

8 Days | Cambodia Private Popular Tour

(Siem Reap, Battambang & Phnom Penh) Discovery with our 7 Nights and 8 Days Tour

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of Cambodia, where ancient temples, vibrant cultures, and breathtaking landscapes await. From the majestic sunrise at Angkor Wat to the serene beauty of Tonle Sap Lake, this 7-night, 8-day itinerary will immerse you in the rich history and warm hospitality of Siem Reap, Battambang, and Phnom Penh. Join us for an enriching experience filled with exploration, relaxation, and the unique charm of this captivating country. Your adventure begins now!

Itinerary: Siem Reap - Battambang - Phnom Penh (7 Nights, 8 Days)

Day 1: Welcome to Siem Reap Angkor

Upon your arrival, you will be greeted and picked up from Siem Reap Angkor International Airport, to transfer to Siem Reap city, to Check in to your hotel and take some time to relax and enjoy your stay.

Day 2: Angkor Sunrise & Temple Immersion

You will be picked up from your hotel at 4:30 AM to witness the breathtaking sunrise at Angkor Wat. Afterward, return to your hotel for breakfast. Following breakfast, we will continue our exploration with a visit to the South Gate of Angkor Thom, the Bayon Temple, and the enchanting Ta Prohm jungle temple. Return to your hotel to unwind and relax.

More Details:

Angkor Wat Sunrise & Tour: Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world, is a breathtaking sight, especially at sunrise. As dawn breaks, the temple's silhouette emerges against the vibrant hues of the sky, creating a stunning backdrop reflected in the surrounding moat. Visitors gather in anticipation, cameras in hand, to capture the moment when the first rays of sunlight illuminate the intricate carvings and towering spires of this ancient Khmer masterpiece. The serene atmosphere, coupled with the soft sounds of nature awakening, makes the sunrise at Angkor Wat a truly magical experience, evoking a sense of wonder and reverence for the rich history and culture of Cambodia.

South Gate of Angkor Thom: The South Gate of Angkor Thom is one of the five monumental gates that provide access to the ancient city of Angkor Thom, located in Cambodia. Constructed in the late 12th century during the reign of King Jayavarman VII, this impressive structure is renowned for its striking architecture and intricate bas-reliefs. The gate features a massive stone archway flanked by two towering statues of gods and demons, representing the cosmic battle between good and evil. Visitors are often captivated by the serene faces of Avalokiteshvara, which adorn the gate, symbolizing compassion. The South Gate serves not only as an entrance but also as a testament to the grandeur of the Khmer Empire and its rich cultural heritage.

Bayon Temple: Bayon Temple, located in the heart of Angkor Thom, is a breathtaking masterpiece of the Khmer Empire, built in the late 12th to early 13th century under King Jayavarman VII. Renowned for its distinctive architecture, Bayon features 54 towers adorned with serene stone faces believed to represent Avalokiteshvara, the Bodhisattva of compassion. The temple's intricate bas-reliefs depict historical events and daily life, offering a glimpse into the rich culture of the time. As one of the most iconic sites in the Angkor complex, Bayon stands as a testament to the artistic brilliance of the Khmer Empire, captivating visitors with its beauty and historical significance.

Ta Prohm Temple: Ta Prohm, located in Cambodia's Angkor archaeological park, is a captivating temple built in the late 12th and early 13th centuries under King Jayavarman VII. Famous for its stunning fusion of nature and architecture, massive trees and roots intertwine with the temple's ruins, creating a dramatic and picturesque landscape. Originally a monastery dedicated to the Buddha, Ta Prohm features intricate carvings and bas-reliefs depicting deities and mythological scenes.

Preserved in a state that reflects its discovery, the temple symbolizes the powerful relationship between humanity and nature, making it a must-visit site for tourists and photographers alike.

Day 3: Historical & Cultural Awareness

Your guide will pick you up from your hotel at 8:30 AM to visit the stunning Prasat Banteay Srei and the impressive Beng Mealea Temple. Next, we will head to the Kompong Khleang fishing community and the magnificent Tonle Sap Great Lake. After a fulfilling day, return to your hotel to relax.

