

World heritage



Days: 14

Price: 1500 USD
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★★★★

Difficult: ★☆☆☆☆

📍 temples 📍 Must see 📍 Culture
📍 Travel with children 📍 history
📍 Nomadic lifestyle 📍

This tour will allow you to discover the three major sites that Cambodia is undertaking to preserve and conserve thanks to their inclusion by **UNESCO** as a World Heritage Site. Many other wonderful stops will immerse you in local history, culture and traditions for a real discovery of the country and its population

Day 1. Welcome to Phnom Penh



Airport Phnom Penh 📍



Phnom Penh 📍

- 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 walk in town or relaxing by the pool.

- No guide is included on this day

🏠 Accommodation

Iroha Garden Hotel & Resort / Comfort Balcony Pool View

Day 2. Phnom Penh, bustling capitale



Phnom Penh 📍

7km

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.
- Visit the **Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda**, real gems of Khmer architecture built in the middle of the 19th century.

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

- 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
- 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.
- Visit Phnom Penh's **Central Market** and/or **Russian Market** if there's enough time after the previous visits (markets close rather early)

- In the late afternoon, embark on a boat for a trip on the Tonle Sap to enjoy an amazing view of Phnom Penh and a **beautiful sunset**.

- English-speaking guide included on this day

 Breakfast




Breakfast at Iroha Garden

 Accommodation

Iroha Garden Hotel & Resort / Comfort Balcony Pool View

Day 3. Sambor Prei Kuk, « the temple of the lush forest »



Phnom Penh 
 321km - ⌚ 5h 14m
 Siem Reap 

- Transfer by road to Siem Reap, the city-province which hosts, among other things, the magnificent temples of Angkor. A must-see destination par excellence, the city also borders the no less famous Tonlé Sap lake and its floating villages.
- On the road, at the crossroads of the national roads N6 and N7, be daring to take full advantage of a brief “gastronomic” stop in the town of Skun, famous for its spiders and grilled insects.
- On the edge of Kampong Thom, discover of the astounding pre-Angkorian temples of **Sambor Prei Kuk**. This archaeological site has been part of **UNESCO World Heritage** since July 2017. It used to be an ancient capital during the period preceding the advent of the Khmer empire which settled in Angkor a few centuries later.
- You then head back towards Siem Reap and make a short detour towards the village of **Kampong Kleang** located on the lake Tonlé Sap about 1h30 by car from Siem Reap.

You board a private boat to discover and visit floating villages.

- English-speaking guide included on this day

 Breakfast

Breakfast at Iroha Garden

 Accommodation

Apsara Greenland Boutique Hotel / Deluxe

Day 4. The majestic Angkor temples



Siem Reap 
 7km - ⌚ 30m
 Angkor Wat 
 7km - ⌚ 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**.

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

Temples are sacred places, avoid short clothes, cover your shoulders and wear 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, calm 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

Breakfast at the Apsara Greenland


 Accommodation


Apsara Greenland Boutique Hotel / Deluxe


Day 5. From the sacred mountain to the pink sandstone citadel




Siem Reap 


 60km - ⌚ 2h 30m

Phnom Kulen 

 25km - ⌚ 40m

Banteay Srey 

 45km - ⌚ 1h 5m

Siem Reap 

- The rivers that flow through Angkor have their sources in the mountain of Phnom Kulen. It is in this very extensive natural site that the Khmer kingdom was born in 802 proclaimed by King Jayavarman II who made his country independent from the tutelage of Java. We therefore suggest that you visit the cradle of the Khmer Kingdom.
- Climb by car to the top of **Phnom Kulen** or "mount of lychees", a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians thanks to the presence of a large statue of Reclining Buddha. A refreshing swim in the natural pool of a **pretty waterfall** rewards your effort. On weekdays, you will also have the opportunity to visit the bottled water factory "**Kulen Water**" (closed on Sundays and public holidays).
- In the afternoon, 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**.

- English-speaking guide included on this day

 Breakfast

Breakfast at the Apsara Greenland

 Accommodation

Apsara Greenland Boutique Hotel / Deluxe

Day 6. Preah Vihear, a masterpiece



Siem Reap 📍
 🚗 171km - ⌚ 3h
 Preah Vihear 📍

- Transfer to Preah Vihear. Upon your arrival at the hotel, installation and rest/free time.
- In the afternoon, visit the temple of **Preah Vihear**. Listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2008**, this remarkable masterpiece of Khmer architecture is located on the Thai border.

