

## ESSENTIAL CAMBODIA

### 07 DAYS / 06 NIGHTS

Starting tour in Siem Reap – The city of the home of Angkor Wat, one of the greatest religious monuments in the world then continue to Phnom Penh – Cambodia's capital which exudes provincial charm and tranquility and relax at white sandy beaches and clear blue water – Sihanoukville's beaches are some of the most beautiful within Asia, the perfect place for swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving and sunbathing.

**Destinations: SIEM REAP – PHNOM PENH – SIHANOUK VILLE – KOH RONG SALOEM**

**Highlights:**

- Stare in awe at the mother of all temples, [Angkor Wat](#)
- Succumb to the enigmatic smiles of the 216 giant faces of the [Bayon](#), Angkor's strangest temple
- Experience nature running riot at the mysterious ruin of [Ta Prohm](#), the original [Tomb Rider](#) temple
- Discover the secrets of [Bar street](#), Siem Reap's quaffing capital where the action goes on all night and [Angkor Night Market](#)
- [Tonle Sap Lake](#) – Get a glimpse of the distinctive way of life led in the floating villages on Southeast Asia's largest fresh water lake
- [Apsara Dance](#) – Catch a performance of Cambodia's ancient dance form, once performed exclusively for the king
- Tread lightly upon the 5000 silver floor tiles at the [Silver Pagoda](#), in the Royal Palace
- Step back in time at the [National Museum](#), home to the world's finest collection of Angkorian sculpture
- Discover a darker side at [Toul Sleng Museum](#), a brutal reminder of the pain of Cambodia's past
- [Wat Phnom](#) – on a leafy hill, Wat Phnom affords a view that has changed little in a half century
- [Mekong Boat trips](#) – Cruise the river as the sun sinks behind the spires of the Royal Palace
- Soak up the sun in [Sihanouk Ville](#), home to blissful beaches, tropical Islands, fresh seafood and lively nightshift

**Itinerary in brief:**

DAY	DESTINATION	MEAL
Day 1	Arrival – Siem Reap	Dinner
Day 2	Angkor Thom & Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 3	Siem Reap – Phnom Penh	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 4	Phnom Penh's Past & Present	Breakfast + Lunch

Day 5	Phnom Penh – Sihanouk Ville	Breakfast
Day 6	Island Hoping Tours	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 7	Sihanouk Ville – Phnom Penh – Departure	Breakfast

**Itinerary in details:****Day 1: Arrive – Siem Reap, CAMBODIA (Meal: Dinner)**

Arrive **Siem Reap**, Siem Reap – Treasures of the Kingdom of Cambodia, special welcome all warmly to everybody, a moment of courtesy meeting then self-introduce with our Cambodian tour guide in the meeting point's Siem Reap. We are met our guide and transfer to city.

Then we pay a visit to **West Baray Big Pond**, a “baray” is a water reservoir built by the ancient Khmer people. It is time to visit Pre Rup temple for a romantic sunset view. We continue to the **Pouk district** about 15 Km in the West of Siem Reap town you visit the **silk farm**, a fascinating farm/workshop where you can see the entire silk creation Process including growing the food for the silk worms, breeding the worms, silk extraction and refinement, traditional kit dying pattern creation and looming. Retail silk and souvenir shop.

[Dinner with Apsara Dance show at local restaurant.](#)

*For those travelers thirsting for cultural highlights of Cambodia, No visit to Cambodia is complete without attending at least one traditional Khmer dance performance, often referred to as 'Apsara Dance' after one of the most popular Classical dance pieces. Traditional Khmer dance better described as 'dance-drama' in that the dances are not merely dance but also meant to convey a story or message.*

**Day 2: Angkor Thom & Angkor Wat (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)**

Enjoy breakfast at hotel.

We drive to **Angkor Thom** that was the masterpiece of King Jayavarman VII. Following the occupation of Angkor by the Chams from 1177 to 1181, the new king decided to build an impregnable fortress at the heart of his empire. The scale is simply staggering and we are immediately overwhelmed by the audacity of Jayavarman on arrival at the city's gates.

We begin to visit **Bayon Temple**. At the exact centre of Angkor Thom, this is an eccentric expression of the creative genius and inflated ego of Cambodia's most celebrated king. Its 54 towers are each topped off with the four faces of Avalokiteshvara (Buddha of Compassion), which bear more than a passing resemblance to the king himself. These colossal heads stare down from every side, exuding power and control with a hint of compassion, just the mix required to keep a hold on such a vast empire.

