

# THE FIRST IMPRESSION IN CAMBODIA

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# **DETAILS OF THE REQUEST**

- Date: October/ November 2017
- Number of participants: 70 75 pax
- Destination(s):
  - PHNOM PENH
  - SIEM REAP
- Motels:
  - Phnom Penh:
    - Option 5\*: Raffles Phnom Penh\*\*\*\*\*
    - Option 4\*: White Mansion\*\*\*\*, Amanjaya Pancam\*\*\*\*, La Rose Suites\*\*\*\*
  - Siem Reap:
    - Option 5\*: Belmond La Résidence Angkor\*\*\*\*\*
    - Option 4\*: Angkor Village Resort\*\*\*\*
- Means of transportation: bus, local boat, bike, oxcart.



#### PREPARE YOUR TRIP - CAMBODIA

# **Currency – Language – Time difference – Formalities – Health – Climate**

#### Currency

- Local currency : Riel (KHR)
- On 1/08/2015 : 1 EUR = 4 515 KHR
- US dollars are accepted everywhere and as used as Riel

#### Language

- Official language: Khmer
- · English, French

#### Time difference

- + 5h in summer Paris 12:00 Hanoi 17:00
- + 6h in winter Paris 12:00 Hanoi 18:00

#### Formalities

- Passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of return to France
- Mandatory visa
- Possible to obtain it on spot or on Internet (E-VISA)

#### Health

- No vaccination required
- Other recommended vaccines: Tetanus-Polio-Diphtheria, Hepatitis B.
- Personal First Aid kit and pharmacy recommended.

#### Climate

	Cambodia			
	North	South		
January				
February				
March	Best season	Best season		
April				
May				
June		Rainy Season		
July				
August	Rainy Season			
September				
October		Best season		
November	Best season			
December				



# PREPARE YOUR TRIP - CAMBODIA

# **Flight information**

#### 14h 0m duration, 1+ stops

14h 0m+	<b>⊴</b> Thai	via Bangkok
14h 15m+	EVA Air, Bangkok Airways	via Bangkok
14h 25m+	British Airways, Bangkok Airways	via Bangkok
15h 25m+	KLM, Bangkok Airways	via Amsterdam, Bangkok
15h 35m+	British Airways, Malaysia	via Kuala Lumpur
16h 0m+	Cathay Pacific, Dragonair	via Hong Kong
16h 0m+	Austrian, Bangkok Airways	via Vienna, Bangkok
16h 20m+	Singapore Airlines, Silkair	via Singapore
16h 50m+	Malaysia	via Kuala Lumpur
17h 10m+	Ukraine, Bangkok Airways	via Kiev, Bangkok
17h 20m+	Qatar Airways	via Doha, Ho Chi Minh City
17h 20m+	Air France, Bangkok Airways	via Paris, Bangkok
17h 20m+	Lufthansa, Bangkok Airways	via Frankfurt, Bangkok
17h 20m+	British Airways, Vietnam, Qatar Airways	via Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City
17h 30m+	Etihad, Bangkok Airways	via Abu Dhabi, Bangkok
17h 50m+	Turkish, Bangkok Airways	via Istanbul, Bangkok
17h 55m+	Gulf Air, Bangkok Airways	via Bahrain Island, Bangkok
17h 55m+	Swiss, Bangkok Airways	via Zürich, Bangkok
18h 0m+	China Southern	via Guangzhou
18h 0m+	Emirates, Bangkok Airways	via Dubai, Bangkok
18h 0m+	Aeroflot, Bangkok Airways	via Moscow, Bangkok
18h 5m+	Oman Air, Bangkok Airways	via Muscat, Bangkok
18h 15m+	Air India, Bangkok Airways	via New Delhi, Bangkok
18h 30m+	British Airways, China Eastern	via Shanghai
18h 40m+	Jet Airways, Bangkok Airways	via Mumbai, Bangkok
18h 40m+	KLM, Jetstar	via Amsterdam, Singapore





## **YOUR DESTINATION – Phnom Penh**

Located at the confluence of the great Mekong, Bassac and Ton Le Sap Rivers, Phnom Penh is the political and commercial hub of Cambodia.

