

6 DAYS – REMARKABLE CAMBODIA

Cambodia (Phnom Penh –Killing Field - Siem Reap – Angkor Wat – Angkor Thom - Tonle Sap)

1. OVERVIEW:

This journey through Phnom Penh & Siem Reap will immerse you in a whole new world. Knowledgeable guides reveal the tragic stories of the past as you enter deeper into this mysterious land than most tourists dare. But it's the interactions with the remarkable local people that will lift your spirits. From talking with the children at one of the country's many orphanages and meeting the Chan people of the floating islands of Tonle Sap Lake, to touring Phnom Penh with a Khmer professor of architecture, your spiritual side will be awoken. Next, a short flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap and continue to visit one of the most astounding archaeological sites nowhere in the world: Angkor Temples and learn about the history of Khmer kings at their highest and wealthiest power.

2. BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY 1: PHNOM PENH – ARRIVAL ORIENTATION

DAY 2: PHNOM PENH – KILLING FIELD

DAY 3: PHNOM PENH - SIEM REAP BY FLIGHT – ROLOUS GROUP AND SMALL CIRCUIT

DAY 4: SOUTH GATE OF ANGKOR THOM AND ANGKOR WAT

DAY 5: SIEM REAP – BANTEAY SREI AND GRAND CIRCUIT

DAY 6: TONLESAP LAKE – DEPARTURE

3. ITINERARY:

DAY 1: PHNOM PENH – ARRIVAL ORIENTATION

Arrival Phnom Penh, please go to custom desk as your first point of entry to get visa-on-arrival into the country and pay stamping fees directly by cash to custom office there

Transfer to hotel with a private vehicle and your guide. The driving distance is approximately 20 minutes. Check in hotel

Afternoon start a half day city tour including the **Victory Monument**, and the **National Museum** (called as Musee des Beaux-Arts). You'll visit a French archaeologist and painter, **Georges Groslier**, designed it in Khmer style in 1917. The museum contains a collection of Khmer art - notably sculptures - from throughout the ages. Next, you'll also discover the **Royal Palace**, built by King Norodom in 1866 on the site of the old town, and the **Silver Pagoda**, located within the grounds of the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda is so named because of its floor, which is made up of 5000 silver tiles. The treasures found inside includes a solid gold Buddha encrusted and weighing 90 kilograms and a small 17th century emerald and baccarat crystal Buddha. End of day stop at the Central market and on time to views over the tree-lined avenues of the city during sunset.

Accommodation: overnight at Sofitel Phnom Penh Hotel (5*)

Sofitel Phnom Penh is an inspired 5star hotel located in close proximity to government offices, businesses, embassies and minutes away from the city's landmarks and attractions like the Royal Palace, National Museum. Each of 201 luxurious rooms and suites features hardwood floors and a colonial-influenced aesthetic evoke a timeless refinement. Guest will find the Sofitel a great choice with professional service, fantastic restaurants and bars, a soothing spa sanctuary blending east and west and the extensive facilities of the Phokeethra Sports Club. The hotel is also an excellent conference venue thanks to its 2 stories of meeting facilities including a 1,800 square meters ballroom – the largest in Cambodia.

DAY 2: PHNOM PENH – KILLING FIELD

Morning we continue to visit to Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S 21), followed the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek it is approximately 15Km from the city. You'll witness Cambodia's horrible recent past.

Afternoon, continue to visit Phnom Penh Municipality Hall, National Library, National Bank and you can spend the rest of time shopping at the Russian or Central markets.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: overnight at Sofitel Phnom Penh Hotel (5*)

DAY 3: PHNOM PENH - SIEM REAP BY FLIGHT – ROLOUS GROUP AND SMALL CIRCUIT

Morning, you're transferred to Phnom Penh Airport for flight to Siem Reap. The flight time is approximately 45 minutes.

Upon arrival, meet our guide and transfer to the hotel for check in.

