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## Classic Cambodia Tour

12 days / 11 nights

### Highlights

- Visit the famous sites of Phnom Penh including: Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum
- Go shopping at the Russian Market
- Enjoy an exciting trip on bamboo train in Battambang
- Discover the majestic beauty of Angkor Temple Complex
- Take a boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake to observe the daily lives of people living around

### Detailed itinerary

#### Day 1: Phnompenh Arrival

Upon arrival, our guide will pick up up at the airport and transfer you to hotel for check in. You are free to discover city or relax at hotel. You will have a half day tour to explore Phnompenh in the afternoon. Start with the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda built in 1866 by King Norodom, the National Museum, the world's finest collection of Khmer sculpture and the Wat Phnom Pagoda where you can have a panoramic view of city from top hill. Continue your trip to and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Top off your adventure at Russian Market. Overnight in a hotel.

*Overnight: Phnom Penh*

#### Day 2: Phnom Penh - Kompong Thom (B)

In the morning, we'll head out to Kompong Thom, and on the way you'll see the picturesque scenery of the Cambodian countryside. We will stop over at Skoun market, also known as "spider villas" for selling all manner of insects, bird eggs, worms and beetles It is famous with international visitors to Cambodia for its fried black tarantulas. Continue your excursion to the temple of Kuhak Nokor which was built in the reign of King Suryavarman I. And then, you will cross remote rural village to explore Sambor Prei Kuk, a complex of eight temples, including six hexagonal bases, which were built in the pre-Angkor period and dedicated to a Hindu god. Overnight in hotel in Kompong Thom.

*Overnight: Kompong Thom*

### Day 3: Kampong Thom - Siem Reap (B)

After breakfast, it takes about 147km (3.5hours) to transfer from Kampong Thom to Siem Reap. On the way, we will stop in Kompong Kdei to visit an old archaeological bridge of the Angkorian era. Once we arrive in Siem Reap, we'll check in the hotel before having a delicious dinner at a restaurant with a show of Apsara dances. Overnight in hotel.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 4: Siem Reap - Roluos Monuments - Angkor Wat - Siem Reap (B)

In the morning, we'll depart to the Roluos Group, dating from the late ninth century, is the earliest site of the 600 years Angkor Period that is open to visitors. The complex includes three temples Bakong, Lolei and Preah Ko have similar characteristics of architecture, decoration, materials and construction methods, which combine to reveal the beginning of the Classic Period of Khmer art. In the afternoon, we'll begin to the visit of Angkor Wat, the most famous and largest religious complex in the world. Overnight in a Siem Reap hotel.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 5: Siem Reap - Banteay Srei - Angkor Thom - Siem Reap (B)

We will pay a visit to Banteay Srei (Citadel of Women), a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva, whose architecture and pink sculptures are a masterpiece of Khmer art. In the afternoon, we will continue to visit Angkor Thom, the South Gate, the spectacular temple of Bayon, with more than two hundred enigmatic faces, the temple of the Leper King and the snake, and; Pimeanakas, the area where it was located within the Royal Palace. Spend overnight in Siem Reap.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 6: Siem Reap - Small Circuit - Grand Circuit - Siem Reap (B)

In the morning, we'll begin our excursion to the temples of the Grand Circuit with Prè Rup, Mebon, Eastern Baray, Ta Som, Neak Poan and Preah Khan temples. In the afternoon, we'll see the "Small Circuit": Takeo, Ta Prohm, Banteay Kdei, Terrace of Sras Srang, Prasat Kravan. The night will be spent in our hotel.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 7: Siem Reap - Beng Mealea - Siem Reap (B)

We will start our visit to the temple of Bang Melea, located about 68 kilometers northeast Siem Reap, and was built in the 12th century under Suryavarman II. We'll return to the village of Chantie Eole for a visit to the ancient market. In the afternoon, you'll have free time for shopping at the local Phsar Chas market, where you can find a wide range of souvenirs from local crafts, silk, jewelry and much more. Return to Siem Reap and relax at hotel.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 8: Siem Reap - Tonle Sap - Battambang (B, L)

This morning, we will take Cruise on Tonle Sap Lake for 1hour, visit the floating village of Kompong Phluk and explore the daily life of fishermen, then back to visit Chantie Ecole-Artisan D'Angkor. Once we finish the cruise, we'll departure for our journey to Battambang by car (180 km/112 miles), a city known for its elegant colonial architecture. For tonight, we'll stay in a hotel in Battambang.

*Overnight: Battambang*

## Day 9: Battambang (B)

After breakfast, we visit the traditional Phum Wat Kor house, and the Phnom Bannhon, an ancient Khmer ruins situated about 20 kilometers (12.4 miles) south-west of the city, was built in the late thirteen century. And then, you will try an interesting experience on Bamboo Train - a second to none transportation in Battambang made of three meter wooden frame. Continue our visit to the Ek Phnom, a Khmer temple ruin built in eleventh century. Return to Battambang and drop by at Prahoc market. Overnight in Battambang.

*Overnight: Battambang*

## Day 10: Battambang - Phnom Penh (B)

In the morning, we'll depart for Phnom Penh (290 kilometers/180 miles), and along the way you will have a chance to see the beautiful landscape of countryside with lush green paddy fields, luxurious coconut palms. We'll have a short stop in the Pursat province, and which is famous for its marble stone sculptures, colonial architecture, and floating market. We will continue to the Kompong Chhnang province and stop for lunch. Continue your trip to Oudong, the royal residence and Cambodia's capital for more than 250 years until 1866. Visit some of the Buddhist pagodas located on the two hills of the city. Overnight in hotel in Phnompenh.

*Overnight: Phnom Penh*

## Day 11: Phnom Penh - Tonle Bati - Chisor Phnom - Phnom Penh (B)

In the morning, we'll head to the south (about 60km) in the direction of Phnom Chiso to discover a beautiful temple built in the eleventh century by King Suryavarman I (AD 1002-1050). You can enjoy a panoramic view of lake, lush rice paddies from the hill top. And then, you can drop by a village famous for its traditional silk weaving. On the way back, we will visit "Prasat Neang Khmau" - the temple of the Black Lady, built in early 10th century referring to the tower's fire-scarred surface. Continue your excursion to Tonle Bati Lake to visit two temples of Ta Prum and Yeay Peou. You also have chance to explore the daily life of local people there. Return to Phnompenh and overnight in hotel.

*Overnight: Phnom Penh*

## Day 12: Phnom Penh - Departure (B)

Today, you'll have plenty of free time for shopping or discovering the city independently. It's time for you to wrap up your memories of Cambodia holiday before we transfer to the airport for our outbound flight. End the services

End of the journey!

## *Included*

### Included

- All private transportations
- Accommodation based on double/twin sharing room with daily breakfast
- Meals as stated in the program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)
- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fee and sightseeing tickets

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- Bottle of drinking water

## Not Included

- International and domestic flights
- Personal travel expenses such as: laundry, telephone, tip, etc..
- Cambodia visa fee
- Drinks in meals
- Others not mentioned in the program
- Travel insurance
- Single supplement surcharge
- Hotel Surcharge for New Year, Christmas day