We continue to visit **Terrace of the Leper King**. This intricately carved platform was the royal crematorium and the statue that was originally thought to be the leper king is now believed to be Yama, the god of death. We continue along the **Terrace of Elephants**, originally used as a viewing gallery for the king to preside over parades, performances and traditional sports. At the southern end lies the **Baphuon**, once of the most beautiful temples at Angkor, dating from the reign of Uditayavarman 1 in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. It has undergone a massive renovation by the French and is now once again open for viewing.

We continue to **Ta Prohm "Tomb Raider"** fame. Ta Prohm has been abandoned to the elements, a reminder that while empires rise and fall, the riotous power of nature marches on, oblivious to the dramas of human history. Left as it was 'discovered' by French explorer Henri Mouhout in 1860, the tentacle-like tree roots here are slowly strangling the surviving stones, man first conquering nature to create, nature later conquering man to destroy.

We journey out to the Mother of all temples, **Angkor Wat**. Believed to be the world's largest religious building, this temple is the perfect fusion of symbolism and symmetry and a source of pride and strength to all Khmers. Built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by King Suryavarman II, this is most famous temple at Angkor. We venture into Angkor Wat to enjoy its magnificence in peace and quiet. We begin by unraveling the mysteries of the bas-reliefs that tell of tales from Hindu mythology and of the glories of the Khmer empire.

### **Day 3: Siem Reap – Phnom Penh (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)**

We will enjoy a **boat ride on the Tonle Sap Lake**. This is the largest permanent fresh-water lake in South East Asia and flows into Tonle Sap River, joining the Mekong in Phnom Penh. We will see a fishermen's "floating village" with floating schools, floating police station, etc. It is same as a big village floating on the lake, and the "village" move from place to place following water levels and current.

We take **join bus** to **Phnom Penh** (no accompany guide on the bus). Upon arrival at Phnom Penh bus station, we met our driver (**no guide**) and transfer to hotel for check in.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

### **Day 4: Phnom Past's Present (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)**

Visit to the **Royal Palace compound** build in 1866 by the Predecessors of King Norodom, is the most conspicuous feature and also one of impressive colorful Khmer-style Palaces. Nearside the Royal Palace is **Silver Pagoda** (The Emerald Buddha temple), display plenty of Buddha Statues that were decorated and made by diamond, emerald, gold and silver, continuing visit to **National Museum**, the distinctive red building with a beautiful Khmer architecture was build since 1917 and contains more than 5000 art objects made of sandstone, bronze, silver, copper, wood and others. Travelers will proceed to visit **Independence Monument**, which was constructed in 1954 after Cambodian took their country back from French colony.

After lunch, we will learn about the dark side of Cambodia – Its more recent turbulent and harrowing history. Initially you visit the **Toul Sleng Genocide Museum** (also known as S21), ironically a former school, located in a quiet Phnom Penh suburb, this was the infamous Khmer Rouge prison / torture centre. Once you have gained an initial insight of the brutality of the Khmer Rouge regime you will be driven 15km from Phnom Penh to visit the **'Killing Fields'**. This is where Toul Sleng prisoners were forcibly marched and then executed; it is now a memorial site located in a beautiful tranquil setting.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

### **Day 5: Phnom Penh – Sihanouk Ville, (Meal: Breakfast)**

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We take **join bus** to **Sihanouk Ville** (no accompany guide on the bus). Upon arrival at Sihanouk Vile bus station, we met our driver (**no guide**) and transfer to hotel for check in.

Overnight in Sihanouk Ville.

### Day 6: **Join Tours** to Koh Rong Saloem Island (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

08:30 am: Pick up from hotel.

09:30 am: Meeting at Victory Pier (coffee, tea and cakes are provided as wewelcome guests)

10:00 am: Boat departs from Victory Pier (heading into Cambodia's first marine park)

11:00 am: Arrive to **Koh Tas Island** (activities here include snorkeling and fishing)

12:00 pm: Depart from Koh Tas Island (buffet lunch is served on board as we cruise to KRS)

1:00 pm: Arrive at **Koh Rong Samleom** (transport to the beach via Zodiac boat)

1:15 pm: Trekking (guests are given the option to trek through the jungle and mangroves)

2:00 pm: Free Time (guests can swim in the crystal clear waters or relax on the beach)

3:00 pm: Depart from Koh Rong Samleom (many choices for guests for the 2hours cruise home. Dancing and Games in the bar area, relaxing on the sun deck, reading a book in lounge etc.)

5:15 pm: Arrive back to Sihanoukville.