English-speaking guide included on this day

☕ Breakfast	Breakfast at the Apsara Greenland
🏠 Accommodation	Preah Vihear Boutique Hotel / Deluxe

Day 7. Koh Ker, Beng Mealea



Preah Vihear 📍
 🚗 171km - ⌚ 3h
 Siem Reap 📍
 🚗 60km - ⌚ 1h 30m
 Kampong Kleang 📍
 🚗 60km - ⌚ 1h 30m
 Siem Reap 📍

- In the morning, discover **Koh Ker**, capital of Cambodia for a short period during the tenth century. Amongst other visits: Prasat Thom, a 30m-high mountain temple.
- Visit **Beng Mealea** Temple invaded by ficus roots. It was used as a set for the 2004 movie « **Two Brothers** » by Jean-Jacques Annaud.
- Once arrived at destination, we check in at the hotel; The rest of the day is free.
- 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 Preah Vihear Boutique hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Apsara Greenland Boutique Hotel / Deluxe

Day 8. Transfer to Battambang



Siem Reap 📍
 🚗 165km - ⌚ 3h
 Battambang 📍

- Transfer by car to Battambang.
- Upon your arrival, installation at the hotel then rest/free time for lunch.
- In the afternoon, visit one of the last houses of traditional Khmer architecture in Battambang. Built from three different woods, it houses numerous period utensils, trompe-l'oeil pieces, and even massive furniture. The rich history of this charming building built in 1920 will be told to you by the great-grandson of its first owner. A lover of historical stories.
- To the south of Battambang, a visit to the Banon temple erected at the top of a hill offers you, after climbing the 358 steps, a lovely panorama of the Cambodian countryside. Passing through the traditional villages along the road, you can watch the family making rice cakes and chat with the locals about their daily lives.

Also take the opportunity to stop in the vineyards of Battambang. Something to admire the greenhouse work of Cambodian winegrowers. And to taste if you wish wine, grape juice, ginger, and why not cognac!

- Discover the temple of **Phnom Sampov**, "*the hill-ship*". You stay there until sunset to watch the flight of the **bats** and their incredible choreography in the sky

- English-speaking guide included on this day

🍳 Breakfast	Breakfast at Apsara Greenland
🏠 Accommodation	Bambu hotel / Superior

Day 9. Battambang, post-colonial architecture city



Battambang 📍
🚗 50km
Battambang 📍

- You will start your day discovering the authenticity of Battambang with a ride on the famous **bamboo train**. Being early in the morning, this activity is ideal to start the day. The fresh air will pleasantly tickle your face when your eyes admire the rice fields painted in the landscape.

Then head to the ruins of the temple d'Ek Phnom destroyed by the Khmer Rouge and looted upon liberation by the Vietnamese. You can also visit a pagoda and a massive statue of the Buddha.

The driver will then take you to first discover the workshop where the **rice cake** is made, the one used to cook spring rolls and spring rolls. Then a few meters further you will see the manufacturers of **glutinous rice**, this dish, enclosed in a bamboo stick, which is all the rage in Cambodia. You will then visit, opposite, the pagoda of **Wat Samrong Knong** which houses the killing fields, an area that witnessed the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge regime.

After this visit you will take the direction of a **crocodile farm**, where you will be able to see these gigantic reptiles very closely.

The penultimate stage of this tour will take place in a workshop making **banana chips**. Here you will help the cooks to cut these fruits to help them, against which you can taste this delicious snack.

You will finally go to a larger workshop this time, that of **manufacture of prahok**. This condiment, fish brine, is highly sought after in Cambodia despite its off-putting smell.

At the end of the day, you can visit the **Psar Nat** market (closes at 6 p.m.).

- English-speaking guide included on this day

🍳 Breakfast	Breakfast at the Bambu hotel
🏠 Accommodation	Bambu hotel / Superior

Day 10. Sweet night on Silk Island



Battambang 📍
🚗 215km - ⌚ 3h 30m
Kampong Chhnang 📍
🚗 105km - ⌚ 2h 30m
Koh Dach 📍

- Transfer back to Phnom Penh in **the morning**.
- In the morning, about 10 kilometers from Kampong Chhnang, discover the know-how of the **potters**. The traditional village has been famous for centuries for its clay pots sold throughout the whole country. The tools have been modernized but the know-how still remains, from generation to generation.
- From Phnom Penh, by car, you reach the meeting point to take the ferry to Silk Island **Koh Dach**. This island of 20,000 inhabitants in the middle of the Mekong is known for its silk weaving craft.

