

ANGKOR & MEKONG RIVER

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

Destinations: Siem Reap – Preah Vihear – Stung Treng – Kratie – Phnom Penh

From the hustle and bustle of the big city, we head to Siem Reap, better known as the home of Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we get intimate with in-depth circuit tours of these ancient ruins. Rounding up the sights in Siem Reap are visits to the old market and a floating village on the Tonle Sap. We continue up to the North-East and visit jungle temple of Beng Mealea, Pyramid temple of Koh Ker and climb up mountain temple of Preah Vihear before going to Preah Rumkel community to experience home-stay and the Mekong Falls of Sopheakmith. We enjoy kayaking along Mekong River down to Stung Treng and Kratie for spotting Mekong Dolphin. End in Phnom Penh – the capital of Cambodia.

Tour Type: Adventure Tour, Responsible 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
- [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](#)
- Relax with a [massage](#) or [spa](#), the perfect medicine for weary bodies
- [Apsara Dance](#) – Catch a performance of Cambodia's ancient dance form, once performed exclusively for the king
- Discover the secrets of [Bar street](#), Siem Reap's quaffing capital where the action goes on all night and [Angkor Night Market](#)
- Iconic Ta Prohm is the original jungle temple, with serpentine root systems slowly strangling the life out of stones. Further afield lies [Beng Mealea](#), smothered then swallowed by the voracious jungle
- Discover the rival capital of [Koh Ker](#), carved out of the jungles in the 10th century and home to some of the most epic sculptures from the Angkorian area
- Live the ultimate adventure in an overland pilgrimage to the majestic mountaintop temple of [Prasat Preah Vihear](#)
- Explore [Mekong River](#) and its mighty falls
- [Kayak](#) through flooded forests of Ramsa Wetlands
- Dive into Khmer culture with a [homestay](#)
- Sneak a peek at the rare [freshwater Irrawaddy dolphins](#) in the [Mekong River](#), near Kratie
- Soak up the charms of [Kompong Chhm](#), a bustling town on the Mekong and gateway to historic temple, lush countryside and friendly locals
- 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
- [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](#)

Itinerary in brief:

DAY	DESTINATION	MEAL
Day 1	Arrival – Siem Reap	
Day 2	Biking Tours to Angkor Thom & Angkor Wat	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 3	'Flooded Forest & Floating Village'	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 4	Discover The Lost City At Kulen Mountain	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 5	Siem Reap – Beng Mealea – Koh Ker – Preah Vihear	Breakfast
Day 6	Preah Vihear – Preah Rumkel	Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner
Day 7	Kayaking & Boat trip along Mekong River	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 8	Stung Treng & Kratie cycling	Breakfast
Day 9	Kratie – Kampong Cham – Phnom Penh	Breakfast
Day 10	Phnom Penh's Past & Present	Breakfast + Lunch
Day 11	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: Bike Tour to Angkor Thom & 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 also 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 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.

Then we enjoy **sunset drinks** with a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems, relaxing and accompanied by the sound of bird song.

Day 3: 'Flooded Forest & Floating Village' (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast depart Siem Reap for the **Tonlé Sap**, driving down the eastern side of the lake. Arrive at **Kampong Klaing**, a remarkable village built entirely on stilts, where there is time to explore the various houses, school and shops before boarding your private boat. Cruise along a short tributary, passing fishermen and children playing in the shallow waters before arriving at a typical floating village where you may either disembark or cruise amongst the waterways.

At the head of the tributary you will continue out on to the 'Great Lake' and continue traveling north to **Kampong Phluk**; a 'flooded forest'. Accessible only during high water, you'll pass through the tree tops whilst seated in your boat. Nearby is a fishing village where you will can also learn more about the traditional methods used for generations. Returning to the mainland, meet your driver and return to Siem Reap.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 4: Discover The Lost City At Kulen Mountain (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

Early start this morning at 8am 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.

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 5: Siem Reap – Jungle Temple – Hidden Cave – Koh Ker – Preah Vihear (Meal: Breakfast)

After breakfast, we continue to **Preah Vihear**. Our first stop at **Beng Mealea** is an overgrown ruin 90mn away from Siem Reap. It is huge, but little known and largely untouched. Besides this temple, we see a small quarry where sandstone was cut to build the temple. The technique used to cut the stones will be explained there. We may take more than an hour to visit the entire Temple.

