



## Tours

### CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

7 Days / 6 Nights



#### DAY 1: Arrival in Phnom Penh

Our guide will welcome you at the airport. Transfer to hotel to check in. In the afternoon, we'll visit the splendid Royal Palace which was started by King Norodom (1834-1904) in 1886, when the capital was moved to Phnom Penh. French influence can be seen in the formal gardens which enhance the palace, and there are some European-style buildings on the grounds. Continue on to the Silver Pagoda, formerly a wooden building that was rebuilt in 1962 in concrete and marble. It is famous for its 90 kg solid gold Buddha made in 1907 and an emerald Buddha said to be made of baccarat crystal. The next stop will be the National Museum which houses the world's foremost collection of ancient Khmer archaeological, religious and artistic artefacts from the 4th to the 13th centuries. There are over 5000 pieces and is the repository of the Kingdom's cultural wealth. End the afternoon with a visit to the oldest shrine in the city, Wat Phnom. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

#### DAY 2: Phnom Penh to Battambang

Today, we drive to Battambang which is an elegant riverside town. Quiet and serene, it was founded on the banks of the Srung Sangker River in the 11th century. We visit the sacred mountain pagoda of Phnom Sampeau. We also visit Wat Banan, a hilltop temple dating from the Angkor period. Wat Banan is a smaller version of the illustrious Angkor Wat. We return to Battambang.

Overnight in Battambang (B)

#### DAY 3: Battambang to Siem Reap

We take a speedboat along the Sangker River and into the Tonle Sap Lake which is the largest fresh water lake in Southeast Asia. From Phnom Krom, we transfer to Siem Reap. In the afternoon, we visit the earliest temples of the Angkor period at Roluos, including Preah Ko, Bakong and Lolei for a useful chronological perspective on Angkor's development. Overnight in Siem Reap (B)



#### DAY 4: Ta Prohm and the Small Circuit

We visit Prasat Kravan, Bat Chum, Eastern Mebon and Pre Rup. In the afternoon, we visit the beautifully jungle-clad Ta Prohm, Banteay Kdei and Sras Srang. We'll catch the sunset over Angkor Wat from the summit of Phnom Bakheng. Overnight in Siem Reap (B)

#### DAY 5: Banteay Srei and Kbal Spean

We head out early to Angkor Wat to watch the sun rise, before continuing north to visit the elegant temple of Banteay Srei and the riverbed carvings of Kbal Spean. In the afternoon, we visit the restored Banteay Samre and Phnom Bok. Overnight in Siem Reap (B)

#### DAY 6: Angkor Wat and the Grand Circuit

Today, we visit the more delicate Neak Poan, Ta Som and the huge corridors of Preah Khan. The temple is flat in design, with a basic plan of successive rectangular galleries around a Buddhist sanctuary complicated by Hindu satellite temples and numerous later additions. In the afternoon, we visit magnificent Angkor Wat to admire its architecture and bas reliefs. Overnight in Siem Reap (B)



**DAY 7: Angkor Thom and Western Baray**

We make for the walled city of Angkor Thom, marvelling at highlights such as the Victory Gate, the enigmatic faces of the Bayon, Baphuon, Phimean Akas, Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. In the afternoon, we visit Les Artisans D'Angkor, a workshop to redevelop traditional Cambodian artisan skills and the vast manmade reservoir, the Western Baray. Later we transfer to airport to connect with an onward flight.

End of tour (B)