



Travel Proposal

# 11 Days Ultimate Cambodia

Siem Reap – Phnom Penh- Koh Ouen Island

Duration	11 Days/ 10 Nights
Travel Date	Anytime
Destination	Cambodia
Tour Type	Private Luxury Tour

# Itinerary

**DAY 1**
**Siem Reap Arrival**
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Chum reap sou! As soon as you arrive at the airport of Siem Reap, you will be assisted with a fast-track immigration process. Once you step out of the arrival hall, two Cambodian ladies in traditional dresses will welcome you with some flower garlands and you will be warmly greeted by your tour escort. Afterwards enjoy a relaxing drive in a traditional Masthead car to the hotel, while our professional local tour escort will give you some first information about the city.



Check-in at the hotel and relaxation after the long flight. A Welcome package including a Cambodian simcard, a traditional gift and a complementary bottle of wine will be placed in the room.

After some time for refreshment and leisure you will be picked up by your tour escort for an early dinner at the elegant Malis Restaurant.

## Welcome Dinner at Malis Restaurant



*When you dine at Malis Restaurant, not only do you get to savor delicious Cambodian cuisine, you also consume an important story. During the 1970's under the Khmer Rouge, many of Cambodia's traditional recipes that had been passed on for centuries were forgotten and vanished from the kitchen. Malis was born in 2004 out of the desire and passion to restore Cambodian cuisine to its former glory and put Cambodia back on the map as a culinary destination.*

After this first great experience with the Cambodian Cuisine get a very special first insight into the local culture by visiting the famous **Phare Circus** of Siem Reap ( VIP seats and snacks will be pre-arranged for you)

More than just a circus, at Phare, the local performers use theatre, music, dance and modern acrobatic arts to tell uniquely Cambodian stories; including historical occurrences, folk and modern-day episodes. The young circus artists which all come from underprivileged families in rural villages are so full energy, emotion, enthusiasm and talent that some of them already got job offers by the world-famous Cirque du Soleil.



Return to the hotel.

#### Hotel: Phum Baitang

Overnight in Siem Reap

DAY 02

Siem Reap – Temple Tour

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will spend a magical day at the Angkor temples following our well researched crowd avoidance itinerary.

You will start with a visit of the famous **Ta Prohm** temple, which is unforgettable due to the massive trees with thick roots that entangle the walls. They were left here intentionally by the archaeologists working on the site. While clearing back the forest it was decided to leave them in place to serve as a reminder of how the original discoverers found it and other temples. Many of the trees have grown around and through the remains and soar high above the temple.



Next, we continue by tuk tuk to reach the Southern Gate of **Angkor Thom** 'Great City'. This will include many of the finest Temples of King Jayavarman VII, who ruled from 1181 to 1220. At the southern gate of Angkor Thom, you will marvel at the imposing 23m (75-foot) high stone faces of Avalokiteshvara, featured in the Tomb Raider movie.

These astonishing carvings inspire awe and wonder in all who view them. At the centre of this citadel lies the state temple of **Bayon**, which we will also visit. This temple-mountain, built at the end of the 12th century, is adorned with hundreds of gigantic stone faces



Then enjoy a delicious, private lunch during a scenic g boat ride in an ancient gondola within the archeological park. Travel along the water way where history, nature and culture come alive. Step back in time and enjoy Angkor Thom, the Royal Secret Path and the City Guard Post.

After this first temple exploration you will be brought to the **Sokkhak Spa Riverside**. This wonderful Boutique spa is featuring classic and modern style therapies and you can indulge yourself during a 180 minutes treatment.

You will then end the day with a dinner at the Chanrey Tree Khmer contemporary house which is just a 1-minute walk away from the spa.

### Dinner at Chanrey Tree

In a lush courtyard setting, you'll find Chanrey Tree, a traditional wooden house with a spacious al fresco dining area, serving authentic home-style cooking. The relaxed setting is the ideal place to savour dishes made from ingredients bought at local markets and presented in new and creative ways. Diners can choose from a varied menu, including beef lok lak, roasted Khmer chicken, and Tonle Sap steamed fish. Vegetarians can select, among other imaginative main courses, a green vegetable curry or a pomelo and spinach salad. Pair your meal with a wine from France, Australia, South Africa or Chile to complete your culinary adventure.



