

ANGKOR & CARDAMOM 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

Destinations: Siem Reap – Battambang – Phnom Penh – Chiphat – Sihanouk Ville – Koh Rong
Saloem – Phnom Penh

Tour Type: Adventure Tour

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
- Marvel at the exquisite carvings adorning the tiny temple of [Banteay Srei](#), the finest seen at Angkor
- Discover the secrets of [Bar street](#), Siem Reap's quaffing capital where the action goes on all night and [Angkor Night Market](#)
- Relax with a [massage](#) or [spa](#), the perfect medicine for weary bodies
- [Tonle Sap Lake](#) – Take to the water of the largest lake in Southeast Asia to explore floating villages and flooded forest. [Tonle Sap](#) acts as natural flood barrier for the [Mekong River](#)
- [Battambang](#) – Laid-back town boasting character colonial architecture, a lazy riverside and fledgling Western bar scene
- Click and clack on the [bamboo train](#), is one of the world's all-time classic rail journeys
- [Wat Banon](#) – Well-preserved ancient hilltop pagoda near Battambang, with superb views from summit
- 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
- Check out the Art Deco masterpiece that [Psar Thmei](#), Phnom Penh's central market
- 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
- [Cyclo rides](#) – Enjoy an unhurried spin through the old French quarter
- [Russian Market](#) – Bargain for fine silks, antiques and curious at Phnom Penh's most enjoyable market
- Soak up the city by night, with a happy hour cocktail, a fine meal and crawl through the [city's bars](#)
- [Cardamom Mountain](#) – Venture into one of Asia's last great wildernesses, the untamed Cardamom Mountain, where dense jungle tumbles down from mountain peaks to the crystal-clear waters of the Gulf of Thailand
- [Deserted Beaches](#) – Comb the coast of Cambodia to discover pristine tropical beaches and deserted paradise hideaways, including the islands off [Sihanouk Ville and KEP](#), and the national parks of [Koh Kong](#) province

Itinerary in brief:

DAY	DESTINATION	MEAL
Day 1	Arrival – Siem Reap	
Day 2	Discover The Lost City At Kulen Mountain	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 3	Bike Tour to Angkor Thom & Angkor Wat	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 4	Life On The River from Siem Reap to Battambang	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 5	Battambang Local Life Style	Breakfast
Day 6	Battambang – Phnom Penh	Breakfast
Day 7	Phnom Penh's Past & Present	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 8	Phnom Penh – Chiphat	Breakfast + Dinner
Day 9	Chiphat – Cardamom Trekking	Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner
Day 10	Chiphat – Cardamom Trekking	Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner
Day 11	Chiphat – Sihanouk Ville – Koh Rong Sanleoum	Breakfast
Day 12	Koh Rong Sanleoum – free leisure	Breakfast
Day 13	Koh Rong Sanleoum – free leisure	Breakfast
Day 14	Koh Rong Sanleoum – free leisure	Breakfast
Day 15	Koh Rong Sanleoum – free leisure	Breakfast
Day 16	Sihanouk Vile – Phnom Penh – Departure	Breakfast

Itinerary in details:

Day 1: Siem Reap – Arrival, **CAMBODIA**

Arrive **Siem Reap** by flight, 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 airport.

This evening we will try **food adventure tours in Siem Reap**. A fun way to explore the local market and learn about Khmer cuisine. Not as well-known as the neighboring countries Cambodia has a great variety of national dishes and there are many stories to be told by your guide. Step out with me to a local market, try some tropical fruits, interesting desserts and maybe even some creepy crawlies.

Day 2: Discover The Lost City At Kulen Mountain (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

An early start this morning at 7am to depart your hotel in Siem Reap for the drive to **Phnom Kulen**, considered the most sacred mountain in Cambodia. It was here that Jayavarman II declared himself a 'god-king' and gave birth to the Khmer Empire in AD 802.

Arrive at the Kulen Mountain near the **Preah Ang Thom pagoda**. Meet your motodup (motorbike) driver who will take you for the next few hours around the mountain. You will ride as a passenger along bumpy or slippery country roads and tracks, over volcanic rocks and occasionally through shallow streams.

