



LUXURY HONEYMOON IN CAMBODIA: TEMPLE & PRIVATE ISLAND

Duration: 8 Days/7 Nights

Explore the exotic Cambodia & relax at the serene and gorgeous private beach resort.

Programme Overview

Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville

Highlights

Sightseeing at Angkor Thom & Bayon Temple
Private boat ride excursion of Tonle Sap Lake
Visit to the jungle temple of Beng Mealea or Kompong Chhnang
Visit Chantiers Ecoles (Artisans d'Angkor) and discover local art, crafts and silver handicrafts.
Enjoy local adventure sports as you explore the island like snorkeling and kayak ride
Bird watching perched on a platform on Koh Bong
Lunch on a secluded island & Speed boat excursion

A&K Advantage

Assistance with Visa on Arrival, Immigration and Custom clearance
Sunrise at Angkor Wat with Champagne breakfast at Ta Lek gate
Elephant ride from South gate to Bayon Temple and Phnom Bakheng
Catered dinner at temple around Angkor (East gate of Bayon, Thommanon)
Visit to Phnom Penh with a personal shopper
Specially organised dinner with Apsara dance show

Private arrival and departure airport transfers
The services of an A&K Representative

** On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Representative who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. An A&K Representative is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your A&K Representative's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.*

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE SIEM REAP–At leisure

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by an A&K representative in the restricted area. He will assist you with VISA ON ARRIVAL application, rapid transit through immigration to collect your checked luggage and custom clearance. A&K representative will complete all necessary forms on your behalf. You will then be transferred to the hotel in a private vehicle and assisted with check-in.

Nestled between rice paddies and stretched along a river, this former sleepy riverside provincial town of Siem Reap serves as the entryway to the ancient magnificent Angkor and other ruins. This was formerly the seat of power for the once enormous and glorious Khmer empire through the 9th and 15th centuries AD. The architecture of this town is distinctly colonial and Chinese, which originated from a cluster of old villages, but today is alive with culture, restaurants and pubs.

Amansara was originally the guesthouse of King Sihanouk, built by French architect is situated on the edge of Siem Reap. It is a short distance from the entrance to the Angkor UNESCO World Heritage Site. Set in a garden compound, the resort has the ambience of a private home and is the ideal base for travellers seeking to explore Khmer culture and the majestic ruins of Angkor. It is an award winning luxury Angkor Wat hotel.

Relax at the resort and experience its luxurious amenities or soak in your suites private plunge pool with a glass of wine in the company of your loved one.

Overnight: Amansara Resort

Meal Plan: None

Day 2

SIEM REAP–Visit Angkor Thom, Bayon Temple & Tonle Sap Lake

Enjoy a spectacular and a life time experience of viewing the sunrise at Angkor Wat with Champagne breakfast at Ta Lek gate. Angkor Thom, the heavily fortified city built in the 10th century by the greatest of the Khmer rulers, King Jayavarman VII (1181 - 1201). With a population in excess of one million inhabitants, Angkor Thom covered an area of 10 square kilometers and was larger than any city in Europe at the time.

From Angkor Thom's southern gateway, continue to visit the Bayon Temple riding on an elephant back while you explore the temple along with your private guide. The structure is overwhelming in its construction and most Angkor specialists agree that it is one of the finest examples of classic Khmer architecture. This temple marks the exact centre of Angkor Thom, thus it is the most recognized of the city's temples and also the most enigmatic and mysterious.

As you exit the Bayon Temple take a brief halt at the Royal Enclosures to see the Elephant Terrace. The terrace takes its name from the extraordinary representation of elephants and of an elephant hunt, which takes up the majority of the frieze. A little north of the main terrace is another, known as the Terrace of the Leper King after a statue found above it.

You will also be visiting a unique jungle temple which is captivated by the large trees and vines that have grown over it, Ta Prohm. Ta Prohm is renowned as the most romantic experience of Angkor and even Historians have noted its mystical charm. Its photogenic and atmospheric combination of trees growing out of the ruins forms unique and exotic backdrop. It served as a backdrop for Hollywood blockbuster, "Tomb Raider".

This afternoon, explore the Tonle Sap Lake in a private boat. Tonle Sap Lake, also known as the 'Great Lake' or 'sea of fresh water', lies south of Angkor links the Mekong River to the southern end of the Great Lake. An unusual phenomenon of this river is that its water flow changes direction to run in reverse; the source of this phenomenon is in the Himalayan Mountains of Central Asia. When the snow melts, the water flows southward along the course of the Mekong River and its tributaries, but the silted channels of the Mekong River system are inadequate to accommodate the amount of water received because of which the Mekong River flows back. The impact of this overflow causes the Tonle Sap River to reverse its course each year between July and October and feed into the Great Lake.

On your private boat cruise pass floating houses, fish farms and view life on the water that dots the landscape. This is the best experience to explore rural Cambodia and gain a better understanding of the unique ecosystem rich with flora, fauna, fish and other wildlife.

Enjoy a romantic private couple massage by a team of skilled masseuses providing a range of traditional Cambodian treatments in the evening. You may choose to enjoy the spa in treatment rooms, privacy of your suite, by the poolside or on the roof terrace.

Overnight: Amansara Resort

Meal Plan: B

Day 3

SIEM REAP–Visit jungle temple of Beng Mealea or Kompong Chhnang and Artisans d'Angkor

Enjoy your aroma bath with rose petals, candles and a romantic breakfast in bed.

Today morning you may choose to continue exploring the temples of Cambodia and drive through local villages and paddy fields to a remote jungle temple of Beng Mealea, which is now utterly subsumed by the jungle. It has extensive carving of scenes from Hindu mythology, including the Churning of the Sea of Milk and Vishnu being borne by the bird god Garuda. Enjoy a short walk through the dense jungle and feel like an explorer when you discover the completely overgrown temple. The outstanding decoration dates from the first half of the 12th century.

