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# JEWEL OF CAMBODIA 05 DAYS / 04 NIGHTS

**Destinations: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap** 



Jewel of Cambodia Tour 5days is a great way to explore Cambodia. To be getting started from Phnom Penh – Cambodia's capital, then flight to Siem Reap to visit the culture heritage of the world – Angkor Wat Temple complex.

#### 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
- 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
- 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

#### Itinerary in brief:

DAY	DESTINATION	MEAL		
Day 1	Arrival – Phnom Penh	Lunch		
Day 2	Phnom Penh's Past & Present	Breakfast + Lunch		
Day 3	Phnom Penh – Siem Reap	Breakfast + Dinner		
Day 4	Angkor Thom & Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat	Breakfast + Lunch		
Day 5	Siem Reap – Departure	Breakfast		

#### Itinerary in details:

Day 1: Phnom Penh – Arrival, CAMBODIA (Meal: Lunch)

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Fly into **Phnom Penh**, the city that retains its traditional Khmer and colonial charm. French villas along tree-lined boulevards remind the visitor that the city was once considered the 'pearl' of Southeast Asia. Recent political changes have triggered an economic boom, with new hotels, restaurants, bars and nightclubs springing up across the city.

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.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

#### Day 2: Phnom Past's Present (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast, 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. We will shopping at **Central Market** is located in the heart of the Phnom Penh. The Khmer name of the market is Phsar Thmei which translates to "new market". The Central Market was built in 1937 during the French colonial period, in Art Deco style, and is painted bright ochre. It consists of four wings dominated by a central dome, the design allows maximum ventilation. It is probably the cleanest and most airy market in Phnom Penh. The Market was recently renovated to restore its old glory. The renovation was financed by the French government and finished in March of 2011.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

#### Day 3: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap (Meal: Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast, we take **join bus** from Phnom Penh to **Siem Reap** (no accompany guide on the bus). Upon arrival at Siem Reap bus station, we met our guide and take you to local restaurant for lunch.

After 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.

#### 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 4: Angkor Thom & Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

Enjoy breakfast at hotel.

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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 visit **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.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

#### Day 5: 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.

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

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OPTION	CITY	HOTEL NAME & ROOM TYPE	# NIGHT
Hotel 3 Star	PHNOM PENH	River Home Hotel (3*) – Standard room <u>www.asiatunehotel.com</u>	2
	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
Hotel 4 Stal	SIEM REAP	The Clay Dangkor Hotel (4*) – Deluxe <a href="http://www.theclaydangkor.com/">http://www.theclaydangkor.com/</a>	2
Hotel 5 Star	PHNOM PENH	Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel (5*) – Deluxe room http://www.sokhahotels.com/phnompenh/	2
	SIEM REAP	Sokha Siem Reap Hotel (5*) – Deluxe Pool View <a href="http://www.sokhahotels.com/siemreap/">http://www.sokhahotels.com/siemreap/</a>	2

PRIVATE PACKAGE TOUR RATE – US Dollars – Non commissionable											
The net price per person sharing in twin/double room - Booking code: ET-CAM05											
Option / Pax	1 pax	2 pax	3-6 pax	7-10 pax	11-15	16-20	Sup.				
					pax	pax	Single				
Validity:	Validity: 01 October 2016 – 31 January 2017 (Except 24 & 31 December 2016)										
Hotel 3 Star	635	379	340	297	273	270	90				
Hotel 4 Star	758	441	402	359	335	336	152				
Hotel 5 Star	871	497	458	415	391	396	208				
Compulsory G	24 December 2016			31 December 2016							
Frangipnai '	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	654	398	359	316	292	291	90				
Hotel 4 Star	777	460	421	378	354	357	152				
Hotel 5 Star	890	516	477	434	410	417	208				
	<u>Validity: 01 May 2017 – 30 September 2017</u>										
Hotel 3 Star	627	385	345	303	278	276	77				
Hotel 4 Star	717	430	390	348	323	324	122				
Hotel 5 Star	890	516	477	434	410	417	208				

#### **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: Phnom Penh Siem Reap
- 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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