

AMAZING CAMBODIA TOUR

07 DAYS / 06 NIGHTS

Destinations: Phnom Penh – Kratie – Kampong Cham – Kampong Thom – Siem Reap

Combining historical temple visits, with cultural immersion and urban exploration, the Amazing Cambodia Tour is a perfect blend of Cambodia's finest elements. After time to explore the capital follow the path of the Mekong River to the colonial town of Kratie to stay in an atmospheric guesthouse on a river island, and take a boat trip to search for rare Irrawaddy dolphins. Experience the country's natural beauty along with the subtleties of Khmer culture on this journey from Kratie till Siem Reap.

Tour Type: Classic & Culture Tour

Highlights:

- 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
- [Wat Phnom](#) – on a leafy hill, Wat Phnom affords a view that has changed little in a half century
- Soak up the city by night, with a happy hour cocktail, a fine meal and crawl through the [city's bars](#)
- Soak up the charms of [Kampong Cham](#), a bustling town on the Mekong and gateway to historic temple, lush countryside and friendly locals
- Sneak a peek at the rare [freshwater Irrawaddy dolphins](#) in the [Mekong River](#), near Kratie
- [Phnom Santuk](#) – This bizarre hilltop pagoda is home to a massive rock-carved reclining Buddha
- Explore Southeast Asia's first temple city, the impressive pre-Angkorian ruins of [Sambor Prei Kuk](#)
- 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 Raider](#) 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

Itinerary in brief:

DAY	DESTINATION	MEAL
Day 1	Arrival – Phnom Penh	Dinner
Day 2	Phnom Penh's Past & Present	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 3	Phnom Penh – Kratie	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 4	Kratie – Kampong Thom	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 5	Kampong Thom – Siem Reap	Breakfast + Lunch

Day 6	Angkor Thom & Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 7	Siem Reap – Departure	Breakfast

Itinerary in details:**Day 1: Phnom Penh – Arrival, CAMBODIA (Meal: Dinner)**

Arrive Phnom Penh by morning flight, **Phnom Penh** – the city retains its traditional Khmer and colonial charm. French villas along tree-lined boulevards remind the visitor that the city was once considered the gem of Southeast Asia. Recent political changes have triggered an economic boom of sorts, with new hotels, restaurants, bars and nightclubs springing up around the city.

We take **Cyclo ride** (3 wheels vehicle), we pass through the River Front park whose scenery is much worth shooting, and continue to the only one hill in town with sacred sites called Wat Phnom before walking along Mekong River bank to see the lovely Phnom Penh city at night with breathtaking view along the river. Enjoy a **sunset cruise** at the confluence of the Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 2: 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. 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 3: Phnom Penh – Kampong Cham – Kratie (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

Morning we drive to **Kratie**, a sleepy Mekong port and gateway to an encounter with the rare freshwater Irrawaddy dolphin that inhabit the upper reaches of the Mekong in Cambodia. En route, there is the chance to pause at **Skuon**, where it is possible to sample the **local delicacy of deep fried tarantula**.

We continue to **Kampi** and we start the day with a trip on a traditional fishermen boat which takes you on a one hour cruise of the dolphin pool of Kampi. This is the largest dolphin pool on the Mekong River and the natural habitat of the critically endangered **Mekong Dolphin** (Irrawaddy Dolphin). On the way back to Kratie, we can stop at the hilltop temple of **Phnom Sombok** to watch sunset over the Mekong.

Overnight in Kratie.

Day 4: Kratie – Kampong Thom (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

Farewell Kratie for **Kampong Thom** by road. En-route stop at **Chhlong village** to admire one of the oldest wooden houses of Cambodia.

Arrive in **Kampong Cham** we visit **Wat Nokor** also called Nokor Bachey Pagoda is an 11th century Mahayana Buddhist shrine made of sandstone and laterite with a large reclining Buddha and numerous alcoves containing Buddha images. We continue to **Phnom Pros** ("Man Hill") and **Phnom Srei** ("Woman Hill"). According to local tradition, two teams of men and women competed to build a stupa on the summit of each hill before dawn. After being tricked into thinking that daybreak had already come, the men lost the competition and, as a result, forever after had to be the ones to approach the women for their hands in marriage.

