

# EXPERIENCES

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# TEMPLES OF ANGKOR EXPLORATION DEPART 0800 - RETURN 1130/1230

Depart hotel by local Remork (Tuk Tuk) convoy to Angkor Wat, the largest monument of the Angkor group and the best preserved, is an architectural masterpiece. Even though Angkor Wat is the most photographed Khmer monument, nothing approaches the actual experience of seeing this temple. Its perfection in composition, balance, proportions, relief's and sculpture make it one of the finest monuments in the world.

Then, we will visit the monumental magnificence of Angkor Thom - last capital of the Khmers. After passing through the South Gate, you will go down along this shady road to the stunning Bayon temple. We will tour through the Bayon, a 12th century masterpiece which lies at the very centre of Angkor Thom and which is an archaeological wonder of symmetry and grandeur.

Continue to Ta Prohm, the 'Jungle Temple' that has been left largely in it's natural state since its 'rediscovery' by French explorers. Surrounded by jungle, its labyrinth of stone hallways is overgrown with the roots and limbs of massive banyan trees, which envelop the stone like tentacles. It is one of the largest temples at Angkor, dedicated in 1186 of this site. Inclusions :

- Entrance fees to Angkor temple complex
- Motorcoach transportation
- Travel Expert (English Speaking)
- Lunch at local restaurant

## PRICE:

Based on 1pax traveller US\$149/pax Based on 2pax traveller US\$109/pax Based on 3-5pax traveller US\$109/pax Based on 6-9pax traveller US\$92/pax Based on 10pax traveller US\$90/pax









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# GRAND CIRCUIT - PREAH KHAN NEAK PEAN DEPART 0800 - RETURN 1130/1230

This morning we depart at 8.00am by local Remork (tuk tuk) and a local travel Expert. We pass through Angkor Thom marvelling at the Bayon in the morning light. We drive through what is known as the "Grand Circuit" to our first stop, the spectacular Preah Khan Temple.

We take a short walk around 15 minutes to the South Wall of Preah Khan temple. Here we enjoy a walk along the moat in solitude until we reach the watchful eye of a Garuda carved into the outside wall of the temple. One local legend says that the Garuda has won the fight with the Naga and is keeping watch over the Naga that's laying dormant in the moat. We then visit the iconic temple of Preah Khan itself by entering through the jungle via the deserted South Gate, a very special entrance walking through the jungle with not a soul in sight.

Preah Khan is one of the most significant buildings erected during the ancient Khmer empire. Dedicated by the great king Jayavarman VII to his father in 1191, Preah Khan serves today as an outstanding example of a large linear temple complex in a dense jungle setting. Rectangular in shape and occupying 138 acres, Preah Khan's boundaries are defined by a protective moat and fortified walls adorned by monumental carved stone garudas - eagle-like divine beings. The temple complex includes entryways, towers, ceremonial spaces, courdyards, shrines, and a variety of connecting corridors. Additional special features of Preah Khan include its two-story pavillon, the once-bronze-plated sanctum sanctorum, and its Hall of Dancers. With both Hindu and Buddhist characteristics, we take some time to explore this magnificent temple and browse some unusual carvings.

After exploring Preah Khan with our Travel Expert, we exit out of the East Gate where we are rewarded with spectacular views of the reservoir that surrounds the Temple of Neak Pean. Here our Remork awaits us to continue on the Grand Circuit road to Neak Pean. Built by Jayavarman VII before the end of the 12th century, this monument – Neak Pean or the entwined Naga – is an artificial island, measuring 350 meters on each side, built in the middle of a reservoir which is also man made. The modern name, Neak Pean, comes from the motif of serpents encircling the base of the central sanctuary

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An inscription notes that it is "a sacred island, drawing its charm from its ponds and clearing away the sins of those who approach it". The ponds in question number four. They were fed by a complex system of anthropomorphic and zoomorphic fountains. The mysterious curative function of its waters was all the more so, given that the myth of the deliverance of a group of shipwrecked sailors by the horse Balaha, a form of Lokesvara, is represented here. The reservoir, which measured 3500 meters by 900 was originally called Jayatataka or "the reservoir of Jaya [varman VII]". Its modern name is Veal Reach Dak or "plain of the royal reservoir", revealing the collective historical memory of the inhabitants of Angkor who are aware that its four cornered form originate from a Baray, a royal hydraulic project which today lies dry. After Neak Pean we climb back aboard our Remork with an exhilarating drive around to the Royal Bathing lake of Sra Srang for a short stop, before continuing back to our Hotel by midday.