This bustling former colonial city offers cultural and historical attractions including the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Well worth a visit, Phnom Penh is also an important centre for communication and transportation within Cambodia.

Today, biggest city of the country with 1.5 million inhabitants, Phnom Penh is still galvanasing and modernising.

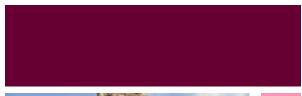








# **YOUR DESTINATION – Siem Reap & Angkor Temples**









Favourite destination for all travelers whishing to visit Cambodia, Siem Reap and Angkor temples make one, even if they are a few kilometers away from each other.

Siem Reap, small city with a mixed architecture: colonial, Khmer, Chinese... at the gate of what was the Angkor Kingdom, offers its visitors a lively and friendly mood, with a large choice of hotels, restaurants, shops, shows...

Angkor... It is more than 1000 temples scattered in the heart of a tropical forest, over hundreds of kilometers square. You will roam Angkor Wat, the biggest and the most famous of all; you walk around Angkor City (Angkor Thom), from the Bayon temple smiles to the terraces, passing by Baphuon temple, an enigmatic mountain; you will get lost within the giants kapoks of Ta Prohm; you be amazed by Banteay Srei sculptures... A trip full of memories and emotions.



# **SYNOPTIC OF YOUR PROGRAM**

	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening	Night	
<b>Day 1</b> Arrival in Phnom Penh	X	X	X	<ul> <li>- Arrival in Phnom Penh airport and welcome by your guides.</li> <li>- Transfer to hotel in city center (20min drive).</li> <li>- Dinner at hotel and check-in.</li> </ul>	Overnight at hotel	
Day 2 Phnom Penh	Visit Oudong	Lunch at Malis restaurant	Visit Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda	Dinner on cruise Kanika	Overnight at hotel	
Day 3 Phnom Penh – flight to Siem Reap	<ul> <li>Transfer to Phnom Penh airport for a flight to Siem Reap in the morning.</li> <li>Arrival in Siem Reap airport and welcome by your guides.</li> <li>Transfer to city center (20 min drive).</li> </ul>	Lunch at Mahob restaurant	<ul> <li>Cycling and ox-cart in the countryside.</li> <li>Tasting of Khmer pastries.</li> <li>Transfer to hotel and check-in.</li> </ul>	Dinner at The Square 24	Overnight at hotel	



# **SYNOPTIC OF YOUR PROGRAM**

	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening	Night	
<b>Day 4</b> Siem Reap	- Treasure hunt around the temples all day (visit of Angkor Wat, Bayon, Ta Prohm during the rally) with transfer by tuk tuk.	Catering lunch au Sala Kdei	- Treasure hunt continue in the afternoon Transfer return to hotel.	Dinner at Abacus restaurant	Overnight at hotel	
<b>Day 5</b> Siem Reap	<ul> <li>Transfer by bus to Beng</li> <li>Melea temple. Visit of Beng</li> <li>Melea.</li> <li>Transfer to the floating</li> <li>village of Kampong Khleang.</li> <li>Ceremony of blessing of the monks.</li> </ul>	Picnic lunch at a pagoda	- Boat trip in the village. - Transfer back to Siem Reap.	Gala dinner at a private Khmer traditional house Option: Gala dinner at a temple	Overnight at hotel	
<b>Day 6</b> Siem Reap - Départ	Free time. Check-out of the rooms at noon. Optional Activities: 1 / Cooking class at a bio garden. 2 / Body massage at local instituts professional 3 / Quad tour in the countryside.	Lunch at hotel	-Transfer to Siem Reap airport for departure flight.  ***End of our services***	X	X	



# **DAY 1. WELCOME TO PHNOM PENH**

### • Evening:

- o Arrival in Phnom Penh airport and welcome by your guides.
- o Transfer to hotel in city center (20min drive).
- o Dinner at hotel and check-in.
- Overnight at hotel.