We arrive **Svay Leu Village** and start trekking into the bamboo forest from the village to **Peuong Komnu**, is a series of Angkorian reliefs carved into the southern cliff of Phnom Kulen, the quality of the work and their preservation is remarkable and the danger of inevitable of the site makes them all the more precious. It is undiscovered tourist site in Angkor areas.

Last but not least for today is **Koh Ker group** is a group of many temples in the forest, about 150km from Siem Reap. These were built when Cambodia was ruled by two kings (uncle and nephew), and Koh Ker was briefly one of the two capital cities, during the 1st half of the 10th century. Some of the temples are still covered with jungle.

Overnight at Preah Vihear.

Day 6: Preah Vihear – Preah Rumkel (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After breakfast, we drive up to **Preah Vihear**, which sits at the top of the **Dangrek Mountains**. Preah Vihear is known as the Temple Mountain, which was built at the beginning of the 10th century as a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva. The temple had further works added to it by the following three kings. The temple today is still a Hindu site, but Buddhist Monks pray at the temple to the Gods. The temple area consists of three stories surrounded by two galleries.

After we visit this landmark, we hit the road to the greater **Mekong region**. Traveling along one of the newest and remotest roads there are many opportunities to photograph and enjoy the nature. We arrive **Preah Rumkel Community** in the afternoon, we have a short break before having lunch at Anlong Cheuteal.

We continue to **Sopheakmet Waterfall**; that thwarted the grand designs of French imperialists (and which now mark the Lao border). If time is available we will take the boat across the river to visit Hang Khone, which is the southernmost tip of Laos. The French used this as a ferry port where goods were then transferred back to the ferry by train before they continued their travel by river. Sunset here is some of the most beautiful sunsets across the Mekong River.

Overnight Preah Rumkel Community Homestay.

Day 7: Kayaking & Boat trip along Mekong River (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast, we enjoy a short boat trip down to **O'Svay** where we will start our paddling tours to explore the **remote flooded forests of the Mekong**, Ramsa wetlands. It stretches south along the Mekong River from the border with Laos to Stung Treng. Only accessible by boat, it is a haven for critically endangered mammals, birds and fish and a unique riverine flooded forest system that is a photographer's dream. With only birdcalls announcing our presence, we maneuvered our way leisurely downstream for a couple of hours before reaching the only village on that stretch of the river, Veun Sien, where we beached our kayak for lunch break and wandered around the village. Our paddling tour of the forest continue until one point that you feel enough, we will travel by boat which follow us back to O'Svay and travel with our van back to **Stung Treng**. We might arrive on time to view beautiful sunset over the river on Chinese-Cambodian Friendship Sekong Bridge.

Overnight in Stung Treng.

Day 8: Stung Treng – Kratie (Meal: Breakfast)

After breakfast, we leave Stung Treng and travel on Highway 7 to **Kratie**. On our way, we visit the famous **100 pillars pagoda** and learn its fascinating history as a place of pilgrimage for residents of Kratie. First built in the 16th century by King Chann Reachea. The pagoda includes 100 wooden columns to commemorate the memory of his daughter Vorakpheak who was killed by a Mekong crocodile. Afterwards we visit the **Mekong Turtle Conservation Centre** and see one of the most endangered Mekong softshell turtles. The project looks after baby turtles until they become big enough to protect themselves from big fish, snake, etc.

We then reach **Kampi**, one of the many deep pools where the rare **river dolphins** gather to feed. We board a local boat and cruise out into the mighty Mekong for a chance encounter with these gentle mammals. Viewing is guaranteed. After enjoying an hour or more of dolphin viewing, we travel to a sleepy Mekong port and charming town of Kratie. We can stop at the hilltop temple of **Phnom Sombok** to watch sunset over the Mekong.

We take a local ferry across the Mekong River to **Koh Trong** for a **9km cycling** around the island. We will see farm of famous grapefruit and other seasonal fruit and vegetable as well as floating village. Overnight in Kratie.