Overnight in Sihanouk Ville.

### Day 7: Sihanouk Ville – Phnom Penh – Departure (Meal: Breakfast)

We farewell Sihanouk Ville and drive back to **Phnom Penh by private vehicle** (**without guide**). Arrive in Phnom Penh, transfer to airport for departure to next destination. It's time to say goodbye, we thank you for traveling with us and warmly welcome you to come again.

**\*\*\* End of our services \*\*\***

Accommodation as below or **similar**: **double/twin shared room**:

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OPTION	CITY	HOTEL NAME & ROOM TYPE	# NIGHT
Hotel 3 Star	SIEM REAP	Frangipani Villa Siem Reap Hotel (3*) – Superior <a href="http://www.frangipanivillahotel.com">www.frangipanivillahotel.com</a>	2
	PHNOM PENH	Asia Tune Hotel (3*) – Standard room <a href="http://www.asiatunehotel.com">www.asiatunehotel.com</a>	2
	SIHANOUK VILLE	White Beach Hotel (3*) – Superior <a href="http://www.hotelwhitebeach.com">www.hotelwhitebeach.com</a>	2
Hotel 4 Star	SIEM REAP	The Clay Dangkor Hotel (4*) – Deluxe <a href="http://www.theclaydangkor.com/">http://www.theclaydangkor.com/</a>	2
	PHNOM PENH	The Quay Hotel (4*) – Panoramic room <a href="http://www.thequayhotel.com">www.thequayhotel.com</a>	2
	SIHANOUK VILLE	REN Resort (4*) – Premier Pool Access <a href="http://www.ren-resort.com">www.ren-resort.com</a>	2
Hotel 5 Star	SIEM REAP	Sokha Siem Reap Hotel (5*) – Deluxe Pool View <a href="http://www.sokhahotels.com/siemreap/">http://www.sokhahotels.com/siemreap/</a>	2
	PHNOM PENH	Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel (5*) – Deluxe room <a href="http://www.sokhahotels.com/phnompenh/">http://www.sokhahotels.com/phnompenh/</a>	2
	SIHANOUK VILLE	Sokha Beach Resort (5*) – Deluxe Lakeside <a href="http://www.sokhahotels.com">www.sokhahotels.com</a>	2

PRIVATE PACKAGE TOUR RATE – US Dollars – Non commissionable							
The net price per person sharing in twin/double room – Booking code: <b>ET-ESC07</b>							
Option / Pax	1 pax	2 pax	3-6 pax	7-10 pax	11-15 pax	16-20 pax	Sup. Single
<b>Validity: 01 October 2016 – 31 January 2017 (Except 24 &amp; 31 December 2016)</b>							
<b>Hotel 3 Star</b>	857	506	465	414	381	380	146
<b>Hotel 4 Star</b>	1116	636	594	543	510	518	276
<b>Hotel 5 Star</b>	1274	714	673	622	589	602	354
<b>Compulsory Gala dinner</b>	<b>24 December 2016</b>				<b>31 December 2016</b>		
Frangipnai Villa	Not compulsory				Not compulsory		
The Clay Dangkor Hotel	Not compulsory				Not compulsory		
Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel	TBA				125\$ per pax.		
Sokha Siem Reap Hotel	75\$ per pax.				95\$ per pax.		
Sokha Beach Resort	90\$ per pax.				130\$ per pax.		
<b>Validity: 01 February 2017 – 30 April 2017</b>							
<b>Hotel 3 Star</b>	876	525	484	433	399	399	146
<b>Hotel 4 Star</b>	1135	655	614	562	529	538	276
<b>Hotel 5 Star</b>	1293	734	692	641	608	622	354
<b>Validity: 01 May 2017 – 30 September 2017</b>							
<b>Hotel 3 Star</b>	838	506	465	414	381	380	127
<b>Hotel 4 Star</b>	1029	602	561	509	477	482	223
<b>Hotel 5 Star</b>	1248	711	670	619	586	598	332

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### **TOUR COST INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- Meal: Half board at local restaurant as mention in program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner)
- Airport transfers & Transport by air con. vehicles as per program
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local [English](#) speaking guide as per program
- Bus ticket: Siem Reap – Phnom Penh / Phnom Penh – Sihanouk Ville
- Boat trip as mentioned in program
- Cold water and towel during tours

### **TOUR COST NOT INCLUDES:**

- Visa stamp fee: 30\$
- International air ticket in-out Cambodia
- Other meal, drink, personal expenses, tip, Travel insurance
- Other not mentioned in “ **INCLUDES** “

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