In case you are looking for some further evening entertainment your local escort is happy to take you to the Night Market and the legendary party road of Cambodia - known as Pub Street. Officially titled "Street 8", Pub Street is the center of action as the night falls in Siem Reap. Although the 100m stretch of road is mainly speckled with neon lit clubs, cheap bars, restaurants and vendors , there are some hidden gems in the neighbouring side streets like the charismatic cocktail bar Mrs. Wong.

Named after a painting by Vladimir Tretchikoff, the tiny bar is dripping in 1930s Shanghai style, with its deep red walls, silk lanterns and dark wooden furniture. Cocktails and conversation are the order of the day (or night) here, both to be enjoyed in the luxurious booths. The signature Indochine Martini, with vodka, ginger cognac and pineapple juice is a heady and sophisticated pleasure.

Return to the hotel.

### Hotel: Phum Baitang

Overnight in Siem Reap

**DAY 03**
**Siem Reap – Angkor Wat and Village Experience**
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Today you will get up early and motor through the darkness of pre-dawn to see the sunrise over **Angkor Wat** as we guide you to the best photo vantage points. Explore the temple in the hours immediately after sunrise when the site is at its quietest. Built under Suryavarman II. Angkor Wat today is the largest sacred edifice on earth and of high importance for the Khmer itself. Constructed in 12th century by King Suyavarman II, Angkor Wat is dedicated to the Hindu God Vishnu. Surrounded by a giant moat, the temple itself can be reached via a beautiful n balustrade only. Hundreds of ornaments and reliefs cover the walls of this huge and ancient construction. Once you climb up the steep steps to the top you can enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding jungle.

Afterwards Return to hotel for breakfast.

In the afternoon (4pm) take a journey to a **local village** and after a short stroll you will get a traditional **water blessing in a local pagoda**. This ceremony is designed to offer good luck for the further journey, a long live and lots of happiness to the participants. During the ceremony you will be asked to sit on the floor in a traditional position (cross legged and their faced hands together) while the monk will speak spells in the religious language Pali and spread holy water. We will arrange some gifts and drinks which you can also offer to the monk before the ceremony starts.

Afterwards enjoy some **sunset drinks at a beautiful village house**, where a very personal dining experience is awaiting you. While some dedicated staff will cater for all your needs, the dinner will be accompanied by traditional music and folklore performances.



Return to the hotel.

**Hotel: Phum Baitang**

Overnight in Siem Reap

DAY 04

Siem Reap

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Excursion to the **Tonle Sap Lake** which is the richest fresh water fishing ground in the world and regarded as a national treasure producing an ever-changing landscape.



The communities that live around the margins of the lake cope with huge seasonal variations in water levels by building their homes on floating bamboo rafts or 30ft stilts. It is well worth the extra effort to get away from the touristy village of Chong Kneas to the more genuine stilted villages – Kompong Khleang (dependent on water levels) – for an understanding of contemporary lake life. Take the opportunity to pause at the stilted houses to see learn how a subsistence fishing family lives, before continuing by boat along the margins of the lake.

A picnic lunch is included.



In the afternoon you can spend the day at leisure or ask your tour escort to take you on a tour around the city for some high-quality shopping. Recommended places of interest include **Senteur's D'Angkor** – a local workshop that produces only natural, handmade beauty products and local flavors. Moreover, you can visit the Gallery of the famous photographer **John McDermott** who first came to Angkor in 1995 and spent several years creating a definitive portrait of the ancient temples and the living Cambodian culture around them.



Alternatively, you can enjoy a round of golf at Cambodia's top golf course at the Angkor Golf Resort. The award winning 18 Holes golf course was designed by European legend and six-time major winner, Sir Nick Faldo. After receiving a blessing by local monks, it was opened in 2007 as the first course in the country and still manages to impress golfers of all levels.