You discover this pleasant and authentic island on foot or by bike surrounded by nature, between fruit trees, fields and the banks of the Mekong with even a small beach equipped for swimming.

First, you visit the silk factory of **Chamka Sne**, where you can observe the different stages of the making of silk, from the breeding of the worm to the weaving of the threads.

On the road, you can also observe a large number of pagodas

- English-speaking guide included on this day

🍳 Breakfast	Breakfast at the Bambu hotel
🍷 Dinner	Dinner at the Kroma village
🏠 Accommodation	Le Kroma Villa / Standard

Day 11. The pepper of Kampot



Koh Dach 📍
🚗 280km - ⌚ 4h 30m
Kampot 📍

- Transfer by car without guide to Kampot in the **morning**.
- *The Kampot region is internationally recognized for its exceptional pepper. It is therefore impossible to go to Kampot without taking a trip to one of the many pepper plantations in the region!*

In the morning, we take the direction of **Secret Lake** which offers a magnificent panorama with a view of the mountains.

Then we visit the family pepper production farm, **La Ferme de Sothy** with a French-speaking guide of the plantation who will explain the origin and why of the reputation of this pepper. You will learn more about cultivation methods and how to cook this famous pepper.

- Then head to the **salt marshes** to discover how the region produces this precious condiment and preservative.

Conclude the day with a visit to the community of **Trapeang Sangkhae** which will take you on a tour of the **mangroves** and will tell you about the efforts made to preserve and restore these real natural barriers.

- No guide is included on this day

🍳 Breakfast	Breakfast at the Kroma village
🍴 Lunch	Lunch at la Ferme de Sothy
🏠 Accommodation	Old Cinema Hotel / Queen Room

Day 12. Leisure time in Kampot



Kampot 📍
23km - ⌚ 30m
Kep 📍
🚤 - ⌚ 4h
Kep 📍
23km - ⌚ 30m
Kampot 📍

- Embark on a **full-day eco-tour around the islands** of Kep Bay.

Aboard the Nāga, a traditional Khmer fishing boat, we will guide you through the Kep archipelago, following the waves and currents, away from any other tourist circuit.

Equipped with **masks and snorkels**, discover the bottoms and reefs of the Kep archipelago where many species of colorful fish, sea urchins, starfish and corals evolve.

Relax in the warm, swimmable waters of Serpents' Island Bay for a fish and seafood barbecue on the boat. Then visit a traditional fishing village where you can soak up the atmosphere and watch the preparation of nets, crab cages and bait while drinking an iced coffee. Finally, set off to explore a charming little lost and atypical islet.

You may have the rare chance to observe Irrawaddy dolphins... Keep an eye out!

The boat tour is private and starts around 9am with a return around 4pm.

Vegetarian menu on request

🍳 Breakfast	Breakfast at the Old Cinema
🍴 Lunch	Lunch included on board Beverages (water, syrups, beer, rosé wine) BBQ (fish and seafood or meat) Dessert
🏠 Accommodation	Old Cinema Hotel / Queen Room

Day 13. From seaside to riverside



Kampot 📍
🚗 150km - ⌚ 3h
Phnom Penh 📍

- In the morning or early afternoon, 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 Old Cinema

🏠 Accommodation

Iroha Garden Hotel & Resort / Comfort Balcony Pool View

Day 14. Welcome back and see you next time!



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.

- No guide is included on this day

🍽️ Breakfast

Breakfast at the hotel

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

Oct 1 - Mar 30

2-2	3-3	4-4	5-5	6-6
2440 USD	1995 USD	1765 USD	1625 USD	1500 USD

Included

- Transfers from and to the airport
- Transportation to activities and program stages
- Land travel indicated in the program
- Hotels and accommodation
- Breakfasts at the hotel
- Meals mentioned
- French-speaking guide for activities when indicated
- Entrance fees for activities

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
- Late check-out of rooms (standard check-out to be done before noon)
- Supplement for very high season at the hotel in Phnom Penh: 20 Dec – 06 Jan: USD 10/room/night