The temples of Angkor and the southern islands



Days: 10

Price from: 1310 USD

International flight not

included

Comfort: ★★★

Difficult: ★☆☆☆☆

Nust see temples Culture ➤ Culture

Travel with children

From the classic visit of the majestic temples of Angkor to a moment of relaxation on the splendid beaches of the island of Koh Rong, you will also enjoy the vibrant capital Phnom Penh.

Day 1. Welcome to Siem Reap



Siem Reap 9

 Welcome by your driver upon your arrival at the airport. Transfer and installation at your hotel. Rest of the day free.

Rooms available from 2 p.m. If you arrive a little early and your room is n't ready yet, you can drop off your bags at reception before going for a w alk in town or relaxing by the pool.

· Day without guide

★ Accommodation

The Aviary Hotel

Day 2. The majestic Angkor temples



Siem Reap ♥ 7km - ② 30m Angkor Wat ♥

3km - **②** 10m Angkor Temples **♀**

> 7km - **②** 30m Siem Reap **♀**

• Day visit in a tuktuk of the marvelous temples of Angkor located around and inside the Angkor Thom .

You will notably discover **Angkor Wat**, symbol of the apogee of the Khmer Empire under the Angkorian era. Inside Angkor Thom, discover **Bayon** and its many towers with gigantic faces, **Baphuon** and its gigantic 40m reclining Buddha statue, **Phimeanakas**, the **Terrasse des Elephants** and its wide variety of sculptures, but also the **Terrasse du Roi Leper**.

Continue by **Ta Prohm** famous for its huge trees with sprawling aerial roots and conclude with a sunset from the heights of **Phnom Bakheng**.

(attention: Phnom Bakheng is prohibited for children under 12 years old and the authorities limit access to 300 people at sunset, thus creating a queue)

Possibility of making the visits in the opposite direction to avoid the cr owds. Just let your guide know at the start of the day.

Temples are sacred places, avoid short clothes, cover your shoulders and \boldsymbol{w} ear pants or a long skirt.

In order to preserve these fragile monuments, it is forbidden to touch the sculptures or to sit on elements of the temple.

In Cambodian culture, it is offensive to heckle inside a sacred place, cal m and respect are key words.

It is not recommended to buy items or sweets from child sellers, this only encourages begging and the practice of skipping school, prefer a donation to an association if it is important to you.

If you wish to photograph the monks (called Bonzes), you must obtain their permission beforehand. In addition, you must not touch them, they have the right to touch you but not the opposite.

• English-speaking guide included on this day

■ Breakfast at the Aviary

Accommodation The Aviary Hotel

Day 3. The immensity of the Tonle Sap lake



♣ 32km - ② 1h Siem Reap ♀

- In the morning, take the direction of the village of Kampong Kleang located on Tonlé Sap lake around 1h30 by car from Siem Reap. You embark on a private boat to discover and visit floating villages.
- · Back in town for Lunch

Visit the **Lotus Farm** by *Samatoa*, a unique production workshop in the world presenting the method of manufacturing the most ecological fabric from lotus fiber. After a presentation of the sacred lotus flower and its meaning in Asian cultures, you will observe each step in the creation of this rare fabric, prized by great fashion designers: harvesting the stems; spinning, which consists of transforming the fibers into a high-quality yarn; weaving to arrive at the finished product; and finally the recycling of unused parts of the plant for medicinal, nutritional and cosmetic purposes.

Continue the road to **Phnom Krom mountain**. From up there, you will have a beautiful view of all the surrounding rice fields. In addition, you can visit the temple and the pagoda of Phnom Krom, at the top of the mountain. The place is ideal to admire the sunset.

English-speaking guide included on this day

■ Breakfast
Breakfast at the Aviary

Accommodation The Aviary Hotel

Day 4. Banteay Srey, the women citadel



- After about 45 minutes of driving, we start the day with a visit to the Angkor Center for the Protection of Biodiversity. We will be able to see the efforts made by local and international teams to protect endangered local species: turtles and other reptiles, birds and rare mammals. Children and animal lovers will be enchanted by this discovery and awareness visit.
- We then begin the short hike necessary to reach the site of Kbal Spean nicknamed "the underwater temple". Ruins of temples dating from the 9th century border a river whose bed is **strewn with carved lingas**. A small waterfall near the protected sacred site will allow us to cool off or even swim there (bring a small towel).