The first stop is at **Poeng Tbal** where a riverbed reveals a well preserved stone with details of Shiva and Vishnu and the rocks carvings of Ganesh and wise men.

A short ride on leads to one of the most important sites in all of Cambodia: a small pedestal that is set on top of three tiered pyramid temple called **Prasat Rong Chen**. Whilst there is little to see today the significance is huge: it is at this point that Jayavarman II declared himself the absolute monarch of the Cambodian Kingdom and announced independence from Java. The linga has been stolen from the

pedestal but as you stand here take a few moments to contemplate that the Khmer Empire began at this very spot. Whilst the sites on the mountain have been known for many years to the Khmer people and those living on the mountain, it has only recently confirmed that Phnom Kulen was the location of Mahendraparvata. It was only discovered in mid-2012 as a result of Australian archaeologists using laser mapping equipment flying overhead. Mahendraparvata served as a huge service city for Angkor, a completely unrivalled urban landscape in the pre-industrial world.

Head across more paths to a modern temple with colorful statues and a scenic view. Enjoy a simple, packed lunch at the temple dining room.

Continue after a short break to a **Bat Cave** which with the help of torches you can enter for a few hundred meters and see a modern shrine. Both the cave and the temple attract many pilgrims to the area.

A short distance on is **Srah Damrei (or Elephant Pond)**. The life size stone elephant served as a guardian for the mountain. The smaller statues of lions, a cow and a frog will also impress.

Head on to back to the starting point with some more stone carvings to be seen at **Damrei Khrap (Kneeling Elephant)**. The motodup adventure then finishes at Preah Ang Thom.

Two more stops are made before your return – the first one is a short visit to see the **River of a Thousand Lingas** – hundreds of the linga carvings can be seen on a stretch of the river. After visit **Kulen Waterfall** where you can take a refreshing bath.

It is then time to drive back to Siem Reap.

Day 3: Bike Tour to Angkor Thom & Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

We start on our **bike and cycle** to world heritage areas on the roads less travelled. Ride among the jungle passing local village and local shop. It's a very special and acting day as you will explore some of Angkor's most beautiful temples. You will visit the West Gate of Angkor Thom – undiscovered by mass tourist.

- The ancient capital of **Angkor Thom** (12th century)
- See the **South Gate, Bayon Temple** – unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara
- **Baphuon temple** lying just to the north of Bayon a pyramidal representation of mythical Mont Meru
- We step to see our old palace as **Phimeankas** temple in huge complex that was used for our king in the past time.
- Then **Elephant terrace** is platform for king and officer viewed show and people meeting.
- **Preah Palilay** was is older than Angkor Thom was nearby, deeply in forest and on path back You see monk sprinkle water to people.

We venture 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 continue to the famous temple: **Angkor Wat**. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Angkor Wat features the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the outer gallery walls and narrates stories from Hindu mythology.

Enjoy foot massage 1 hour & walking at busy pub street where you can find many bars for cool drink or shopping at Angkor Night Market.

Day 4: Life On The River from Siem Reap to Battambang (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast this morning we head to the local wharf to board **private boat** to the less visited **Battambang**. We cruise down the entering **Tonle Sap**, the largest fresh water lake in South East Asia, before entering **Stung Sangkèr River**. This cruise gives us a view of the wonderful landscape and insight into the daily life found along the river. We will have a packed lunch on board as the cruise takes about 6-7 hours. After cruising through floating villages we disembark from our boat and drive the last portion into Battambang where we check into our hotel.

Battambang is Cambodia's second largest city, situated on the banks of the Stung Sangker River and possesses some of the grandest and best preserved colonial architecture. This is also a wonderful place to see Cambodia's rural way of life in the surrounding traditional farmed countryside.

Overnight in Battambang.