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HALF DAY JEEP TOUR TO SAN-DAY VILLAGE (WITH LUNCH) DEPART 830 - RETURN 1400

Depart by Amy Jeep to travel through the thriving countryside, past rice paddy fields and local villages, and a stop at local villager's house to see how make Khmer noodle in traditional way and you are also invited to tastel Continue with an ox cart ride and cycling in the village and see village life then enjoyed with a cocktail drinks stop at rice paddy.

Leave the village and enjoy lunch at Bongthom Homestay a unique community-based tourism site which is captures the essence of village life in the heartland of Cambodia. Located in San-Day Village, Banteay Srey District, Siem Reap Province, on the way to Banteay Srey temple is ideally situated the popular tourist destination of Siem Reap, home of the world-famous Angkor Temples. The original Khmer dish cooked by chef who have experience with nice decoration & quality. The organic vegetable that grow in the farm has present all kind of food especially when you have lunch there it's mean you give the job also support the community. DETAILS Location: 41 Km away from town Duration: 5-6hours Season: All year round

#### Inclusions:

•Entrance fees and activities as per program •Travel Expert to escort the group •Return transfer by Amy Jeep (3pax per jeep) •Lunch at Bong Thom Restaurant •Back up vehicle to follow the group tour

## PRICE:

Based on 3-5pax traveller US\$149pax Based on 6-9pax traveller US\$137/pax Based on 10pax traveller US\$135/pax المعنى Asia Concierge







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ADVENTURE SAFARI ON QUADS DEPART 8:30 - RETURN 11:30

Safe and Fun, the Adventure Tour on Quads is the best way to discover the countryside and remote villages around Siem Reap, taking you to places no one else does! This activity is suitable for everyone, with or without driving experience is led by an experienced guide, respectful of the villagers and their environment and a fun group activity.

Note: At the moment there are 25 quads, which can take a maximum of 2 pax per quad but the total weight can't exceed 130 kg per quad.

# Detail

Location: Local village, Siem Reap Duration: 3-4 hours Capacity: 35 pax Maximum Season: All year round

#### PRICE:

Based on 1pax traveller US\$123/pax Based on 2pax traveller US\$95/pax Based on 3-5pax traveller US\$92/pax Based on 6-9pax traveller US\$85/pax Based on 10pax traveller US\$80/pax Asia Concierae



MAHOB ORGANIC FARM COOKING CLASS DEPART 9:00 - RETURN 14:00

Mahob (meaning food in Khmer) is one of our favourite restaurants in Siem Reap thanks to their beautifully prepared Cambodian dishes and fresh ingredients.

We venture out to Mahob's organic farm which is part of an agricultural development project located in the countryside just 3kms from Siem Reap. The farm specialises in varieties of seasonal fruits and vegetables and only uses fresh and flavourful ingredients lovingly cultivated without the use of hormones, synthetic fertilisers or pesticides. This makes it a perfect place to learn the secrets of Cambodian cuisine with an enthusiastic and talented team of local chefs who will help you re-create some of the countries signature dishes (and many you will not know) in a beautiful countryside location.

Detail Location: Mahob Organic Farm Duration: 4-5hours Capacity: 50 pax Theme: Culinary Season: All year round PRICE:

Based on 1pax traveller US\$ 76/pax Based on 2pax traveller US\$ 70/pax Based on 3-5pax traveller US\$ 65/pax Based on 6-9pax traveller US\$ 63/pax Based on 10pax traveller US\$ 60/pax

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HALF DAY KULEN ELEPHANT SANCTUARY DEPART 800 - RETURN 14:00

In the foothills of Kulen Mountain, lie 1100 acres of protected forest inhabited by the 14 elephants of Angkor. For 22 years, these elephants have given rides to visitors in the temples of the world heritage site. Today, they roam free in their natural habitat and are living testimony of a changing world. Here in the forest, they can finally roam free and unburdened. They will rediscover relationships, natural foods, and receive the best of care.

