Cambodia's Eastern Charms 5 Days / 4 Nights MONDULKIRI - KRATIE

VIEW ON WEBSITE

Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights

Tour type: Private Availability: Year round ✤ Departure: Kratie

Arrival: Mondulkiri

- **Group size:** Upon enquiry
- TRIP OVERVIEW

highlights of your journey

- Swim at the spectacular Bou Sra Waterfalls
- Visit an indigenous village, the coffee plantation, and witness beautiful landscapes known for • their view of the 'Sea Forest'
- Explore the heartwarming elephant rescue center "Elephant Valley Project" and observe the • Elephants in their natural habitat
- Spot rare Mekong Irrawaddy dolphins in Kratie



TRIP ITINERARY day by day program

DAY 1 (L) - PHNOM PENH / MONDULKIRI

Set off from Phnom Penh this morning on a scenic drive to <u>Mondulkiri</u>, a journey of approximately 6.5 hours (370 km) with a stop for lunch along the way. Admire the picturesque rice fields, buffalos being washed, land being plowed, and other typical village life, as well as rubber plantations. Feel free to stop at any time to take photos!

Hub of remote, fascinating Mondulkiri province, Sen Monorom lies close to the spectacular Bou Sra Waterfalls as well as numerous ethnic minority villages, a heartwarming elephant rescue center "Elephant Valley Project", forest hiking, and Gibbon watching, etc.

Upon arrival in Sen Monorom town, proceed to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure.

Overnight in Sen Monorom, Mondulkiri

DAY 2 (B/L) - MONDULKIRI / PHNONG INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY & BOU SRA WATERFALL

Start your day early with a visit to a local market. Next, journey to **Pou Lung village**, home to the Phnong indigenous community. A local Phnong guide will explain their culture and way of life, helping you to interact with the people. From the village, continue to **Bou Sra Waterfall**, Cambodia's most scenic two-tier waterfall. Cascading 10m on the first tier and 25m on the second, it is a popular spot for both locals and tourists. You may also **opt for** a zipline through Bousra Ecopark, which offers stunning views of the waterfall and surrounding jungle.

After a refreshing swim in the natural pool at the bottom of the waterfall, enjoy a simple local lunch on picnic mats with stunning views.

Afternoon, you will visit a coffee plantation to savor a cup of fresh coffee, stroll through the grounds, and learn a bit about coffee cultivation. Your next stop is a hilltop known for its breathtaking view of the **Samot Cheur (Ocean of Trees)**, a viewpoint overlooking an emerald forest to the east. "Sea Forest." As you stand on the summit and gaze out over the rolling hills, you will feel as if you are at sea, with the hills resembling waves.

Sunset View from Wat Phnom Doh Kromom

Looming over the northeast corner of the airstrip, Wat Phnom Doh Kromom has Mondulkiri's best sunset vista, where a wooden platform lets you take in the views over Sen Monorom.

Overnight in Sen Monorom, Mondulkiri



DAY 3 (B/L) - MONDULKIRI / FULL-DAY AT ELEPHANT VALLEY PROJECT

The Elephant Valley Project (ELIE) is a unique experience that allows you to trek into the elephants' natural jungle habitat and observe them behaving naturally. There is no riding, tricks, shows, or stress—just hours of walking with these amazing animals and learning about their stories. If you love elephants and care about their welfare and future, ELIE is the place for you.

At 7:30 a.m., you are taken on a 30-minute drive to the Elephant Valley Project (ELIE), a sanctuary for elephants within a 1,500-hectare reserve where the elephants can roam and learn how to be semi-wild elephants again. Here you will hike into the Cambodian jungle and spend a full day observing two different elephant herds in their natural habitat. Follow them as they graze, play, and wander through their forest home. **Or**, you may spend the afternoon volunteering to join locals, staff, and other volunteers on the many projects it takes to keep the sanctuary running such as planting trees, building bridges, or preparing food for the elephants. Enjoy the buffet lunch in the base camp at midday. Return to your hotel at 5.00 p.m.

***Note**: ELIE is only open to visitors Monday through Friday. On weekends, the elephants are transported to a remote location to relax and eat bamboo, and no visits are possible.

Overnight in Sen Monorom, Mondulkiri

DAY 4 (B/L) - MONDULKIRI / KRATIE / IRRAWADDY DOLPHINS ON THE MEKONG RIVER

After breakfast, travel to **Kratie Province** (216 km, 4 hours). Kratie is the best place to see the rare Irrawaddy dolphin on the Mekong River. Be sure to try the famous bamboo sticky rice "Kralan", a local delicacy. Have lunch at a local restaurant in Kratie.

After lunch, continue to the village of Sambo to visit **Wat Sorsor Mouy Roy**, also known as the 100 Pillars Pagoda. This important historical and cultural building is famous for its legend involving a princess and a crocodile. Afterward, head to the village of Kampi, one of the best places to view the majestic **Mekong Irrawaddy dolphins**. Board a local boat and cruise to the preferred habitats of these rare and fascinating creatures. Once you spot a dolphin, your boat driver will turn off the engine so you can drift in silence, following the dolphins for 1–1.5 hours.

Early evening, drive to the charming riverside town of **Chhlong** (52 km, 1 hour) for an overnight stay. Chhlong is a tiny village with many French colonial houses, including the boutique hotel Relais de Chhlong.

Overnight in Chhlong, Kratie



DAY 5 (B/L) - KRATIE / PHNOM PENH OR KAMPONG THOM

After breakfast, take a brief stroll around town if desired, including a visit to the bustling morning market.

Continue to **Kampong Cham** (82 km, 1.30 hours) and stop to visit Nokor Bachey temple. This charming and interesting temple features beautiful wall paintings adorning a modern Buddhist pagoda built inside the grounds of an Angkor-era temple. It is the only temple of such design in Cambodia. Have lunch at a local restaurant in Kampong Cham.

Option 1: Continue to Phnom Penh (125 km, 3 hours)

Option 2: Continue to Kampong Thom province (105 km, 2 hours) for an overnight stop to discover the Sambor Prei Kuk – an Archaeological Site of Ancient Ishanapura before heading to Siem Reap, the gateway to the marvelous temples of Angkor. Or, directly drive to Siem Reap (256 km, 5 hours).

*** End of Service ***



SERVICE TERMS inclusions & exclusions

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Please note that tour price varies on group size, season, and accommodation

INCLUSIONS:

- Tours and transfers as mentioned by private air-conditioned vehicle unless stated otherwise
- English-speaking local guide (for other languages supplements apply)
- Selected accommodation at each destination with daily breakfast
- All admission fees for mentioned visits
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)
- All activities and tours as outlined in the itinerary
- Daily drinking water during the tour
- All taxes and service charges

EXCLUSIONS:

- Gratuities
- Camera/video entrance fees (if any)
- Cambodia visa fee (if any)
- Meals & drinks not specified in the above inclusions
- All personal and travel insurance
- Other personal expenses
- Optional tours/activities



GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

SPECIAL IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:

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