

# CAMBODIA PACKAGE

## WATER FESTIVAL (LANTERN)

### **Nov 12<sup>th</sup> : Arrival - Phnom Penh**

On arrival at Phnom Penh Airport , you are met by our guide and transferred to hotel. The capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh lies near the confluence of the Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers. This riverside town still maintains considerable charm despite its recent turbulent history. An afternoon city tour acquaints us with some major sights of Phnom Penh. The private quarters of the Royal Palace are now home to the royal family and are therefore very close to the public. At the northern area of the palace grounds is Silver Pagoda, the most sacred temple in the country. We climb up a small hill to visit the legendary Wat Phnom and catch a fantastic view over the surrounding areas. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

### **Nov 13<sup>th</sup> : Phnom Penh - Siem Reap (private transfer) – Enjoy the water festival in Siem Reap**

Today we continue seeing this delightful town with the Tuol Sleng Prison Museum and the notorious 'Killing Fields' of Choeung Ek. They provide a deep insight into the painful bloody rule of the Khmer Rouge. The next stop is one of the city's lively open markets, Psar Toul Tom Pong, all called the "Russian Market". We enjoy a walk around this bustling trading center and see plenty of local handicrafts and artifacts. By mid-afternoon transfer to Siem Reap (with tour guide). On arrival in Siem Reap meet by the local guide and transfer to hotel. **After dinner we take a walk along the Siem Reap river joining the thousands of local people celebrating their water festival with hundreds of lanterns released into the waters and into the sky.** The celebration last until mid-night. Overnight in Siem Reap. (Breakfast)

### **Nov 14<sup>th</sup> : Siem Reap - Angkor Temples**

The jungle covered temple of Ta Prohm is an incredible sight. There are enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers which embrace themselves in the stone foundations of the structure giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature. We explore the well known Ta Prohm and some nearby temples of Banteay Kdei, Sra Srong, Ta Keo, Thommanon, Chau Say Tevado. They almost belong to the small circuit according to the archaeologists' division. The architectural masterpiece of Angkor Wat is not to be missed. We stroll around this massive monument, exploring the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple. We round off our day with a walk up Phnom Bakheng Hill to admire the spectacular sunset over these sandstone monuments. **Tonight is the last night of the Water Festival with even bigger crowds to Siem Reap and more cultural activities to be seen. We enjoy a walking guided tour during the festivities.** Overnight in Siem Reap.(Breakfast)

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup> : Siem Reap - Angkor Temples - Banteay Srei**

Heading out of town we drive beyond the Angkor Complex through the Preah Dark village to the intricately carved and well preserved Banteay Srei Temple. We stroll around this beautiful landmark which was designed to leave no space undecorated. The roads begin to deteriorate but it is still fascinating to drive past the rolling mountain scenery towards Kbal Spean. This interesting site locally named the river of 1000 Lingars, has been largely reclaimed by the jungle; however it involves a walk to catch a view over its riverbed carvings. The next stop is Banteay Samre which is adorned with striking relief depicting the scenes of Vishnu and Krishna legends. Today we also have time seeing various famous temples of the grand circuit such as Preah Khan, Kravan, Neak Pean, Krol Ko, Ta Som, East Mebon and Pre Rup. Overnight in Siem Reap. (Breakfast)

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup> : Siem Reap - Departure**

The temple exploration is not only activity in Siem Reap. We visit the famous Tonle Sap Lake on a boat trip out. This shallow lake boats the largest natural fresh water body in Southeast Asia and flows into the Tonle Sap River which joins the Mekong River in Phnom Penh. The traditional boat navigates along a small river towards the gigantesque lake, giving us a chance to explore floating village, local life style, friendly children in small boats and fishermen pulling in morning catch close up. This excursion is all depending on your departure time. The trip ends after your transfer to Siem Reap Airport for departure. (Breakfast)

Inclusions	Exclusions
+Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast +Sightseeing with English speaking guide +Private airport transfers and transportation on tour +Entrance fee on tours +Bus ticket from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap	+Cambodia visa +All drinks +Lunch and dinner +Domestic and International flight +Airport taxes +Travel insurance +Other items not mentioned above

**Accommodation:**

Phnom Penh: [Ohana Hotel](#) – 3.5\* / Superior room

Siem Reap: [Somadevi Angkor Hotel](#) – 4\* / Superior room

**Note:** the above hotels are located near to the riverside where the Water Festival (lantern festival) will be held.

**Package rate**

USD670per person in twin share

**Supplement cost for meals:**

US\$17 per person per lunch

US\$20 per person per dinner

**MINIMUM OF TWO PERSONS****RATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE**

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