphuon temple, Terrace of Elephants used as a giant reviewing stand for public ceremonies and served as a base for the king's grand audience hall. 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: Dinner at Local restaurant

**Day 7: Siem Reap – Angkor Temple (B/L/D)**

Morning: Breakfast at hotel

Visit Thommanon, small, attractive temple in very good condition, built at the same time as Angkor Wat. Chaosay Tevoda, Banteay Kdei, Srash Srong. Continue to Kravan & especially Ta Phrom Temple, was a monastery built by Jayavarman VII as a residence for his mother.

Lunch: Local restaurant

Afternoon, 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

Phnom Bakheng temple is a nice place to see the marvellous sunset, the distant Angkor Wat in the jungle and Tonle Sap Lake.

Evening: Dinner at Local reataurant

**Day 8: Siem Reap – Departure day (B/-/-)**

Morning      Breakfast / free day.  
Noon          Check out / transfer to bus terminal or airport.

**Physical grading: 3**

**Culture shock grading: 3**

**Preferred hotel:** Phnom Penh – Cardamom Hotel, Battambang – Steung Sangke, Banteay Chhmar – Homestay, Siem Reap – Angkor Holiday

**Transport:** Private car or mini-bus

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

**Meals:** 7-breakfasts / 6-lunches / 7-dinners

**Note:**

When you go to pagoda to offer the food to the monk, please wear your clothes properly.

**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
- 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

**Booking:** <http://nutty-adventures.com/booking.htm>