# Day 2. PHNOM PENH

## • Morning:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit **Oudong**.
- Lunch at Malis restaurant.

## • Afternoon:

- Visit Royal Palace and Silver pagoda.
- o Return to hotel for relaxing time.

### • Evening:

- O Dinner on cruise Kanika.
- o Overnight at hotel









#### **ACTIVITY – PHNOM PENH**

### **VISIT PHNOM OUDONG**

About 40 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh along National Route 5, a mountain topped with the spires of stupas rears from the plain like a fairytale castle. This is Phnom Oudong, at one time an ancient capital.

As the capital, it was called Oudong Meanchey; Oudong means noble or excellent, and Meanchey means victory. From 1618 until 1866 it was home to a succession of kings, deposed from the former capital of Longvek by the invading Thais. The mountain itself runs from southeast to northeast, with a low saddle in the middle. Khmers say it has the shape of a Naga the magical multi-headed serpents that guard the Buddha. Along Route 5, signs point the way to silversmithing villages, a legacy of the past when kings and nobility used to come to the Tonle Sap to bathe and the people would offer them delicate gifts fashioned from the precious metal.







## **ACTIVITY – PHNOM PENH**

#### **VISIT THE ROYAL PALACE**

The Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, is a complex of buildings that serves as residence to the King of Cambodia

His full name is Khmer Preah Barum Reachea Veang Chaktomuk. Kings of Cambodia occupied it since its construction in 1860, with a period of absence, when the country went into crisis during and after the Khmer Rouge period.

The palace was built after King Norodom I had moved the royal capital from Oudong to Phnom Penh in the mid nineteenth century. It was built in stages over the remains of an old citadel called Banteay Kev.

You will be amazed by the buildings whose structure is inspired by the Khmer sculpture, are oriented to the east, according to the sacred rules of construction and the exterior is painted in royal yellow. These works were carried out by French and Khmer architects.







## **ACTIVITY – PHNOM PENH**

## **VISIT SILVER PAGODA**

The Silver Pagoda is located in the southern portion of the Royal Palace complex. The pagoda was formerly known as Wat Uborsoth Rotannaram because it is where the King worshiped, prayed and practiced every Buddhist Silas Day.







## DAY 3. PHNOM PENH. FLIGHT TO SIEMREAP

#### • Morning:

- o Breakfast at hotel then check-out.
- o Transfer to Phnom Penh airport for a flight to Siem Reap in the morning.
- Arrival at Siem Reap airport.
- o Transfer to city center.
- Lunch at Mahob restaurant.

#### • Afternoon:

- Cycling and oxcart in the countryside.
- Tasting Khmer pastrie.

Experience this unique visit to a traditional wooden house in the middle of the countryside where you will have the opportunity to taste some of the best Khmer delicacies.

Observe how locals prepare the different Khmer delights and, if you feel like doing it, help them to cook the pastries.

o Transfer to hotel and check-in. Relaxing time at hotel.

#### • Evening:

- o Dinner at **The Square 24** restaurant.
- Overnight at hotel.









#### **ACTIVITY – SIEM REAP**

## CYCLING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Pedal along the small paths, admire the changing landscape of the countryside with traditional houses, rice fields, schools, pagodas, lush trees and vegetable fields by the wayside. In all the places where you pass, you are greeted by the warm smiles of the local inhabitants and the "hello hello" of the children.

Along the way, you can stop at any time to take pictures or talk with the locals, an experience that will make your trip more interesting and rewarding.







