

## Best of Cambodia Tour - 7 days

(Phnom Penh – Kongpong Chhnang – Battambang – Siem Reap)

### Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Meals
Day 1	PHNOM PENH ARRIVAL	--
Day 2	PHNOM PENH CITY & THE KILLING FIELDS	B
Day 3	PHNOM PENH – KOMPONG CHHNANG – BATTAMBANG	B/L
Day 4	BATTAMBANG	B/L
Day 5	BATTAMBANG – SIEM REAP	B/L
Day 6	SIEM REAP – ANGKOR	B
Day 7	SIEM REAP DEPARTURE	B

**Note\*:** B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 1

#### PHNOM PENH ARRIVAL

Arrive in Phnom Penh. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and free to relax at the hotel after long flight.

**Note\*:**

- The hotel room will be available at 2:00pm, and in case that you would like to secure an early-check in, an additional charge will be applied.
- Please be advised that both international and domestic might be crowded at sometimes during the day, so in case that you arrive and cannot find our representatives, please contact us, so we could easily search for you

**Meal:** n/a

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Phnom Penh

## Day 2

### PHNOM PENH CITY & THE KILLING FIELDS

Firstly, visit to the Royal Palace compound build in 1866 by the Predecessors of King Norodom, is the most conspicuous feature and also one of impressive colorful Khmer-style Palaces. Nearside the Royal Palace is Silver Pagoda (The Emerald Buddha temple), display plenty of Buddha Statues that were decorated and made by diamond, emerald, gold and silver. Travelers will proceed to visit Independence Monument which was constructed in 1954 after Cambodian took their country back from French colony, continuing visit to National Museum, the distinctive red building with a beautiful Khmer architecture was build since 1917 and contains more than 5000 art objects made of sandstone, bronze, silver, copper, wood and others.

In the afternoon, we will also visit The Toul Sleng Museum of Genocidal crime and Killing Field of Cheong Ek.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Phnom Penh

## Day 3

### PHNOM PENH – KOMPONG CHHNANG – BATTAMBANG

Departure by car A/C by national road No 5 along the Tonle Sap River, on the way visit the mosques, the fishing villages, the handicraft center of silver at Kompong Luong, continue to Phnom Oudong (former capital), climb up to the top of the hill of Phnom Preah Reach Tropp for visiting the ancient temple and the numerous stupas, enjoy the splendid view in surrounding.

Continuation by the same road through the village, the rice field to Kompong Chhnang province, arrival around 11:30, city tour, visit the fishing village on Tonle Sap, the potteries – Lunch at the local restaurant. Then continue to Battambang via Pursat city with a brief city tour, arrival at Battambang in the last afternoon.

**Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Battambang

## Day 4

### BATTAMBANG

Discover the city of Battambang, a charming big city where you can watch the elegant houses in the French colonial style along the river. You then visit the Provincial Museum and the pagoda before heading to the 11th century temple of Wat Ek Phnom. You pass through traditional villages along the

route where you can attend the manufacture of family rice cakes and contacting people about their daily lives. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, Then, an hour's ride to the hill of Phnom Bannan (337 steps) and its temple, Prasat Bannan, 7th century, which stands atop mountain that you reach by a long staircase. From there, you can also admire the beautiful scenic landscape of villages, plains, pagodas.

**Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Battambang

## Day 5

### BATTAMBANG – SIEM REAP

In a traditional wooden boat, you make a cruise on the river Sangkè (six hour cruise) to Preak Toal. En route, you explore floating villages, where you are taught the traditional techniques of fishing and then visit a village which is located on a crocodile's farm.

Lunch on the boat and continued cruising to Siem Reap where you arrive in late afternoon. Transfer to your hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 6

### SIEM REAP – ANGKOR

In the morning visit the South Gate, Angkor Thom, This Royal city was first built under the reign of Udayadityavarman II in the 11th Century, the famous Bayon Temple – this temple mountain built by Jayavarman VII is situated in the centre of the city of Angkor Thom. It is a three-tiered pyramid with its entrance facing east. The central shrine is surrounded by 54 towers all crowned by gigantic faces, representing Lokiteshvara but with the features of Jayavarman VII, Baphuon – This temple built by Udayadityavarman II was the most poorly constructed of all the temples in Angkor. Phimean Akas – this temple constructed late 10th – early 11th century by Jayavarman V. Elephants and Leper King Terraces. The first owes its name to the outstanding depiction of elephants, while the second gets its name from the magnificent sculpture of King Yasovarman, popularly known as the Leper King.

In the afternoon visit one of 7 wonders of the world "Angkor Wat" early – mid 12th century by King Suryavarman II. The temple is one of the largest monuments to religion ever built and is truly one the wonders of the world. Believed to have been constructed as a temple and mausoleum for King Suryavarman II at the peak of the Khmer empire in the first half of the 12th century, Angkor Wat is probably the best-preserved of the Angkorean temples. And then watch sunset view from the top of Phnom Bakheng then back to the hotel in late afternoon. Free time to explore Siem Reap by night.

At night, you can walk to night market or Pub street to explore Siem Reap by night.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 7

## SIEM REAP DEPARTURE

Free and easy to explore Siem Reap till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** n/a

## Inclusions & Exclusions

### Inclusions

- Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfers as mentioned by private air-conditioned vehicles (including pick up & see off)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

### Exclusions

- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visa stamping fee
- International flights pre/post tour
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services

## Booking Terms & Conditions

### Payment

- To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 30% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled **either** in USD Cash on arrival **or** 1 week before arrival date via any other methods.
- We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount receive only.

## Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- 65 days or more before departure: 20% of total tour cost
- Between 64 and 35 days before departure: 30% of total tour cost
- Between 34 and 15 days before departure: 50% of total tour cost
- Between 14 and 7 days before departure: 80% of total tour cost
- 6 days or less before departure / No Show: 100% of total tour cost

**Note:** We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.

## Important Information

### Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to [info@indochinatreks.com](mailto:info@indochinatreks.com), we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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### Combo Trip

If you book small group tour option, please note that the tour combines with our other tours. As such, some travel companions on your tour may have previously been travelling together with us. Likewise, some travel companions may be continuing together on another tour after your trip concludes.

You can start the tour on any date (please contact our consultant in advance to avoid peak dates or holidays) and customize itinerary with extra days/activities at any destination.

### Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

### Packing List

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**Note\*:** this is a copy of the itinerary on Indochina Treks Travel Official Website and not the final itinerary.

#### Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note\*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

#### Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

### **Airport transfers**

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

### **Travel insurance**

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

### **Trip Specific Safety**

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

## **Warning**

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

## **Visas and Entry Requirements**

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with your travel agent as rules do change.

**CAMBODIA** - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have \*at least\* 2 passport photos with you as well.

**VIETNAM** - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should ONLY apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

**LAOS** - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

## **Tipping**

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

## **Electricity**

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.