

City Break Siem Reap

Customised Tours**2 Nights/3 Days**

Itinerary

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Upon clearing Customs and Immigration, you are met by our guide who will be carrying placard of your name. Your guide will present you with a welcome packet including all necessary documentation and vouchers and all contact information of your guide and local offices.

Tour starts with Sightseeing in Angkor (8 hours)

The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. The largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples, Angkor impresses visitors both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings. To approach the temple, first cross the vast moat, continuing along a broad causeway lined with naga balustrades. As you enter the main building, ascend through a series of galleries and courtyard before reaching the central sanctuary, which offers beautiful views back over the causeway and across the surrounding countryside. On the way, stop to enjoy the intricate stone carvings that adorn nearly every surface, with some 1,700 Apsaras, or celestial dancers, sculpted into the walls. Along the outer gallery walls run the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which narrates stories from Hindu mythology, including the famous Churning of the Ocean of Milk. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day, but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. Preah Khan is a temple built by King Jayavarman VII with towered enclosures and shoulder-hugging corridors in a jungle setting. Preah Khan covers a very large area but the temple itself is enclosed within a rectangular wall of around 700 by 800 meters. Seemingly miniature in comparison to the other Angkor temples, Banteay Srei is considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Built in pink sandstone, the walls are covered in exquisitely preserved carvings of unusual delicacy. Because of its small size, fairy-like atmosphere and extraordinary examples of Khmer sculpture, this temple is often a favourite with visitors. Watch the sunset over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkor temple.

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Sightseeing in Angkor (8 hours)

The fortified city of Angkor Thom covers an area of 10 square km. Enclosed by a wall and wide moats; the city includes many of Angkor's most popular sights. Enter by the monumental South Gate over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods, each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper Kings, former spaces for public ceremonies, both adorned with dramatic bas reliefs. Visit the ruined Baphuon, Royal Enclosure and Phimeanakas before continuing to the mysterious Bayon Temple. In this temple, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor, explore the galleries of beautifully preserved bas reliefs and ascend narrow stairs to reach the central sanctuary, where visitors bear witness to giant stone faces smiling enigmatically down from every angle. See Prasat Kravan - the five brick towers were built for Hindu worship in 921 and are notable for the bas-reliefs cut into the bricks on the interior walls. Visit the massive Buddhist temple dating from the 12th century, Banteay Kdei, which is surrounded by four concentric walls, the outer walls measuring 500 by 700 meters. Head to a basin opposite of Banteay Kdei, Sras Srang, measuring 800 by 400 metres with a tiny island in the middle where only the stone base remains of what was once a wooden temple. Explore the jungle-clad Ta Prohm, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor. Since much of the jungle has not been cleared from the ruins, it looks very much as most of the Angkor monuments would have appeared when European explorers first stumbled across them. Also see the first Angkorian monument built entirely of sandstone, Ta Keo. It was built by Jayavarman V who ruled from 968 to 1001, and was dedicated to Shiva. Discover Thommanon Temple and Chau Say Tevoda, both built around the same time in the 12th century and similarly designed.

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Transfer to airport for departure transfer.