



# The Treasures of Angkor

4 Days / 3 Nights

SIEM REAP

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❖ **Duration:** 4 Days / 3 Nights

❖ **Tour type:** Private

❖ **Arrival:** Siem Reap

❖ **Group size:** Upon enquiry

❖ **Availability:** Year round

❖ **Departure:** Siem Reap

## TRIP OVERVIEW

highlights of your journey

- **Discover the iconic Temples of Angkor & Sunrise at Angkor Wat**

Explore the infamous World Heritage site of Angkor, the "City of Temples" and catch the spectacular sunrise over the world's largest religious ruins of Angkor Wat and discover this mighty temple at dawn, regarded by many as the quintessential Angkor experience.

- **The Kulen Elephant Forest Sanctuary**

Learn about the project, enjoy nature, and interact with elephants: Introductory briefing, elephant meets and greet, observation trek (2km) and watch the elephants play by the pond.

- **The mysterious Beng Mealea Temple**

The jungle-overgrown temple gives a very 'Indiana Jones' feel to the experience.

- **Explore Tonle Sap Lake with a boat trip**

Visit a floating village on the Tonle Sap Lake, known as the Great Lake or sea of fresh water.



## TRIP ITINERARY

### day by day program

#### DAY 1 - SIEM REAP ARRIVAL

On arrival in Siem Reap, your tour guide meets you as you exit from the Restricted Area at the airport and offers you a private transfer to your hotel.

#### Overnight in Siem Reap

#### DAY 2 (B) - SIEM REAP / FULL DAY ANGKOR TOUR WITH SUNRISE

Today rise early to catch the spectacular sunrise over the world's largest religious ruins of **Angkor Wat** and discover this mighty temple at dawn, regarded by many as the quintessential Angkor experience. After exploring the ruins in detail led by your professional tour guide, return to the hotel for a late leisurely breakfast.

The religious citadels of Angkor Wat are the "crowning jewel" of Khmer architecture and one of Asia's most magnificent archaeological ruins. Constructed under the reign of Suryavarman II (1113-1150), Angkor Wat is covering an area of 480 acres encircled by an enclosure wall nearly four miles long. The temple's greatest sculptural treasure is its 1-mile-long bas-relief that wraps around the walls of the outer gallery along with the 2000 figures of Khmer Devas and Apsaras.

#### **Optional Angkor Dining Experience (subject to supplement charges):**

- **Private Champagne Breakfast in Angkor**  
*Enjoy a relaxing Champagne breakfast in a beautiful traditional Khmer wooden house overlooking the picturesque royal bathing pool of Srah Srang – a luxurious and peaceful conclusion to a perfect Angkorian morning.*
- **A private picnic Khmer lunch near Srah Srang "The Royal Baths"**  
*Enjoy a private traditional Khmer lunch at the beautiful traditional Khmer wooden house overlooking the royal bathing pool of Srah Srang regarded as the quintessential Angkor experience.*

Later this afternoon, depart to explore the encroaching jungle **Ta Prohm**, also known to be the undisputed capital of the "Kingdom of the Trees". Once home to 600 exquisite dancers, Ta Prohm is a wondrous site, with giant fig and kapok trees strangling the ancient stonework in a photogenic interplay of man and nature. This temple has been featured in several Hollywood movies such as Tomb Raider, Indiana Jones, and Two Brothers.



Continue to discover the ancient fortified city of **Angkor Thom**, built in the 10th century by the greatest Khmer ruler, King Jayavarman VII (1181 – 1201). Travel to the Victory Gate of Angkor Thom. Walk along the 8m-high laterite wall (500m) of the ancient city to the relatively unvisited and magical East Gate. The crematoria built against the outside of the city wall are best seen from up on the wall and give rise to the popular name of — Gate of Death. Then take another 1.5 Km walk to **Bayon temple “The Giant Smiling Faces temple”**. The structure of the giant faces of the Bayon temple is staggering in its construction. Sixteen chapels inside the structure indicate its religious importance, while on the outer perimeter over 1,200 meters of exquisite bas-relief record scenes of daily life from 11th century Angkor. Its third level is stunning – 49 towers are adorned with 172 smiling faces of the omnipresent Avalokitesvara.