Or

Visit the Kompong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports in the area, where you'll take a trip round the local market, see old colonial mansions, visit a ceramics-making village and Artisans d'Angkor.

At Chantiers Ecoles (Artisans d'Angkor) - Observe the students practicing age old carving and finishing techniques. It is a local woodworking and stone carving workshop/gallery which aims to reintegrate young Cambodians from rural areas to the creation of traditional cultural artworks.

Later, sail up to the point where the Tonle Sap River joins the great Tonle Sap Lake - the largest freshwater and continue your private cruise to Kompong Luong, one of the biggest floating villages on the lake.

Evening discover the local area at your pace.

On return to the hotel room you will be welcomed with candles and roses petals for a romantic ambience.

Overnight: Amansara Resort

Meal Plan: B

Day 4

SIEM REAP–Visit to the paddy fields or a silver workshop, elephant ride to Phnom Bakheng to watch sunset over Angkor Wat, Catering dinner at temple around Angkor (East gate of Bayon, Thommanon...)

After a leisurely breakfast you will be taken for a visit to the paddy fields. Learn about the village life and try your hand at rice planting. Season permitting, rice planting with your loved one can be a lot of fun.

Alternately, you may visit few of the remaining silver workshops, as only a few families of silversmith in Cambodia propagate this practice now, which has been listed as Cambodia heritage by UNESCO in 2004. Artisans' d'Angkor has set up a silver plated workshop in order to show case the process and encourage the revival of this Cambodian heritage.

Afternoon at your pace

Late afternoon, take an elephant ride up the steep, badly eroded, rock-hewn steps of Phnom Bakheng hill to watch the sun set over Angkor Wat. The view of the sun setting is stunning, mesmerising and should not be missed.

Catering dinner specially planned at temple around Angkor (East gate of Bayon, Thommanon)

Overnight: Amansara Resort

Meal Plan: B, D

Day 05

SIEM REAP–SIHANOUKVILLE–Song Saa Island at leisure

After breakfast you will be transferred in a private vehicle for a chartered flight to Sihanoukville port.

On arrival at Sihanoukville port you will be welcomed by your A&K Representative and you will be transferred to Song Saa Island on a private luxury speed boat and assisted with check-in.

Afternoon is at your disposal to relax at your pace with champagne, chocolates and fruits on your private sundeck of your overwater villa. Romance with your loved one, enjoy a spectacular view of the Indian Ocean overlooking your private pool and watch the sun set in each other's company.

Relish a sumptuous authentic dinner made from fresh, local produce in the privacy of your villa, under the starlit sky and your toes dipped in your private pool.

Overnight: Song Saa Island

Meal Plan: B, D

Day 06

SIHANOUKVILLE–Snorkeling, kayak ride, lunch on a secluded island and bird watching

After a romantic breakfast served in the luxury of your private deck, you will depart for light marine safari.

Discover Song Saa Islands by exploring the local reefs along with your private English speaking guide. Snorkel around the Song Saa' coral garden and surrounding marine environment and get amazed by some colourful marine life. See vibrant corals and the fascinating creatures that live within them –you may even come across a seahorse, grouper or a parrotfish.

Head out in one of the kayaks to explore the gorgeous untouched coves and bays of the surrounding archipelago at your own pace. Meander through Koh Bong's blossoming mangrove forest. The winding roots of the mangroves provide habitation for fish and other marine creatures, while the branches are perfect for birds such as the resident kingfishers. While exploring the deserted islands, enjoy a private lunch at one of the islands where a table would have been set sophisticated especially for you. Enjoy a mouth-watering lunch against a background of turquoise water and pure white sand.

Return to the resort and perch up on one of the platforms on Koh Bong to watch the island's vibrant birdlife. From these you can see hornbills and other colourful species, while sipping on some wine and enjoying the view of the sunset.

Dinner will be organised privately on the beach in a romantic candlelit setup with your private butler.

Overnight: Song Saa Island

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 07

SIHANOUKVILLE–Traditional blessing ceremony by local Buddhist monks, shopping, speed boating or spa, and special dinner with Apsara Dance Show

Today morning after your breakfast get blessed in a traditional ceremony at a close by pagoda (temple) on Koh Rong by local Buddhist monks. Add a sacred touch to your honeymoon. You will be transferred to and from the local Buddhist pagoda in a private traditional long tail boat to add to the charm.

You may choose to visit Phnom Penh for some retail therapy. You will travel by a luxury speed boat and be accompanied by a personal shopping guide who will take you to exclusive boutiques, galleries and other stores. You can buy traditional handicrafts, souvenirs, silk items amongst other goods that may fancy you. You may also wander around the streets of Phnom Penh and explore the local markets.

On return if you still have the spark going in you, you could ride on a speed boat for sightseeing around neighbouring islands, or for water skiing and wakeboarding activities.

Alternately, you can enjoy one of the bespoke rejuvenation treatments in the Song Saa Sanctuaries, which are set strategically in the rainforest and along the water's edge, to provide a romantic ambience. This will help you soothe your sore muscles and relax on the last day of your honeymoon.

A special dinner will be organized in a secluded hideaway spots for a private dining experience designed entirely for you along with traditional "Apsara Dance" show.

Overnight: Song Saa Island

Meal Plan: B

Day 8

DEPART SIHANOUKVILLE

After breakfast you will depart Sihanoukville by a private luxury speed boat and transfer by private charter to Phnom Penh for your flight.

Meal Plan: B