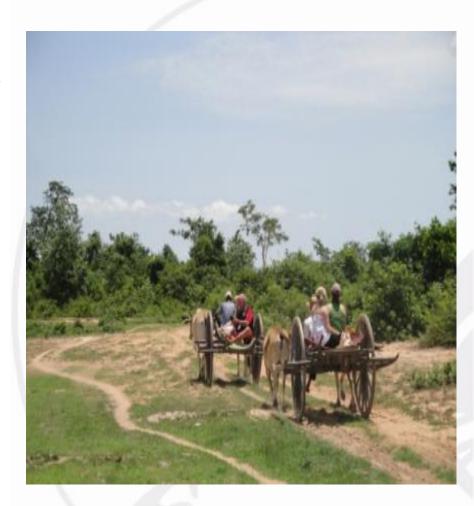
## **ACTIVITY – SIEM REAP**

## **OX CART IN THE COUNTRYSIDE**

In Khmer, this means of transport is called "Rotes Koh", which literally translates as "ox cart". As its name indicates, it is a 2-wheel wooden cart drawn by cows or oxen, the Cambodian farmers' archaic but traditional means of transport. Still often seen in the countryside, the ox carts are used to carry rice crops or to travel from the farm to the field or the forests.

This unusual experience at the heart of Cambodian farming life will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience thanks to the encounters you will have with the welcoming villagers and the picturesque landscapes you will pass along the way: rice fields, cattle grazing, corn fields, and so on... Let yourself be guided by these oxen as they lead you along various paths and routes depending on your programme and discover a truly authentic Cambodia.

You can choose to go from Roluos Temples to the Roluos school or from the school to the Temples, on a 2km ride that will last around 30 minutes. The most impressive temple of the Roluos groups is Bakong temple, constructed by the third Angkorian-era King as his state-temple and which set the architectural tone for the next 400 years.



## **DAY 4. SIEMREAP**

### • Daytime:

- o Breakfast at hotel.
- o Treasure hunt around the temples all day (visit of Angkor Wat, Bayon, Ta Prohm during the rally) with transfer by tuk tuk.
- o Catering lunch at Sala Kdei

## • Evening:

- o Dinner at Abacus restaurant.
- Overnight at hotel.







#### **ACTIVITY – SIEM REAP**

### TREASURE HUNT THROUGH THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

It is a fun and adventurous way to discover every corners of Angkor temples! You should demonstrate team spirit and have a good sense of direction to collect all of the scattered clues in temples and advance in this game. With a guide, tuk-tuk, "Guide for Treasure Hunters" and GPS, from the giant Angkor Wat, to the famous Bayon and the mysterious Ta Prohm, there are so many opportunities to learn about the sites on the way finding the treasure.

This one-day expedition will take you off the beaten track and let you discover the temples and the site's history in the most playful way. Just be ready to hunt!







#### DAY 5. SIEM REAP

#### • Morning:

- Breakfast at hotel.
- o Transfer by bus to visit Beng Melea.
- After that, transfer to floating village of Kompong Khleang.
- o Ceremony of blessing from monk in village's pagoda.
- Picnic lunch at a pagoda.



Boat trip in the village.

Embark on local boats decorated with flowers, palm leaves and cushions of all colors.

Tour in traditional boats in 2 hours. You will see the immensity of the great lake and the life of the fishermen, as well as all the types of dwelling that can be found on the lake: dwelling on boats, palm houses, houses in wood piles ...

o Transfer back to Siem Reap.

#### • Evening:

- o **Gala dinner at a private Khmer traditional house** La Résidence de Krous.
- Overnight at hotel







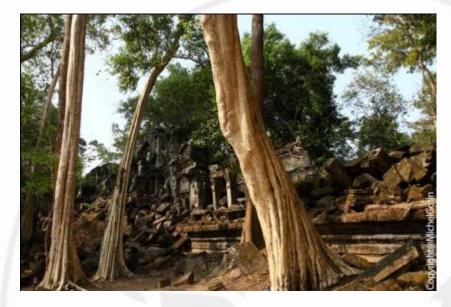


#### **ACTIVITY – SIEM REAP**

#### **VISIT BENG MELEA**

Built in the nineteenth century, Beng Mealea has many similarities in terms of style and layout with the Angkor Wat temple. Some argue that even Beng Melea hypothesis was the model of Angkor Wat so their structures are similar.

