

## Itineraries

### Suggested Itineraries

#### Siem Reap, Angkor & Surroundings

##### Day One:

##### \*Angkor Wat (AD1113) Ruins, Siem Reap

The Sandstone Temple of the city of Angkor, and Cambodia's most iconic building.

An amazing feat of ingenuity and design, from the 12th century.

##### \*South Gate of Angkor Thom

The story of Lakshmi-Spouse of Shiva and goddess of beauty, created in the churning of the ocean of milk. I will be happy to review this with you in more detail.

##### \*Angkor Thom (Main Centre of Khmer Empire AD802 &ndash; AD1432)

The ancient city of Angkor, just north of Angkor Wat has an exciting list of royal terraces and temples with a historical past to awe, inspire, explore, and climb. Surrounded by a 10 km moat that in the past was inhabited with crocodiles, this walled city was the largest city on earth in the 12th century.

##### \*Bayon Temple &ndash; The Royal temple, decorated with 54 towers carved with faces in sandstone.

##### Day Two:

##### \*Baphuon

##### \*Phimeanakas - Lake of Baths

##### \*Elephant Terrace

##### \*Leper King's Terrace

\*Prasat Suor Prat - These 12 sandstone towers opposite the Elephant Terrace in Angkor Thom, used to house the kings wives in private dwellings.

\*Lunch at an on site restaurant.

##### \*Ta Keo (AD 1000- 1025)

##### \*Banteay Kdei

\*Ta Prohm (AD 1186)&ndash; Sandstone the magnificent jungle temple

\*Srag Srang - the beautiful man made pond just to the East of Ta Phrom.

##### Day Three

##### \*Prasat Kravan

\*Banteay Srei (AD 967) &ndash; Rosy red temple with beautiful carvings of female divinities. Banteay means a fortress or citadel. It has been applied to temples because of their encircling walls.

Banteay Srei is built of Laterite, a basic building material from red residual soil in humid tropical and subtropical regions that is leached of soluble minerals abundant in Cambodia and north-eastern Thailand. The rock has a porous texture but becomes extremely hard over time in contact with the air, thus making a substantial and lightweight building material. IT is located about 37 km from Siem Reap and is a lovely drive through country villages, rice paddies and palm sugar farms.

\*Roadside stop: Break to watch a Palm sugar farm in action. See the farmers climb the palm trees, boil the juice and sample the candy. If you have a sweet tooth, or enjoy fudge, you will not leave empty handed.

\*Lunch

\*Afternoon itinerary of choice.

Additional Excursions:

Tonle Sap : \$10 park entrance fee plus driving fee.

Includes drive, water taxi, Crocodile & Fish Farm.

The Tonle Sap the largest lake in South East Asia, is linked with the Mekong River by the Tonle Sap River. Take a morning drive through the countryside around Siem Reap and travel by motorized boat to the farming communities on the Tonle Sap Lake. This interior sea rises some 20 feet in rainy season.

On the drive to the docks you will see amazing villages on stilts along the road, rice paddies and lotus ponds. On the water you will see floating villages, floating schools, fishermen, and business of living on water. Come again in rainy season, and your experience will be very different.

Allow 3.5 hours 7:30 am &ndash; 10:30 pm.

Apsara Dance - Khmer Traditional Dinner and Entertainment:

Allow 2.5 hours, approximately 7:00 pm &ndash; 9:30 pm. Times may change with the season.

Additional Services:

Airport Pick Up

Airport Drop Off

Around Town

Buddhism : The Buddhist religion adheres to the basic principles of non-violence, compassion, and generous works.

Mahayana Buddhism: The 'Greater Vehicle'; a school of Buddhism that extended the early teachings; flourished in Cambodia, particularly in the late 12th and early 13th centuries.

Khmer: Ancient indigenous people of Cambodia, as well as the language of Cambodia.

Hinduism: Religion and social system of the Hindus. Hinduism was especially popular in Cambodia especially from the first century to the 12th century.