



#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Admire the stunning sunrise over the tops of Angkor Wat and the surrounding temples. Take a boat ride to visit the unique floating village of Kampong Phluk and learn about the fascinating life of the local people. Glide through the fascinating streets of Phnom Penh on a traditional cyclo tour. Experience an evening of music, theatre and acrobatics with a night at the Cambodian Phare Circus.

#### Day 1: Arrival in Phnom Penh

Welcome to Cambodia! On arrival in Phnom Penh, you will get a transfer to your hotel. Enjoy some free time to unwind until you meet your fellow travellers over welcome drinks while your Tour Leader explains some important details and logistics of the journey ahead.

#### Day 2: Phnomh Penh

Explore Phnom Penh with Cyclo (Bicycle Rickshaw), a chaotic, energetic and always fascinating city. Start our tour at Wat Phnom, the birthplace of the capital. Then, visit to the Royal Palace, the residence of King Norodom Sihamoni, the Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer art. Then, visit of Phnom Penh's great markets, the Central Market, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewelry and more. In the afternoon by private vehicle, visit Sleng Museum, formerly a High School which became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime.

Meals included: Breakfast

• Activities included: Cyclo tour of Phnom Penh, Visit of the Sleng Museum

### Day 3: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap

In the morning, enjoy an overland transfer from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. Along the way, we will make stops at the infamous spider and insect market in Skun, as well as the stone mason village near Santuk. Before reaching Siem Reap city, visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk. This isolated community consists of three villages built on stilts, providing a unique and scenic experience. The villages are flooded for approximately half of the year (August/September – February), allowing for visits by local boats and contributing to the local community's income. If the water level of the lake permits, we will take a small rowing boat through the flooded mangrove forests. This exceptional ecosystem thrives in the wet soil for half of the year, supporting a diverse range of wildlife. Afterward, return by boat and continue the journey by vehicle to Siem Reap, where you will check in at your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Activities included: Visit of the Spider Market in Skun, Visit of the Stone Mason village near Santuk, Social -Visit of the isolated community of Kampong Pluk

### Day 4: Siem Reap

Today we start at pre-dawn to witness the breathtaking view of Sunrise Over Angkor Wat temple. After sunrise visit the bas-relief and central complex of Angkor in the quiet early morning. Continue to the Southern Gate of Angkor Thom 'Great City'. This will include many of the finest Temples of King Jayavarman VII, who ruled from 1181 to 1220. Marvel at the imposing 23m (75-foot) high stone faces of Avalokiteshvara, featured in the Tomb Raider movie. At the centre of this citadel lies the state temple of Bayon, built at the end of the 12th century and adorned with hundreds of gigantic stone faces. The tour also includes the Terrace of Elephants, the Terrace of the Leper King and later in the day you will discover the most famous temples from the 11th century: Baphuon, Phimeanakas. Continue the day by visiting Ta Prohm, known for the massive trees with thick roots that entangle the walls. Today's tour ends with the exploration the magnificent Angkor Wat, built under Suryavarman II. In the evening step back in time as Dancers, Singers and Musicians will bring Khmer ancient culture back in a spectacular performance while you enjoy one of the finest cuisine in town

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
- Activities included: Unique Sunrise over Angkor Wat temples, Guided tour of Angkor complex, Arts & Craft -Apsara dance performances

## **Day 5: Departure from Siem Reap**

It's time to say goodbye, but just think of all the wonderful stories you will take home. A transfer will take you to the airport for your onward travel.

Meals included: Breakfast

# **Inclusions**

# **Insider Experiences** Arts & Craft - Apsara dance performances Social - Visit of the isolated community of Kampong Pluk Unique - Sunrise over Angkor Wat temples Accommodation **Transport** 4 nights in 3-4 star hotels Airport transfer on arrival and departure Air-conditioned vehicle (except Tuk Tuk) Touring Meals Daily breakfast English speaking tour guide 1 local dinner All entrance fees All tipping Contact your local travel agent