Day 9: Kratie – Phnom Penh (Meal: Breakfast)

After breakfast, we continue to **Phnom Penh**. 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.

En route, there is the chance to pause at **Skuon**, affectionately known as '**Spiderville**', where it is possible to sample the local delicacy of deep fried tarantula.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 10: 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.

Day 11: Phnom Penh – Departure (Meal: Breakfast)

Transfer to **PHNOM PENH** airport for departure to next destination or extend tours to our most beautiful beach island at Koh Rong. It's time to say goodbye, we thank you for traveling with us and warmly welcome you to come again.

Beach Extention:

Day 11: Phnom Penh – Sihanouk Ville – Koh Rong (Meal: Breakfast)

We met our driver (**without guide**) then travel by roads along the southern coast towards Sihanouk Ville, which has long been a place of relaxation for Cambodians.

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

Stay overnight Koh Rong.

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

Free and leisure for your own time on Island.

Day 13: Koh Rong – Free & Leisure (Meal: Breakfast)

Free and leisure for your own time on Island.

Day 14: Koh Rong – Free & Leisure (Meal: Breakfast)

Free and leisure for your own time on Island.

Day 15: Sihanouk Ville – Phnom Penh – Departure (Meal: Breakfast)

We farewell beautiful island and back to Sihanouk Ville to drive back to Phnom Penh **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	La Niche Dangkor (3*) – Deluxe room www.lanichedangkor.com	4
	PREAH VIHEAR	Preah Vihear Hotel (3*) – Deluxe www.preahvihearhotels.com	1
	PREAH RUMKEL	Home-stays	1
	STUNG TRENG	Mekong Bird Resort – Standard Bungalow www.facebook.com/mekongbirdstungtrentg	1
	KRATIE	Mekong Dolphin Hotel – Deluxe city view www.mekongdolphinhotel.com	1
	PHNOM PENH	River Home Hotel (3*) – Deluxe room www.riverhomehotel.com	2
Hotel 4 Star	SIEM REAP	The Clay Dangkor Hotel (4*) – Deluxe http://www.theclaydangkor.com/	4
	PREAH VIHEAR	Preah Vihear Hotel (3*) – Deluxe www.preahvihearhotels.com	1
	PREAH RUMKEL	Home-stays	1
	STUNG TRENG	Mekong Bird Resort – Standard Bungalow www.facebook.com/mekongbirdstungtrentg	1
	KRATIE	Mekong Dolphin Hotel – Deluxe city view www.mekongdolphinhotel.com	1
	PHNOM PENH	The Quay Hotel (4*) – Panoramic room www.thequayhotel.com	2
Hotel 5 Star	SIEM REAP	Sokha Siem Reap (5*) – Deluxe Pool View http://www.sokhahotels.com/siemreap/	4
	PREAH VIHEAR	Preah Vihear Hotel (3*) – Deluxe www.preahvihearhotels.com	1
	PREAH RUMKEL	Home-stays	1
	STUNG TRENG	Mekong Bird Resort – Standard Bungalow www.facebook.com/mekongbirdstungtrentg	1
	KRATIE	Mekong Dolphin Hotel – Deluxe river view www.mekongdolphinhotel.com	1
	PHNOM PENH	Himawari Hotel (5*) – Himawari Suite www.himawarihotel.com	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-CAM05							
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	2684	1515	1304	995	883	847	251
Hotel 4 Star	2814	1581	1370	1066	949	917	316
Hotel 5 Star	2858	1595	1392	1088	971	940	338
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	2702	1534	1323	1019	902	867	251
Hotel 4 Star	2833	1599	1388	1084	967	937	316
Hotel 5 Star	2877	1621	1410	1106	989	960	338
Validity: 01 May 2017 – 30 September 2017							
Hotel 3 Star	2639	1502	1291	987	870	833	219
Hotel 4 Star	2715	1540	1329	1026	908	874	257
Hotel 5 Star	2877	1621	1410	1106	989	960	338

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- 10nights accommodation with daily breakfast
- Meal: 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
- Kayaking
- All boat trip as mentioned in program
- Cold water and towel during tours

TOUR COST NOT INCLUDES:

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

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