Our mission is to provide our residents with a happy and comfortable retirement but also to offer a fun, educational approach to elephant conservation and contribute to preserving the remaining elephants of Cambodia. Come and experience the daily life of our elephants.

Spend your time observing them as they enjoy their natural surroundings. Walk with them into the forest, and witness how they choose to spend their time.

Depart from Siem Reap at around 12:00 and return at around 18:00

Details: Location: Kulen Mountain Duration: 6 hours Capacity: 12 pax Min Season: All year round

### Inclusions:

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Return motorcoach transportation (private transfer)
Tour as mentioned in the program
Elephant meet and great
Water and cold towel along the tour
Picnic lunch/snack by the pond

## PRICE:

Based on 1pax traveller US\$ 179/pax Based on 2pax traveller US\$ 127/pax Based on 3-5pax traveller US\$ 115/pax Based on 6-9pax traveller US\$ 99/pax Based on 10pax traveller US\$ 95/pax











AN ABSOLUTE SENSORY EXPERIENCE: LOCAL MARKET TOUR AND BODIA SPA TREATMENT DEPART 1500 - RETURN 18:00

Start your sensory experience with a visit to Psar Cha, the local market in the centre of town. The market sells hand woven silks, silver and wooden carved products and jewellery. You will also get a glimpse into the daily life of Cambodians when passing the food section where sellers will try to make you buy a diverse varity of fresh fruits or vegetables.

After your market visit, visit one of the most relaxing places in Siem Reap; the Bodia Spa. This spa is dedicated to pampering both body and soul while using only natural, Cambodian-made products. You will have the choice between traditional massages such as foot reflexology, a head, back & shoulder massage, Bodia Tonic or an Aromatherapy Massage.

Detail:

Location: City center, Siem Reap Duration: 3 hours Spa treatment: 90min (Head-Back-Shoulder) Capacity: 25pax per time Season: All year round PRICE:

Based on 1pax traveller US\$ 85/pax Based on 2pax traveller US\$ 67/pax Based on 3-5pax traveller US\$ 63/pax





VISIT OF SATCHA CENTER & THE LOCAL MARKET DEPART 1500 - RETURN 18:00

SATCHA is a brand-new Cambodian handicraft visitor centre that mixes traditional knowledge with contemporary design to showcase Cambodian talents while having a sustainable social, economic, and environmental impact. Created as a lifeline for Cambodian artisans whose livelihoods were devastated by the pandemic, SATCHA is an 'Incubation Centre' that empowers talented people, offers further training, provides them with sustainable work and income, and provides them with entrepreneurship training to help them set up on their own terms in the future.

Located in a beautifully lush, one-hectare site, SATCHA includes six large workshops that represent the different arts and craft of Cambodia, these include wood and stone carving, silk works, weaving, etc. The unique design was developed by a company whose mission it is to revive the sustainable bamboo value chain in Cambodia. Each workshop is set among a lush rice field, the structure is a stunning creation with a sweeping roof made from intricately woven bamboo. A bamboo walkway meanders through the workshops (where one can meet and watch the artisans at work) leading to the beautiful concept store that sells quality ethical products from around Cambodia as well as items made on site. The attractive coffee and juice bar serves refreshments, wine, and cocktails. Continue on to the **Old Market** in the center of Siem Reap. The Old Market (also knows as 'phsa cha') offers great opportunities for souvenir shopping but also to see or buy traditional fruits, Cambodian desserts or spices.

Detail Location: Siem Reap Duration: 3 hours Capacity: 100 pax Maximum Season: All year round

PRICE: Based on 1pax traveller US\$ 55/pax Based on 2pax traveller US\$ 35/pax Based on 3-5pax traveller US\$ 33/pax

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