In the evening a local **Aspara dinner** will await you. Step back in time at the only air-conditioned theatre in town. Dancers, singers and musicians will bring ancient Khmer culture to life in spectacular surroundings while they'll enjoy some authentic Cambodian cuisine.

Return to the hotel.

#### Hotel: Phum Baitang

Overnight in Siem Reap

DAY 05

Siem Reap – Phnom Penh

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Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer to the airport and fly to **Phnom Penh**, Cambodia's bustling capital, once called the '**Pearl of Asia**'. After Check-In and lunch at the hotel, this afternoon we endeavor to provide some insights into Cambodia's recent tragic history under the Khmer Rouge with visits to the **Killing Fields** and **Tuol Sleng (S-21) Prison**.

Although it might be considered a tough beginning for your stay in Phnom Penh, these sights are a must- see to get a deeper understanding of Cambodia. You will see modern day Cambodia with different eyes after gaining an awareness of the events of the late 1970's and realizing how the country continues to recover from this tragedy.

In view of Cambodia's dark history, you are invited to try out a very special dining experience this evening and have a dinner in the Dark.

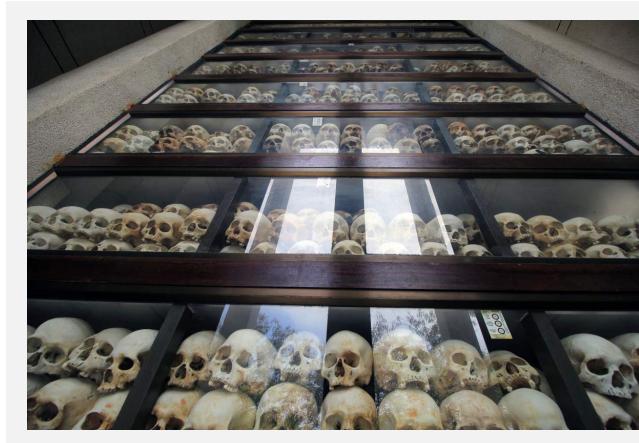
### Dine in the dark

*Prepare yourself to embark on an extraordinary journey of sensory awareness served by the visually impaired.*

*DID - Dine in the Dark is a fine dining restaurant in which there are no lights inside. We offer you the chance to experience Khmer, international or vegetarian surprise menus without seeing them, thereby heightening your non-visual senses in a playful and elegant way.*

*Although this may seem like an awkward experience, you are guided from beginning to end by the fantastic waiters of Dine in the Dark who are visually impaired themselves.*

*By eating at Dine in the Dark you are furthermore helping support a restaurant that promotes equal opportunity employment for the past, and present students of NGO Krousar Thmey – School for the deaf & blind.*



**Hotel: Raffles Hotel Le Royal**

Overnight in Phnom Penh

**DAY 06**
**Phnom Penh**
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Breakfast at the hotel.

Weaving through Phnom Penh's colourful streets, explore some of our favourite hidden gems by traditional transportation method: the **Cyclo**.

In the afternoon take in the shimmering spires of the **Royal Palace** and **Silver Pagoda**.

The Royal Palace of Cambodia is a complex of buildings, even though it is generally understood to be the royal abode of the King of Cambodia. The compound was the citadel of King Ponhea Yat (1393-1463) and rebuilt to its present state in 1886, when King Norodom (1834-1904) relocated the royal capital from Oudong to Phnom Penh. The buildings with beautiful towering spires are a great example of classic Khmer architecture found in Cambodia today.

The Silver Pagoda, also known as the Preah Vihear Preah Keo Morokat (the Emerald Pagoda) to Cambodians, lies within the grounds of the Royal Palace, which is situated near the banks of the Mighty Mekong. Originally a wooden structure, the palace was initially constructed in 1892 during the reign of King Norodom but rebuilt to its present grandeur by King Norodom Sihanouk in 1962. The king spared no effort to make this a true embodiment of brilliant Khmer art. More than 5300 pcs of 1.125 kilo silver tiles are used to cover the floor of the Silver Pagoda, and the silver pieces collectively weigh over six tons.