Move on to visit the nearby **Terrace of the Elephant, and the Terrace of the Leper King** to view their detailed stone carvings. From there walk through the shaded parkland to visit the triple-tiered mountain temple of the Baphuon, also known as the Pyramid temple in Angkor. As the sun begins to set, walk to the **Ta Kav Gate** (West Gate of Angkor Thom) to view the beautiful sunset over the rice fields and the reflection of the golden light over the city gate.

## Overnight in Siem Reap

### DAY 3 (B/L) - SIEM REAP / THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY & BENG MEALEA

If the town crowds are getting you down, here is one of the best escapes to take you beyond Siem Reap's limits.

In the foothills of Kulen Mountain, lies the Bos Thom Community Forest, 1100 acres of protected forest inhabited by the former elephants of Angkor. For 22 years, these elephants have given rides to visitors in the temples of the world heritage site. Today, they roam free in their natural habitat and are living testimony to a changing world. With 75 remaining captive elephants in Cambodia, protecting this amazing animal is more critical than ever. A visit to the Kulen Elephant Forest will help the elephants of Angkor and all elephants in Cambodia through the KEF's long-term objectives, for we believe in the power of education and tourism as drivers for conservation.

8.00 a.m., enjoy a 1-hour scenic drive to the Kulen Elephant Forest sanctuary where you will learn about the project, enjoy nature, and interact with elephants.

- Introductory briefing.
- Elephant meet and greet.
- Observation trek. (2km)
- Make enrichment and watch the elephants play by the pond.
- Khmer-style lunch and cocktails.



Afterward, continue to discover the jungle temple of **Beng Mealea**. Originally enclosed by a moat nearly the size of Angkor Wat. Undiscovered for centuries, Beng Mealea is one of the few temples of which elevated wooden walkways allow you to walk above the ruins' collapsed galleries and towers while shaded by the jungle canopy, giving a very 'Indiana Jones' feel to the experience. Return to your hotel and enjoy free time at leisure.

#### **Evening options:**

- **Dinner with Apsara Dance Performance & Siem Reap's night market tour:** Enjoy your enchanting evening with authentic Khmer cuisine while witnessing the hundred-year-old "Royal Ballet of Cambodia" or "Apsara Dance". Stroll around the live Siem Reap night market before returning to your hotel for a good night's sleep.
- **Visit Phare Circus Performance by Phare Artists:** "Phare, the Cambodian Circus" is an offshoot project of Phare Ponleu Selpak (PPS), performed by students and professional artists from the center and used to perform around the world. It's an amazing blend of traditional and modern theatre, music, dance, acrobatics, juggling, and contortion beautifully choreographed and performed in a story about Cambodian lives and society.

#### **Overnight in Siem Reap**

#### **DAY 4 (B/L) - SIEM REAP / TONLE SAP LAKE / DEPARTURE**

This morning, take a break from temples and head to **Kampong Phluk "Harbour of the Tusks"**, a fascinating fishing community on the fringes of the magnificent Tonlé Sap Lake, Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake. Embark on a captivating boat trip to see its glory as you pass through the floating village where the fisherman and their families live in stilted houses. Relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery dominated by the tranquility of the lake that dots the landscape. Enjoy Khmer lunch at a local restaurant.

#### **Optional: Experience local traditions and Siem Reap's atmospheric countryside**

You will visit a **Buddhist monastery** – offer alms to a Buddhist monk to earn some merits in Buddhist tradition and practice the arts of giving followed by a blessing in the Pali language from the monk, the way the locals do for the wishes of good luck and happiness in life. Then wander through the nearby **Bakong temple**, Angkor's first mountain temple dating back to the 8th and 9th centuries and still remarkably well preserved. Next soak up the views of the rural village, paddy fields, and swaying palm trees while crossing quiet lanes by **ox cart**.

