



Tours

REMOTE TEMPLES OF THE NORTH SAFARI

6 Days / 5 Nights



DAY 1: Siem Reap - Sisophon - Banteay Chhmar

We head northwest of Siem Reap, stopping for a break in the town of Sisophon, also known as Svay or Mango to Khmers. We continue north to the atmospheric temple of Banteay Top, with a memorable location in the middle of the rice fields. We then carry on to the huge complex of Banteay Chhmar, meaning narrow fortress, which was an important city in the Khmer Empire during the reign of King Jayavarman VII.

Our team set up camp while we explore this vast temple, including its famous bas-reliefs with elaborate Lokesvaras with 32 arms.

DAY 2: Banteay Chhmar - Anlong Veng - Preah Vihear

We enjoy early morning at the temple, perhaps taking in a sunrise. After breakfast we head west through the provincial capital of Samroang and the former Khmer Rouge stronghold of Anlong Veng towards the mountaintop temple of Preah Vihear. We drive slowly and carefully up the steep road to the summit. Our team set up camp right beneath the third enclosure of the temple and we explore this majestic sight when all the other tourists have departed back to Thailand. Set on the cliffs of the Dangrek range, this is undoubtedly the most dramatic location of any of the ancient Khmer temples. The views are endless and we take in the sunset over the Cambodian plains below.

DAY 3: Preah Vihear - Tbeng Meanchey

We rise early to take in a stunning sunrise before breakfast. We journey down the mountain before heading south to the provincial capital of Preah Vihear, Tbeng Meanchey. We visit a local silk project for the disabled and disadvantaged called Joom Noon and spend the night in a local hotel.



DAY 4: Tbeng Meanchey - Koh Ker

After breakfast, we head west to Koh Ker, a 10th century capital abandoned in the remote north of Cambodia for more than a thousand years. Our team set up camp for us, while we enjoy a visit to the pyramid temple of Prasat Thom and take in sunset over the jungle. We camp right outside the walls of the temple and our guides can take you to explore the temple by torchlight.

DAY 5: Koh Ker - Preah Kahn

We rise early to see the sun rise at the temple and then depart towards the village of Ta Seng where we have lunch and arrange some extra provisions for the night. We spend the afternoon exploring the most important temples at Preah Khan, including the Bayon-style four faces of Prasat Preah Stung and the central temple which was one of the biggest enclosures built during the Angkor period. It is thought this may have been a very important provincial city during the Khmer Empire. We camp overnight within the temple area and can explore by torchlight.



DAY 6: Preah Kahn - Prasat Damrei - Siem Reap or Phnom Penh

We visit one or two of the smaller temples in the Preah Khan area, including Prasat Damrei or elephant temple, with its elegant carved elephants. Only two remain, as others are now housed in the Musee Guimet in Paris and the National Museum in Phnom Penh. We then return to civilization National Highway 6 which connects Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. Guests have the choice of turning northwest towards Siem Reap or southeast towards Kompong Thom and Phnom Penh.