More Details:

Banteay Srei Temple: Banteay Srei, the "Citadel of Women," is a stunning 10th-century temple located 37 kilometers north of Siem Reap, Cambodia. Renowned for its exquisite pink sandstone and intricate carvings, it is a masterpiece of Khmer art dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. Built during King Rajendravarman II's reign, the temple features detailed reliefs of Hindu deities and mythological scenes. Its smaller scale and intimate atmosphere, along with its remarkable preservation, make Banteay Srei a cherished jewel of Khmer architecture.

Beng Mealea Jungle Temple: Beng Mealea is a captivating temple located about 60 kilometers east of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. Built in the early 12th century during the reign of King Suryavarman II, this sprawling temple complex is a stunning example of classical Khmer architecture, yet it remains largely overgrown and in a state of natural decay, which adds to its mystical charm. Unlike the more restored Angkor Wat, Beng Mealea is often less crowded, allowing visitors to explore its crumbling walls, intricate carvings, and lush jungle surroundings at a leisurely pace. The temple's design features a series of galleries, courtyards, and towers, all intertwined with trees and vines, creating a breathtaking fusion of man-made and natural beauty. Beng Mealea offers a glimpse into the grandeur of the Khmer Empire while inviting adventurers to discover its hidden treasures amidst the ruins.

Kompong Khleang fishing village: Kompong Khleang is a captivating fishing village located on the shores of Tonle Sap Lake in Cambodia. Renowned for its stunning stilted houses that rise dramatically during the monsoon season, the village offers a unique glimpse into traditional Khmer life. With a population of around 10,000, it thrives on fishing and aquaculture, showcasing vibrant local culture and community spirit. Visitors can explore the serene waterways, witness the daily routines of fishermen, and enjoy breathtaking sunsets over the lake, making it a remarkable destination for those seeking an authentic Cambodian experience.

Tonle Sap Great Lake: Tonle Sap Great Lake is Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake, located in central Cambodia. It supports a rich biodiversity and provides livelihoods for millions through fishing and aquaculture. The lake experiences significant seasonal fluctuations, expanding during the monsoon and shrinking in the dry season. Home to floating villages and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Tonle Sap showcases stunning natural beauty and a unique cultural heritage, reflecting the deep connection between its communities and the environment.

Day 4: Departure for Battambang & Tours

At 9:00 AM, you will check out and embark on a journey from Siem Reap to Battambang. After checking in to your hotel, enjoy some leisure time until 4:00 PM, when we will visit Phnom Sam Pov and witness the sunset at the bat cave. Return to your hotel to relax.

More Detail:

Phnom Sam Pov, located near Battambang, Cambodia, is a stunning hilltop site famous for its breathtaking views and the nearby Bat Caves. Visitors can hike to the summit to explore ancient temples and enjoy panoramic vistas of the surrounding countryside. As dusk approaches, the Bat Caves come alive with thousands of bats emerging in a spectacular display, creating a mesmerizing natural phenomenon.

The sunset tour offers a perfect blend of cultural exploration and natural beauty, as the sky transforms into vibrant hues, making it an unforgettable experience for travelers seeking adventure and tranquility in Cambodia.

Day 5: Cultural Exploration and Local Experiences

You will be picked up from your hotel at 8:00 AM, to explore local villages, local markets and farms. Experience the local rice winery, sample banana and rice paper, and enjoy fresh fruits and local snacks. We will also take a ride on the local bamboo train and enjoy a city tour. Return to your hotel to unwind.

More details:

Begin your day with a prompt pickup from your hotel. Your friendly guide will greet you and provide an overview of the day's exciting itinerary.

8:30 AM - Visit Local Villages

Head to nearby villages to immerse yourself in the authentic rural lifestyle of Cambodia. Stroll through the picturesque streets, interact with locals, and witness traditional crafts being made.

9:30 AM - Explore Local Markets

Visit a bustling local market where you can see a variety of fresh produce, spices, and handmade goods. Engage with vendors, sample local snacks, and learn about the ingredients that make Cambodian cuisine unique.

10:30 AM - Rice Winery Experience

Tour a local rice winery where you'll learn about the traditional process of rice wine production. Enjoy a tasting session, sampling different varieties of rice wine, and discover its significance in local culture.