Yet Beng Melea is dominated by jungle and dressed and here, as in Ta Prohm, creates a true symbiosis between stone and vegetation. Away from the bustle of the other temples, you will discover lintels and other pieces of carved stones littering the ground and, just for a moment, you take yourself to dream you are the first explorer of this temple







# **CATERING-SIEM REAP**

## **GALA DINNER AT LA RESIDENCE KROUS**

La Résidence de Krous is a contemporary, Cambodian, wooden house and a fine example of Khmer architecture. It is set in beautiful verdant gardens complete with 2 ponds. It is located in Krous Village just 15 minutes away from Siem Reap town centre. It can accommodate groups of up to 250 pax for events and functions. This beautiful Khmer house can host a Gala Dinner from 6:00 PM until 10:30 PM.







# **CATERING-SIEM REAP**

# **GALA DINNER AT LA RESIDENCE KROUS**





## DAY 6. SIEM REAP. DEPARTURE

### • Morning:

- o Breakfast.
- o Free time.

## **Optional Activities:**

- 1 / Cooking class at a bio garden.
- 2 / Body massage at local instituts professional..
- 3 / Quad tour in the countryside.
- Check-out at noon.
- Lunch at hotel.

# • Afternoon:

o Transfer to Siem Reap airport for departure flight.

\*\*\*End of our services\*\*\*







# Phnom Penh – Raffles Le Royal\*\*\*\*\*

#### • Localisation:

 In city center, 7km from airport and 1km to local market.

#### • Rooms:

- o 170 rooms divided in 8 categories (State room, Landmark room, Personality suite, Colonial suite, Balcony suite, Executive suite, Landmark suite, Le Royal suite).
- View to the garden, pool, or city.
- All rooms are equipped with: double bedroom (king size) or twin beds, bathroom with shower or bath and separate toilet, balcony, welcome products in the bedroom and the bathroom.
- Style : colonial.

### Service and equipements:

- Internet, wifi
- Restaurant : cuisine khmere and international
- Currency exchange office
- Outdoor pool
- o Family room, daycare
- Spa and fitness
- Medical service
- o Luxury car rental
- Catering in private place







# Phnom Penh – Amanjaya Pancam Hotel

#### Localisation:

In the heart of the city

#### • Rooms:

- 21 rooms divided in 3 categories (Junior Suite, Panoramic Suite and Suite).
- o View on the river and Ounalom Pagoda.
- o All equipped with: queen size bed, AC, work desk, mini bar, amenities in the room and the bathroom
- o Style: contemporary and traditional.

#### Services & facilities:

- o Internet, wifi
- o Bar & restaurant : International cuisine
- o Spa
- o Business center







# Siem Reap – Belmond La Résidence

# Angkor\*\*\*\*

# • Location:

 Located along the Siem Reap River, 10 minutes walk from the Old Market.

#### • Rooms:

- 62 rooms divided in 4 categories (Deluxe, Deluxe Garden Side, Deluxe Pool Side, Résidence Suites).
- o Garden view, Pool view, River view.
- o All rooms are well equipped with: double room (king size) or twin bed, bathroom with bath and separate toilet, parquet floors, terrace, welcome products in the bedroom and the bathroom. Shower and bath suites.
- Style: traditionnal style for rooms and modern style for suites.

#### Services & Facilities :

- o Internet, wifi
- Currency exchange office
- Bar & restaurants : Khmer cuisine and international
- o Outdoor pool.
- Salle de fitness & Spa.







# Siem Reap – Angkor Village Resort

#### • Localisation:

 Half-way between Angkor temples and the city center of Siem Reap.

#### • Rooms:

- $\circ$  80 Cottages 4 room houses divided in 2 categories (Park View first floor, Pool View  $2^{nd}$  floor), and 8 Pool Suites.
- o Garden and pool view.
- o All equipped with: double or twin bed available, bathroom with bathtub, independent toilets, wooden floor, AC, amenities in the room and the bathroom, terrace...
- Style : traditional.

#### Services & facilities:

- Internet, wifi
- o Bureau de change
- o Bar & restaurant : Khmer and International cuisine
- Outdoor swimming-pool
- o Fitness room & Spa
- Meeting-room & business center & library
- o Activities: cooking class, Apsara dance show...

