



Angkor In-depth Tour 5 Days, 4 Nights

Trip Overview:

A full, in-depth tour of Angkor Temples in Siem Reap and the many attractions in the surrounding countryside. Visit temples both large and small as you are guided to some of the more remote archeological wonders, as well as visit all of Angkor's iconic sites and gain a glimpse into a number of rural Cambodian communities.

Tour highlights include:

- All major Angkor Wat sites
- Banteay Srey Temple
- Beng Melea Temple
- Roluos group of temples
- Kulen mountain range
- River of a thousand lingas
- Floating village
- Additional shopping opportunities
- Artisan D'angkor Workshop

What's Included: Experienced and licensed English-speaking tour guide, transport by air-con van, meals as mentioned in itinerary, 3-day Angkor temple pass, entry to Kulen Mountain, entry fee to Beng Melea Temple, Boat Ride, Pier Fee.

What's Not Included: Travel insurance, other meals and all drinks, hotel accommodation, personal expenses

Pick Up Details: Pick up and drop off at hotel for day tours

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: Angkor Thom complex – Angkor Wat complex – Bakheng Hill temples – Apsara dancing

Starting at 8am, your tour will begin by visiting Angkor Thom, the capital of the vast and powerful Khmer Empire during reign of King Jayavarman VII (AD 1181 - 1220). An experienced guide will lead you through the South Gate of Angkor Thom, famous for its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk. Spend the morning exploring the many sites within this great walled city, including Baphuon, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. The highlight of this section of Angkor Wat is the Bayon temple, which has 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces.

A Khmer lunch will be served among the temple ruins within the Angkor complex.

After lunch break, visit the iconic Angkor Wat, one of the largest temple complexes within the Angkor area. Your guide will explain the many forms of symbolism within the five-towered temple, pointing out many outstanding features of the classical Khmer architecture. The first day exploring the temples concludes at the Bakheng Hill temples, where the steep climb to the top is rewarded by spectacular

sunset views of the Angkor Wat temple across the rice fields. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant as you watch an Apsara traditional dance performance.
Included meals: Lunch and dinner

Day 2: Banteay Srey - Ta Phrom - night market

The second day at Angkor Wat ventures further afield to the Banteay Srey temple, 30km from Siem Reap. This 10th-century temple is regarded as the jewel in the crown of classical Khmer Art. As you return to town, your guide will stop at a local village, allowing you to visit families who are producing palm sugar.

After lunch, visit Ta Prohm, the 'Indiana Jones' temple which has been largely overgrown by the jungle. This beautiful area remains relatively untouched and features many impressive trees which have grown throughout the ruins. During your remaining time among the temples, choose to visit additional sites around the ancient city of Angkor Thom, such as Preah Khan, Neak Poan, Thomanan & Chausay Tevoda. In the evening, be guided to the night market before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant in Siem Reap.

Day 3: Roluos group – Tonle Sap boat ride – floating village – Artisans d'Angkor

On the final morning among the ruins of Angkor, visit the Roluos group. Your guide will explain the history of these 9th century temples, which are among the earliest large permanent structures built by the Khmers and mark the beginning of Khmer classical art. This area houses an active Buddhist monastery, making it a great way to gain a feel for contemporary rural Cambodia.

In the afternoon, take a traditional wooden boat for a ride on the Tonle Sap Lake, one of the largest lakes in Asia. During the one and a half hour trip, you will be guided around a floating village, viewing the houses, markets, schools and other buildings which make up this fascinating community on the water. This is followed by a visit Les Artisans d'Angkor - Chantiers Ecoles. This cultural centre works with young artisans to create, produce and market a unique collection of ornamental sculptures, lacquer ware, silk weaving and silk painting. The company promotes fair, sustainable development in order to provide benefits to rural communities. The evening is free for you to sample the many varied dining options available in the town of Siem Reap.

Day 4: Kulen mountain range – River of a thousand lingas – Beng Melea

On the third morning of your tour, venture further afield as you drive through the Khmer countryside to the holy Kulen mountain range, site of a lost medieval city from over 1200 years ago. The route up the mountain offers spectacular views of the surrounding landscape and once your vehicle reaches the top of the steep dirt road, you will be rewarded by stunning vistas from the mountain's summit.

The tour continues on to the River of a Thousand Lingas, where you can view the many carvings in the riverbed. A short walk leads to the site of a large reclining Buddha carved in the rockface, as well as a beautiful waterfall in which many more carvings can be discovered. Swimming in the water is popular among the locals, so bring your bathing suit if you feel like taking a dip. A picnic lunch will be provided, allowing you to relax and experience this peaceful place at your leisure.

In the afternoon you will continue to Beng Melea, one of the most remote and un-touched Angkor temples. Overgrown by the jungle, this is an enthralling and peaceful place to explore and, as it is away from the main temple areas, remains relatively un-crowded. The evening is free for you to sample the many varied dining options available in the town of Siem Reap.

Day 5: Siem Reap town and markets – leisure

The final day of the tour is kept free to enjoy at your leisure. Visit one of Siem Reap's colourful markets, relax beside a hotel pool, or while away your time sipping on a coffee and watching the world go by from one of the many French-colonial style cafes and restaurants.

Transportation will be provided from your hotel to your onward travel.

Additional Information:

- Dress Code: Cover your shoulders and knees on visit to religious and temple sites. Swim suit allowed for Kulen Waterfall
- Swim suit is allowed at waterfall
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended
- No age limit
- This private tour can be customized