11:30 AM - Tasting Local Delicacies

Savor delicious local treats, including banana and rice paper. Your guide will explain how these snacks are made and their importance in Cambodian culture. Enjoy fresh fruits sourced from local farms, offering a taste of the region's agricultural bounty.

12:30 PM - Bamboo Train Ride

Experience a unique ride on the local bamboo train, a charming and unconventional mode of transport. Glide along the scenic tracks, taking in the lush countryside and enjoying the thrill of this local adventure.

1:30 PM - Lunch

Enjoy a leisurely lunch at a local restaurant, where you can sample traditional Cambodian dishes. Your guide will recommend popular options, ensuring you experience the flavors of the region.

2:30 PM - City Tour

After lunch, embark on a city tour to explore key landmarks and cultural sites. Visit historical temples, vibrant neighborhoods, and learn about the city's history and significance.

4:00 PM - Return to Hotel

After a day filled with cultural exploration and local experiences, return to your hotel. Take some time to unwind, relax, and reflect on the day's adventures.

Day 6: Departure For Phnom Penh & Tours

8:00 AM: Depart from your hotel and check out. Enjoy a scenic drive to Phnom Penh, where you'll witness the lush countryside and vibrant local life. Stop at traditional pottery villages to see artisans at work and learn about their craft. Arrive in Phnom Penh, check in to your hotel, and take some time to relax and refresh. Prepare for an exciting exploration of the capital city's rich history and culture in the days ahead.

Day 7: Phnom Penh's cultural Immersion

Your guide will pick you up from your hotel at 8:00 AM to visit the Cambodian Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda, the National Museum, the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, and the Cheung Ek Killing Fields. After a day of exploration, return to your hotel to relax.

More Detail:

The Royal Palace in Phnom Penh is the official residence of the King of Cambodia, built in the 1860s during King Norodom's reign. This stunning complex features a blend of traditional Khmer and French colonial architecture, highlighted by the Silver Pagoda, which houses precious artifacts, including a gold Buddha adorned with diamonds. Surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens, the palace serves as a symbol of the Cambodian monarchy and cultural heritage. While it remains an active royal residence, parts of the palace are open to the public, making it a significant tourist attraction and a representation of Cambodia's rich history.

The National Museum of Cambodia, located in Phnom Penh, is the country's largest museum dedicated to preserving and showcasing Khmer art and cultural heritage. Opened in 1920, the museum features a stunning collection of over 14,000 artifacts, including sculptures, ceramics, and ethnographic items, primarily from the Angkor period.

S-21, or Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, is a former high school in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, that was transformed into a notorious prison and interrogation center by the Khmer Rouge regime from 1975 to 1979. During this period, an estimated 20,000 people were tortured and executed there, making it a symbol of the Cambodian genocide, which claimed around 1.7 million lives.

The site features preserved cells, torture rooms, and haunting photographs of victims, serving as a stark reminder of the brutality of totalitarianism. After the Khmer Rouge was overthrown in 1979, S-21 was converted into a museum in 1980 to honor the victims and educate the public about the atrocities committed during this dark chapter in history. Today, it stands as a powerful testament to resilience and a call for human rights awareness.

Choeung Ek, commonly known as the Killing Fields, is a site located about 15 kilometers south of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It was one of the primary execution grounds used by the Khmer Rouge regime from 1975 to 1979 during the Cambodian genocide. An estimated 20,000 people were killed and buried there, many of whom were political prisoners, intellectuals, and perceived enemies of the state.

Today, Choeung Ek serves as a memorial and museum, featuring a stupa filled with the skulls of victims, as well as mass graves and informational displays about the atrocities committed during this period. It stands as a poignant reminder of the horrors of genocide and the importance of remembering and learning from history.

Day 8: Farewell Cambodia

Enjoy your free time and relax until late afternoon. You will then be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Phnom Penh Airport. This marks the end of your wonderful holiday in Cambodia with Hok Cambodia Journeys.

Duration 8-Day Tour

Senior English Tour Guide
Instant confirmation
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Note:

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Premium Tour
Private Small Group

Inclusion of:

Air-Con Vehicle & Hotels
Senior English tour guide
Mineral waters & napkins
All entrance fees & Tickets

Exclusion of:

Meals & personal expenses.