



Angkor Essential Tour 5 Days, 4 Nights

Trip Overview:

Spend a little extra time in Siem Reap by adding another day to your tour of the area – ideal for those who wish to indulge in a little more shopping and relaxation. After two and a half days of intense tours within Angkor Wat, enjoy a leisurely boat ride on the Tonle Sap and take your time exploring the many markets and cafes.

Tour highlights include:

- Angkor Wat complex
- Angkor Thom complex
- Ta Prohm
- Bakheng Hill sunset
- Banteay Srey
- Roluos group of temples
- Floating village
- Additional shopping opportunities

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, boat on Tonle Sap and pier fee, bottle water on tour days.

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

Pick Up Details: Pick up and drop off at the hotel

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

In the afternoon, 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.

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 Lake 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: 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
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended
- No age limit
- This private tour can be customized