In the afternoon you begin to visit Prasat Kravan with its unique brick sculptures and Ta Prohm. One of the area's most remarkable temples, Ta Prohm had been relatively untouched since it was discovered and retains much of its mystery. It reveals the fact that, unlike the other monuments of Angkor, it was abandoned and swallowed by the jungle, similar the ways most of the Angkor temples appeared when European explorers first stumbled upon them. Walk around to visit as well Takeo, Chau SayTevoda and Thommanon. Continue to visit Preah Khan temple, built by the King Jayavarman VII, Preah Khan is, like Ta Prohm, a place of towered enclosures and shoulders-hanging corridors. Unlike Ta Prohm, Preah Khan is in a reasonable state of preservation and ongoing restoration efforts should maintain and even improve this situation. If time permit, you visit Neak Pean, a fountain built in the middle of a pool and representing the paradisiacal Himalayan mountain-lake and visit the temple of Ta Som as well as Srah Srang ("The Royal Baths"), undoubtedly used in the past for ritual bathing before return to hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: overnight at Shinta Mani Boutique Hotel (5*)

Siem Reap Shinta Mani Boutique: The Shinta Mani Resort is a newly renovated boutique ideally situated in the leafy French Quartier between the royal gardens and the old market area, just 15 minutes from the Angkor Wat. The courtyard-style resort owns 62 rooms and junior suites with different "Bensley twist", direct access or first floor balcony views to the swimming pool and verdant tropical gardens. Guests can enjoy local tastes or international dishes at Bai Tong restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating or at Aha which serves tapas style starters and main dishes – both complemented by an international wine list. The facilities of the nearby Shinta Mani Club directly opposite the resort and meeting spaces are on offer.

DAY 4: SOUTH GATE OF ANGKOR THOM AND ANGKOR WAT

Today, visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom, built in the 12th century: the South Gate with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk, the Bayon Temple, unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, the Phimeanakas, the Royal Enclosure, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

After a short your rest, you will visit the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Its distinctive five towers are emblazoned on the Cambodian flag. This masterpiece is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture. Angkor Wat's five towers symbolize Meru's five peaks - the enclosed wall represents the mountains at the edge of the world and the surrounding moat, the ocean beyond. End of day take a relaxing stopover at Prasat Chrung visiting Tadev Hole and temple with the best Sunset. Return to your hotel and end of the tour

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: overnight at Shinta Mani Boutique Hotel (5*)

DAY 5: SIEM REAP – BANTEAY SREI AND GRAND CIRCUIT

Today you start tour at 8:00 AM to visit an ancient Hindu temple at the countryside called BANEAY SREY - the citadel of women. It is 35KM north of Siem Reap and built from 968-1001AD, dedicated to Shiva God. It is considered to be the most beautiful and unique temples with pink sandstone and very deep carvings in Cambodia.

Afternoon visit Grand Circuit including Pre Rup (Change the body), Neak Pean, a fountain built in the middle of a pool and representing the paradisiacal Himalayan mountain-lake and visit the temple of Ta Som as well as Srah Srang ("The Royal Baths"), undoubtedly used in the past for ritual bathing before return to hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: overnight at Shinta Mani Boutique Hotel (5*)

DAY 6: TONLESAP LAKE – DEPARTURE

Morning, transfer to **Tonle Sap Lake** - the largest fresh water lake in South East Asia and is the heart of the Cambodian fishing industry and the lifeblood for millions of Khmers living on and around it. You will embark a comfortable boat to see the true way of life in one of the floating villages of the Tonle Sap. Here you can see how Khmers and Vietnamese live and work side by side years later. Afterwards, transfer to airport for departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Date valid: 01 May 2016 - 30 Sep 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supplement
Deluxe packages	1225	1140	1059	1025	694

Date valid: 01 Oct 2015 - 31 Dec 2015 & 01 Oct 2016 - 31 Dec 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supplement
Deluxe packages	1350	1265	1184	1150	825

- **Supplement for domestic Air ticket (Subject to change without prior notice)**
- Phnom Penh (PNH) – Siem Reap (REP): **100 US\$/per person**

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a double or twin room with daily breakfast
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Cambodia visa fee currently US\$30 / pax payable upon arrival
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.
- All other services not specified in the itinerary
- **Peak season surcharge during Dec and Jan and Compulsory Dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve**

HOTEL CATEGORY

Place	5star hotel	Website
Phnom Penh	Sofitel Phnom Penh	www.sofitel.com
Siem Reap	Shinta Mani Boutique	www.shintamani.com

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard menu meals: US\$ 14 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for domestic flight tickets with taxes:

SPECIAL OFFER

- [Free] Mineral water is available.
- [Free] Traditional Gift