Today's dinner will be served in the French Restaurant Topaz.

### Dinner at Topaz



*For more than 20 years, Topaz has been a landmark for French fine dining in the heart of Phnom Penh and celebrates time-honoured traditions and cutting-edge gastronomy in a stylish, contemporary setting that reflects the richly cultured, vibrant and dynamic capital city that it calls home. Personally, selected ingredients, dedication to service and the deepest pride in being among the best are at the heart of every dish that is served here.*

**Hotel: Raffles Hotel Le Royal**

Overnight in Phnom Penh

DAY 07

Phnom Penh – Sihanoukville

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Helicopter transfer from Phnom Penh to **Song Saa Private Island (Koh Oeun Island)**. Indulge yourself in a carefree paradise, an intimate escape, crafted with love, inspired by the beauty of its natural surroundings. Song Saa Private Island offers luxury, serenity and a deep connection with the environment

#### PHNOM PENH TO SONG SAA PRIVATE ISLAND VIA HELICOPTER

- Take off from: Phnom Penh Airport
- Landing at : Close to Song Saa Private Island (05 min by boat)
- Flight time: Approx. 01 hour
- Maximum: 05 Passengers + 01 Pilot

Upon arrival enjoy a light lunch and discover the resorts facilities.

In the evening a sunset dinner cruise will be arranged for you.

**Hotel: Song Saa private Island Resort**

Overnight on Koh Ouen Island


**DAY 08**
**Song Saa Private Island (Sihanoukville)**
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Breakfast at the hotel.

Spend your day free and easy on the island. Enjoy the luxurious resort facilities, relax at the beach or engage in several optional activities including watersports, snorkeling or visits to other islands.

In the afternoon you can take part in a meditation session and a tea ceremony will be arranged for you at the Driftwood Deck.

In the evening you can enjoy a great dinner at the resort's Vista Restaurant.

**Hotel: Song Saa private Island Resort**

Overnight on Koh Ouen Island

DAY 09

Song Saa Private Island (Sihanoukville)

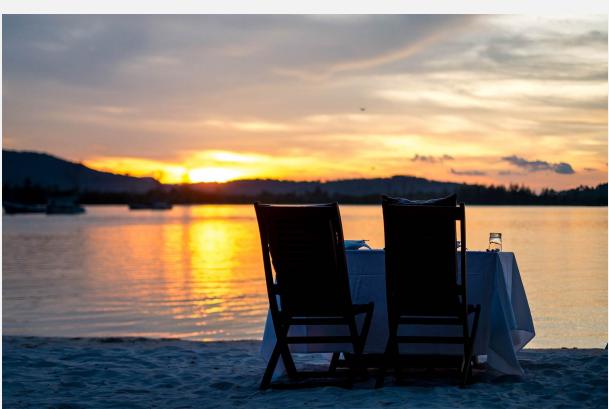
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Start your day with a beautiful sunrise yoga session.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Spend your day free and easy on the island. Enjoy the luxurious resort facilities, relax at the beach or engage in several optional activities including watersports, snorkeling or visits to other islands.

As a special Farewell enjoy a private dinner at the beach and pass your last evening in Cambodia totally relaxed and blissful.



Hotel: Song Saa private Island Resort

Overnight on Koh Ouen Island

**DAY 10**
**Sihanoukville - Departure**
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Breakfast at he hotel.

Departure transfer by a private speedboat to the mainland pier of Sihanoukville. Transfer to the airport and departure flight.

**End of services**

## Suggested Accommodation

City Name	Hotel Suggestion
Siem Reap	Phum Baitang
Phnom Penh	Raffles Hotel Le Royal
Koh Oeun Island (Sihanoukville)	Song Saa Private Island

Accommodation in hotels is subject to availability. If the listed hotel is fully booked, alternate accommodation will be booked within the same hotel category without surcharge/reduction. If no hotel in same category available, we preserve the right to apply a surcharge for any higher category or a reduction for any lower category.