



Destination Cambodia Trip Itinerary 8 Days

Day 1 – Arrival into Phnom Penh and transfer to your hotel.

You will be met by your tour leader for a briefing and confirmation of itinerary and schedule. An early afternoon tour of the city with a visit to Wat Phnom and the National Museum which houses beautiful rescued relics of Angkor, Cham, Hindu and Bhuddist eras. Then we'll take a cyclo through the city and arrive at the river banks for an apero at the Foreign Correspondents' Club – FCC. If we time it right we'll see the elephant coming 'home' along the river. Tonight we will dine at Friends, a local educational cooperative teaching street kids the hospitality industry.

Day 2 – Phnom Penh

Today we take a tour to the Silver Pagoda and the Royal Palace and the provocative Tuol Sleng Museum (S21) and after lunch a visit to the Killing Fields. We learn first hand of the 'Terrible Times' from our local guide - a time for sombre reflection. On the way back we will stop by the 'Russian' market which is crammed with fruit, vegetables, household goods, clothes and silver, arts and more. Back to Phnom Penh we have time to explore more fully the riverside area and the wonderful artisan craft shops that abound.

Day 3 – Phnom Penh to Siem Riep.

We are going to be on the road for a number of hours today travelling to Siem Riep, but don't worry, we will stop along the way to explore the rice paddy fields, and local villages dotted around the sugar palms. We'll see how palm sugar is made and taste the sweet nectar that the fruit contains.

Day 4 – Siem Riep

An orientation tour of the city of Siem Riep discovering the local markets where you can buy anything from antique silver jewellery to ingredients for tonight's dinner! Free time today for you to wander and enjoy the local sights, smells and sounds.

Day 5 – Siem Riep

Early morning wake up for tuk tuk rides to Angkor Wat to watch dawn give way to morning skies. We will take time to visit much of Angkor Wat, and have a birds eye view of the complex from a tethered balloon. Then on to discover Angkor Thom and the beautiful Bayon faces which decorate its façade. This afternoon we take to the waters of Tonle Sap Lake to watch as the locals go about their daily business on floating islands.

Day 6 – Siem Riep

Today we continue to discover the wonderful temple complexes of Angkor Wat at Ta Prohm enshrouded by the jungle and Preah Khan seemingly held together by giant tree roots.

Tonight we will gather for a cooking demonstration and of course we get to tuck into the delicious proceeds.

Day 7 – Siem Riep

Morning departure for Boeng Mealea which has only recently been opened to the public and then to explore Banteay Srei, with its beautifully preserved bas reliefs and temples. There will be some time this afternoon to wander the market for those last minute souvenirs. Tonight a farewell dinner at a wonderful Khmer restaurant.

Day 8 – Transfer to the airport for your departure

Note: International flights depart from Siem Riep airport