Very accessible hike of around $1.5\ km$ (or $3\ km$ round trip) with a small ele vation gain over the last 700 meters. Bring walking shoes/sneakers as the p ath is quite rocky.

Continue with the visit of Banteay Srey temple, smaller than the gigantic Angkor Wat or Bayon. This pink
sandstone temple nicknamed "The Citadel of Women" is known for the refinement of bas-reliefs and
sculptures that adorn its walls and columns.

Then, discover the Banteay Samre temple.

- Possibility of replacing this day with the <u>Grand Circuit of Angkor</u> with the temples of Preah Khan, Neak Pean, the eastern Mebon, etc.
- English-speaking guide included on this day

■ Breakfast
■ Breakfast at the Aviary

Accommodation The Aviary Hotel

Day 5. On the way to coastal sweetness



- Your driver drops you off at Siem Reap airport for your flight to Sihanoukville.
- After landing and collecting your luggage, a driver awaits you at the airport to take you to the pier of Sihanoukville, a southern seaside town with beautiful sandy beaches and gateway to the paradise islands of Koh Rong and Koh Rong Samloem in particular.
- Boat transfer to **Koh Rong** from Sihanoukville pier. Our team on site will be waiting for you at the pier to give you your boat tickets.

The boat staff will take half of your ticket. Save the other half for the return!

- Once arrived at destination, we check in at the hotel; The rest of the day is free.
- No guide is included on this day

■ Breakfast
Breakfast at the Aviary

★ Accommodation Long Set Resort / Deluxe Pool View

Day 6-7. On the white sand of Koh Rong



Koh Rong **♀**

- · Free day at your convenience
- Breakfast
 Breakfast at the Long Set Resort
- ★ Accommodation Long Set Resort / Deluxe Pool View

Day 8. Welcome to Phnom Penh



- Return trip by boat to Sihanoukville. Boat departure planned for XXX
- Upon arrival in Sihanoukville, a driver will meet you at the pier for a final transfer by road to Phnom Penh.
- Once arrived at destination, we check in at the hotel; The rest of the day is free.
- No guide is included on this day

■ Breakfast
Breakfast at the Long Set Resort

★ Accommodation <u>Iroha Garden Hotel & Resort</u> / Comfort Balcony Pool View

Day 9. Phnom Penh, bustling city



Phnom Penh ♥ 10km Phnom Penh ♥

- Meet with your guide and your tuktuk for departure from the hotel at 8 a.m.
- Discover the famous Wat Phnom which gave its name to the capital. The "hill pagoda" is the highest point of Phnom Penh.
- Let's continue with the **National Museum** and discover one of the most important collections of Khmer art: 14,000 sculptures and ethnographic objects, mostly from the temples of Angkor.
- Let's then visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, true jewels of Khmer architecture built in the mid-19th century.

The dress code at the Royal Palace is quite strict: shoulders and knees mus t be covered. Wearing a mask is compulsory.

- Visit of the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S-21), the largest detention and torture center under the Pol
 Pot regime and the Khmer Rouge which will reveal a very painful chapter to you of the history of Cambodia.
- At the end of the afternoon, embark on a boat trip on the Mekong and the Tonlé Sap and enjoy an atypical view of Phnom Penh and a magnificent sunset.
- English-speaking guide included on this day

■ Breakfast
■ Breakfast at Iroha Garden

★ Accommodation
<u>Iroha Garden Hotel & Resort</u> / Comfort Balcony Pool View

Day 10. Have a good flight and welcome back!



Phnom Penh ♥

♣ 7km

Départ Phnom Penh ♥

Free program before your evening transfer to Phnom Penh International Airport (included; we will
organize the transfer according to your flight schedule).

Note: you must leave your room before noon. If your flight is in the evening, you can leave your suitcases at the hotel reception for a last walk around town.

Breakfast

Breakfast at Iroha Garden

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

Pricing

| 2-2 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 5-5 | 6-6 |
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| 1540 USD | 1510 USD | 1360 USD | 1400 USD | 1310 USD |

Included

- Transfers from and to the airport
- Transport in town (tuk tuk or car)
- 4* hotels
- · Breakfasts at the hotel
- · Meals mentioned
- French-speaking guide for the activities
- · Admission fees for activities
- Domestic flight REP-KOS

Not included

- International transport
- Passport & Visa fees
- Repatriation insurance
- Travel insurance
- Extra drinks / alcohols
- · Meals not mentioned
- Phone calls
- · Any excursion not mentioned in the program