Afterwards, continue to the modern-day shrines of **Wat Andri**, a thriving monastery, and climb the 980 steps of the holy mountain **Phnom Santuk**, enjoying the colorful, somewhat eclectic shrine at the peak as well as lovely views over the surrounding countryside.

Overnight in Kampong Thom.

Day 5: Kampong Thom – Siem Reap (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

Then we continue our trip to **Siem Reap**. On route you will witness the everyday lives of Cambodians as you pass through interesting provincial towns, bucolic villages, and delightful scenery. This is no 'freeway dash' as you will often slow down to let cows and water buffalo wander across the road, pass horse drawn carriages, and school kids walking and cycling to/from school.

We stop at the archeological sight of **Sambor Prei Kuk**, which is dotted with hundred Pre-Angkor styled temples. The site, part of the Chenla Kingdom, includes an area of nearly 1000 acres enclosed by double walls, and hundreds temples and towers; its construction predates Angkor Wat by several centuries. On route you may wish to stop off in **Kompong Kdei**, to look at Spean Pratos – an ancient Angkorian bridge.

Before arrive in Siem Reap we discover **Kampong Khleang**, the largest floating village near Siem Reap but only few tourist go there. Depending on the season, the experience will never be the same. During dry season, from January till July you can walk between the stilts on which the houses are built, rising up to 10 meters in the air. In wet season, when the lake is at peak level, the water rises within one or two meters of the building floors. A local family will take you by boat on a tour and discover the splendor of these houses before continuing to Siem Reap.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 6: 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 11th 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 12th 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.

[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 8: Siem Reap – Departure (Meal: Breakfast)

Transfer to Siem Reap 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 *****

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- 06nights 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

TOUR COST NOT INCLUDES:

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

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- 1 hour foot massage
- Boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake
- Cold water and towel during tours

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

OPTION	CITY	HOTEL NAME & ROOM TYPE	# NIGHT
Hotel 3 Star	PHNOM PENH	Asia Tune Hotel (3*) – Standard room www.asiatunehotel.com	2
	KRATIE	Mekong Dolphin Hotel (3*) – Deluxe City View www.mekongdolphinhotel.com	1
	KAMPONG THOM	Sambor Village (3*) – Deluxe Room www.samborvillage.com	1
	SIEM REAP	Frangipani Villa Siem Reap Hotel (3*) – Superior www.frangipanivillahotel.com	2
Hotel 4 Star	PHNOM PENH	The Quay Hotel (4*) – Panoramic room www.thequayhotel.com	2
	KRATIE	Mekong Dolphin Hotel (3*) – Deluxe City View www.mekongdolphinhotel.com	1
	KAMPONG THOM	Sambor Village (3*) – Deluxe Room www.samborvillage.com	1
	SIEM REAP	The Clay Dangkor Hotel (4*) – Deluxe http://www.theclaydangkor.com/	2
Hotel 5 Star	PHNOM PENH	Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel (5*) – Deluxe room http://www.sokhahotels.com/phnompenh/	2
	KRATIE	Mekong Dolphin Hotel (3*) – Deluxe City View www.mekongdolphinhotel.com	1
	KAMPONG THOM	Sambor Village (3*) – Deluxe Room www.samborvillage.com	1
	SIEM REAP	Sokha Siem Reap Hotel (5*) – Deluxe Pool View http://www.sokhahotels.com/siemreap/	2

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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-AMZ07							
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	1421	792	669	514	445	422	136
Hotel 4 Star	1541	852	729	574	505	486	196
Hotel 5 Star	1650	907	783	629	560	544	251
Compulsory Gala dinner		24 December 2016			31 December 2016		
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.		
Validity: 01 February 2017 – 30 April 2017							
Hotel 3 Star	1440	811	687	533	464	442	136
Hotel 4 Star	1560	871	747	593	524	506	196
Hotel 5 Star	1669	925	802	647	578	564	251
Validity: 01 May 2017 – 30 September 2017							
Hotel 3 Star	1414	798	674	520	451	428	123
Hotel 4 Star	1495	841	718	564	494	474	167
Hotel 5 Star	1669	925	802	647	578	564	251

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