Enjoy some free at your leisure until it's time for the transfer to the Siem Reap Angkor International Airport for your flight home or next destination.

\*\*\* End of Service \*\*\*



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## SERVICE TERMS

### inclusions & exclusions

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

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Return airport transfers and sightseeing with a private air-conditioned vehicle (unless otherwise stated) and a professional English-speaking tour guide (other languages are available subject to additional charge)
- All admission fees for mentioned visits
- 3-night stay at your chosen accommodation
- Meals as outlined in the itinerary (food only)
- Admission fee for the Kulen Elephant project
- Boat trip as indicated in the itinerary
- Local bottled water & cold towels
- 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:

#### **Customized tours/activities:**

All our itineraries and activities are designed to give you a flavor of what is possible in each destination and can be customized to individual tastes. Please contact us for further details and we would be delighted to help arrange your journey of a lifetime.

#### **Rates:**

All rates quoted above are in US Dollars (USD) and based on our best-estimated costs. Though we cannot guarantee, we will try our best to maintain the rates. The confirmed price will be advised upon booking is made. Prices may be subject to change only under exceptional circumstances due to sudden and substantial market, tax, or currency fluctuations; if so we will give a pre-notice of min 30 days and the option to cancel.

#### **Availability:**

Please note that all the above services & and package tours have not been booked yet, they are proposed for your information only. We will not launch any reservations before we receive your confirmation. The availability is subject to change without prior notice and can only be confirmed upon booking time.

#### **Minor changes:**

If one or some proposed service(s) is (are) not available at the moment of booking, we will try to find out other possibilities/options or other similar services (s) in order to avoid as many important changes as possible. We do everything to give our clients the best experience possible based on their interests, comfort, and travel styles. However, we would keep full rights to make any necessary changes to the tour programs/activities mainly for our clientele's benefits, security, and safety.

#### **How to book the tour/activity:**

Please send us your inquiry or reservation to [chhuong@acltravel.com](mailto:chhuong@acltravel.com). Our normal reply is within 24 hours. Payment & cancellation terms and conditions will be advised upon the booking being made.

#### **Deposits:**

Deposits may be requested to start working on a file and to secure reservations for services such as flights, cruises, and hotels as well as for certain peak travel periods. The need for deposits and the amount and conditions applying to them (refundable, non-refundable) will be mentioned by our travel specialist case by case at the time of travel planning and quotation.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

**Cancellation by Client:** Cancellation must be made in writing to ACL Travel and will be subject to our General Booking Terms & Conditions (unless different terms have been mentioned at the quotation/booking time)

**Cancellation by ACL Travel:** ACL Travel reserves the right due to unforeseen circumstances to cancel any travel arrangements prior to departure. In such an event a full refund will be offered.

#### **Unused Travel Services**

No refund is possible for any service included in the price of a travel arrangement that is unused.



**Travel & Health Insurance:**

All travel and health Insurance is always NOT included in any of our tours/activities. We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance (covering emergency medical evacuation) for trips to Cambodia.

**Liability:**

All disputes, claims, and litigation regarding services shall first be settled by way of negotiation and mutual understanding involving ourselves and third-party suppliers at fault. ACL Travel will act as an intermediary and mediator between agent/client and third-party suppliers and defend the interests of our agent/client. If such negotiation and mutual understanding fail, the disputes, claims or litigation shall finally be settled by local arbitration in Cambodia.

**Claims:**

ACL Travel will do the utmost to provide the services to the best of our capacity and to the satisfaction of you, our Agent, and your clients. It is the understanding that we act as an intermediary between the agent/client and airlines, hotels, transport operators, tourism suppliers, and other contractors providing services in-country. We exert due care and diligence in selecting our local suppliers and shall in no event be directly liable to the agent/client, by reason of breach of services or unsatisfactory services provided by third parties or by way of indemnity or in tort or otherwise, for any loss, injury, damage, delay, change in schedule or other adverse events which are beyond our control and could not have been avoided even if applying special care and diligence.

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