Day 5: Battambang Local Life Style (Meal: Breakfast)

This morning we explore Battambang's countryside, a real taste of the natural beauty and traditional lifestyle common in rural Cambodia. Drive through the countryside to visit cottage industries like rice paper production, weaving centers and even a fish paste factory. We drive to the **Bamboo Railway Station**. The **Bamboo Train** has been set up by the villagers to facilitate the transportation of goods and people. The train in itself is very basic - one platform on 4 wheels activated by a small motor. Sitting on the platform we travel the 8km to the next station through beautiful landscape and rice paddies. This afternoon, we visit a local **family graph farm**, Cambodia's first vineyard – Prasat Phnom Banan Vineyard – you can pop in if you like, learn about producing wine in the tropics and of course enjoy a spot of wine tasting! A few kilometers further south you arrive at the well preserved 11th century mountaintop Angkorian temple of **Phnom Banan**. After climbing the 350+ steps you are treated to a wonderfully peaceful setting with superb views across the surrounding countryside, with small villages dotting the endless rice paddies, punctuated with the characteristic sugar palm trees – a wonderful sunset location.

Overnight in Battambang.

Day 6: Battambang – Phnom Penh (Meal: Breakfast)

Morning departure in a south-east direction to **Phnom Penh**, first stop at **Pursat Province**, famous for its marble stone carvings, we travel north and arrive **Kampong Chhnang**, taking the time to stop at a pottery village. We arrive **Phnom Oudong**, the ancient Cambodian capital during the latter stages of the Khmer Empire and crowning site of many past kings. Consisting of a series of stupas atop a large hill, there are outstanding views across the surrounding plains below. Phnom Oudong was bombed and desecrated by the Americans and then the Khmer Rouge, but still possesses a beauty that no war has been able to steal from it. Continue to **Kampong Loung** to visit the village of goldsmiths along the Tonle Sap, manufacturing souvenir center stopping.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 7: Phnom Penh's Past & 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.

This afternoon, 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.

We enjoy our **cyclo ride** along the riverside. This laidback tour gives us a different perspective of the streets and sights of the city. We will **enjoy a cruise** for view **sunset** on the **Mekong** and **Tonle Sap River** (1 hour). Situated at the “Four Arms” where the Mekong meets the Tonle Sap River before splitting into tow branches, Phnom Penh offers the ideal location to discover the mighty Mekong. Board a nicely restored wooden boat for a day cruise, enjoy the unspoiled landscapes along each bank and visit the traditional villages with their old pagodas on the islands.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 8: Phnom Penh – Chiphat, Cardamom Mountain (Meal: Breakfast, Dinner)

Transfer from Phnom Penh to **Chi Phat** on the national road number 4. Arrive at Andoung Teok where we will catch local boat **upstream journey** along the **Preak Piphot River**. During this journey through mangrove forests, as well as witnessing typical river edge villages and homes, be on the lookout for birds and mammals coming to the waters edge to drink You will arrive in Chi Phat district in the afternoon. Then you go to **Chi Phat Ecotourism office** for the explanation about your trip. Check in at your guesthouse (basic facilities inc. mosquito net) for the refreshment.

We walk to nearby **Waterfall** for refreshing yourself into clear water and enjoy swimming.

Welcome Dinner at the Community Ecotourism Office. It is then an early night to be prepared for an early start the following day.

Day 9: Cardamom Mountain Trekking: Chiphat – Veal Ta Prak (12.5KM) (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After breakfast you will be introduced to your trekking guide. Then the fun really begins when you take the first steps of your trek, along the way you will discover many local waterfalls and swimming areas as well as experiencing mountain village life as you pass by traditional wooden houses and through a canopy of mango, banana and jackfruit trees. We trek along a single track between banana trees before coming to Veal Ta Prak. Arrive Cam site we set up camp for the night. Evening we walk to nearby pond and try to spotting wild animals which come to the pond. We come back to our campsite and have dinner made by our forest cook.

