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## Inside Cambodia

7 days / 6 nights

### Highlights

- Get immersed into the charming beauty of Phnom Penh including: Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum, etc
- Have delicious dinner at the Romdeng Restaurant, a non-profit restaurant staffed by street kids
- Take an one hour cruise trip on Mekong River to see the largest dolphin of Irrawady in Indochina
- Visit the oldest wooden house of Cambodia
- Explore the mystical beauty of Angkor Temple including Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom

### Detailed itinerary

#### Day 1: Phnompenh Arrival (D)

Welcome to Phnom Penh ! You will be picked up and transferred to hotel. Visit to the Royal Palace compound build in 1866 by the Predecessors of King Norodom, is the most conspicuous feature and also one of impressive colorful Khmer-style Palaces. Nearside the Royal Palace is Silver Pagoda (The Emerald Buddha temple), display plenty of Buddha Statues that were decorated and made by diamond, emerald, gold and silver. Visit Independence Monument which was constructed in 1954 after Cambodian took their country back from French colony. Drop by at National Museum, the distinctive red building with a beautiful Khmer architecture was build since 1917 and contains more than 5000 art objects made of sandstone, bronze, silver, copper, wood and others and end the tour at Tuol Sleng prison (Genocide Museum). Have dinner at the Romdeng Restaurant, a non-profit restaurant staffed by street kids in training. Stay overnight in Phnom Penh.

*Overnight: Phnom Penh*

#### Day 2: Phnompenh - Kratie (B)

After breakfast, we departure to Kratie via Kompong Cham. En route, there is the chance to pause at Skuon, where it is possible to sample the local delicacy of deep fried tarantula. Arrive in Kratie we do direct to Kampi and we start the day with a trip on a traditional fishermen boat which takes you on a one hour cruise of the dolphin pool of Kampi. This is the largest dolphin pool on the Mekong River and the natural habitat of the critically endangered Mekong Dolphin (Irrawaddy Dolphin). On the way back, we

visit Wat Phnom Sambok to see the Buddhist monasteries and enjoy the magnificent views of the surrounding countryside from the hilltop. We take a ferry to Koh Trong Island, which is a small island in the middle of the Mekong just opposite Kratie town.

*Overnight: Kratie*

### Day 3: Kratie - Kompong Thom (B)

Begin your journey north by cycling around the island from the local community for our easy and peaceful 9km ride. You will pass many traditional Khmer houses built on stilts. This allows you a more in-depth look into the lives of the local people of Koh Trong. Although some villagers are shy, plenty of children and even adults will offer friendly smiles and “hellos” welcoming tourists to their island home. Farewell Koh Trong for Kompong Thom via Kompong Cham by road. We stop at the old Wat Rokakandal temple, originally built in the late 18th / early 19th century. Hand-woven wicker crafts are sold in the restored Vihear. Look for the traditional decorations on the wooden pillars inside, the old timber monks’ residence opposite, and a beautiful old stone carving on the river side of the Wat. En-route stop at Chhlong village to admire one of the oldest wooden houses of Cambodia. Arrive in Kompong Cham we visit Wat Nokor also called Nokor Bachey Pagoda is an 11th century Mahayana Buddhist shrine made of sandstone and laterite with a large reclining Buddha and numerous alcoves containing Buddha images. Stay overnight in Kompong Thom.

*Overnight: Kompong Thom*

### Day 4: Kompong Thom - Siem Reap (B)

After breakfast, we continue our trip to Siem Reap. We stop at the archeological sight of Sambor Prei Kuk, which is dotted with hundred Pre-Angkor styled temples. The site, part of the Chenla Kingdom, includes an area of nearly 1000 acres enclosed by double walls, and hundreds temples and towers; its construction predates Angkor Wat by several centuries. Stop off in Kompong Kdei, to look at Spean Pratos – an ancient Angkorian bridge. Before arrive in Siem Reap we discover Kampong Khleang, the largest floating village near Siem Reap but only few tourist go there. Depending on the season, the experience will never be the same. During dry season, from January till July you can walk between the stilts on which the houses are built, rising up to 10 meters in the air. In wet season, when the lake is at peak level, the water rises within one or two meters of the building floors. A local family will take you by boat on a tour and discover the splendor of these houses before continuing to Siem Reap.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 5: Siem Reap Discovery (B)

After breakfast at hotel, we will have a full day to discover Siem Reap. Start with the jungle temple of Ta Prohm, a scene in the film Tomb Raider. We head further out through rural countryside to the small but beautiful temple of Banteay Srey. This temple is largely built of pink sandstone, a harder rock that can be more elaborately carved and better survives the rigors of time. This is an opportunity to capture some good photographs of the clear and detailed carvings. Banteay Samre: Its rose-colored sandstone walls are decorated with carvings and bas-reliefs, which are among the most accomplished Angkor has to offer. For the later afternoon we head back into main Angkor Park and journey to Tasom. Tasom offers some beautiful photo spots, especially the rear entrance where tree roots adorn the gateway. We finish by experiencing sunset over the rice fields from the royal crematorium of Pre Rup, a classic view of the Cambodian countryside. Dinner with Apsara Dance show at local restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 6: Siem Reap Discovery (B)

Today we will explore the magical Angkor Temple Complex by bicycle. Ride among the jungle passing local village and local shop. It's a very special and acting day as you will explore some of Angkor's most beautiful temples. You will visit the West Gate of Angkor Thom - undiscovered by mass tourist. See Bayon Temple in the South Gate, very unique with over 200 smiling faces. Visit Baphuon temple lying just to the north of Bayon, a pyramidal representation of mythical Mont Meru. Stop off at the Elephant terrace platform where king and officer viewed show and meeting and explore Preah Palilay, deeply in forest and on path back You see monk sprinkle water to people. We continue to the famous temple: Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Then we enjoy sunset drinks with a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems, relaxing and accompanied by the sound of bird song. Enjoy foot massage 1 hour & walking at busy pub street where you can find many bars for cool drink or shopping at Angkor Night Market.

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

## Day 7: Siem Reap Departure (B)

Breakfast at your hotel. You will be free until our guide pick you to transfer to ransfer to SIEM REAP airport for departure to next destination. It's time to say goodbye with Viet Cam Tours. Thank you for traveling with us. End the program.

End of the journey!

## Included

### Included

- All private transportation as itinerary
- Accommodation based on twin/double sharing room with daily breakfast
- Meals as itinerary
- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fee and sightseeing ticket
- Bottle of drinking water

### Not Included

- International and domestic flights
- Cambodia visa fee
- Individual travel expenses such as: tip, laundry, telephone, etc
- Beverage and drinks in meals
- Others not mentioned in the program
- Single room supplement in hotel
- Travel Insurance