Day 10: Cardamom Mountain Trekking: Veal Ta Prak – Chiphat (9.50KM) (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

We get up early to watch a beautiful sunrise before heading back to camp for breakfast prepared by our forest cook. We continue trekking to O'Chonleas Pran (Refugee River) by passing small stream and

meadow. Arrive at Damnak Kos where we set for lunch. We get on traditional rowboat along the Stoeng Prat (Cattle Skin Cord) River and along river enjoy birds watching. Arrive in Chiphat you will be free. Dinner will be served at Community office.

Overnight in Chiphat.

Day 11: Chiphat – Sihanouk Ville – Koh Rong Saloem (Meal: Breakfast)

Morning we will bid farewell to Chi Pat as we journey to **Sihanouk Ville**.

Arrive in Sihanouk Ville we take fast boat to **Koh Rong Saloem**.

Overnight Koh Rong Saloem.

Day 12-15: Koh Rong Saloem – Free & Leisure (Meal: Breakfast)

Free and leisure for your own time on Island.

Overnight on Koh Rong Saloem.

Day 16: Koh Rong Saloem – Phnom Penh – Departure (Meal: Breakfast)

We farewell the island and return back to **Sihanouk Ville** and drive back to **Phnom Penh** (without guide). Arrive in Phnom Penh, transfer to **Phnom Penh International airport** for flight back home-sweet-home. It's time to say goodbye, we thank you for traveling with us and warmly welcome you to come again.

Note: To have enough times for transfer, kindly arrange departure times from Phnom Penh depart not early then 5pm.

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

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OPTION	CITY	HOTEL NAME & ROOM TYPE	# NIGHT
Hotel 3 Star	SIEM REAP	La Niche Dangkor (3*) – Deluxe room www.lanichedangkor.com	3
	BATTAMBANG	Classy Hotel (3*) – Superior room www.classyhotelspa.com	2
	PHNOM PENH	River Home Hotel (3*) – Deluxe room www.riverhomehotel.com	2
	CHIPHAT	Home-stay & Tent	3
	KOH RONG	Soksan Beach Resort (3*) – Charlet Garden www.soksanbeachresort.com	5
Hotel 4 Star	SIEM REAP	The Clay Dangkor Hotel (4*) – Deluxe http://www.theclaydangkor.com/	3
	BATTAMBANG	Maisons Watkor (3*) – Frangipani room www.maisonswatkor.com	1
	PHNOM PENH	The Quay Hotel (4*) – Panoramic room www.thequayhotel.com	2
	STUNG TRENG	Mekong Bird Resort – Standard Bungalow www.facebook.com/mekongbirdstungtrent	1
	KOH RONG	Soksan Beach Resort (3*) – Charlet Garden www.soksanbeachresort.com	5

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- 15nights accommodation with daily breakfast
- Meal: 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
- All boat trip as mention in program
- Local [English](#) speaking guide as per program
- Private boat from Siem Reap to Battambang
- Boat ticket: Sihanouk Ville – Koh Rong – Sihanouk Ville
- Bike & 1 hour foot massage
- Cold water and towel during tours

TOUR COST NOT INCLUDES:

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

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PRIVATE PACKAGE TOUR RATE – US Dollars – Non commissionable							
The net price per person sharing in twin/double room – Booking code: ET-CAM14							
Option / Pax	1 pax	2 pax	3-6 pax	7-10 pax	11-15 pax	16-20 pax	Sup. Single
Validity: 01 October 2016 – 31 January 2017 (Except 24 & 31 December 2016)							
Hotel 3 Star	3480	1919	1689	1375	1235	1215	564
Hotel 4 Star	3715	2036	1806	1492	1352	1340	681
Compulsory Gala dinner	24 December 2016				31 December 2016		
Frangipnai Villa	Not compulsory				Not compulsory		
The Clay Dangkor Hotel	Not compulsory				Not compulsory		
Validity: 01 February 2017 – 30 April 2017							
Hotel 3 Star	3499	1937	1707	1393	1254	1234	564
Hotel 4 Star	3733	2055	1824	1510	1371	1359	681
Validity: 01 May 2017 – 30 September 2017							
Hotel 3 Star	3395	1888	1658	1344	1204	1181	514
Hotel 4 Star	3595	1989	1758	1444	1305	1289	615

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