



CAMBODIA

A SUGGESTED JOURNEY

PHNOM PENH & SIEM REAP

PHNOM PENH

1 - 2 NIGHTS

SUGGESTED LENGTH OF STAY

DESTINATION: PHNOM PENH

WHY PHNOM PENH?

The genocide memorial sites in Phnom Penh are very educational and respectfully preserved. Cambodians want the world to know what happened here and for anyone interested in modern world history (especially as related to warfare) a visit to Phnom Penh is a sobering experience. Most people walk away with a feeling of “why didn’t this get covered in High School history class?” A trip that takes wartime history as a theme would be amiss without considering a visit to the memorial sites in Phnom Penh. The added value of meeting with a survivor while shedding light on the resilience of the Khmer people. Phnom Penh is not all doom-and-gloom of course and the buzzing modern city is fun to explore in the evening via the iconic tuk-tuk. Our hosts are Cambodian-Americans, deported from America, now running educational tours in their ancestral homeland for a totally different perspective on the city.



DAY 1 TUK TUK ADVENTURE WITH A TWIST

1 Cruising through traffic frenzy, sampling street food, and ending with a sundowner on the roof of the Foreign Correspondents Club (FCC), which was a prominent bar during the early nineties when the UN was sponsoring an election.

The evening will be hosted, in part, by a Khmer-American deportee who will offer an interesting perspective on the legacies of warfare, growing up in the States, and ultimately being forced to settle in Cambodia.

DINNER AT KRAYA ANGKOR RESTAURANT AND PERSONAL CHATS

Dinner at Kraya Angkor Restaurant. Ly San, the proprietor was a law student who gave himself the mission of reviving Cambodian recipes.

We will arrange for him to give you an overview of what he has achieved at Kraya Angkor.



DAY 2 VISIT TO S-21 PRISON AND MEET WITH A SURVIVOR

2 A sobering visit to S21 the school turned into a prison that was used to document and interrogate perceived enemies of the state before they were sent to the Killing Fields.

This is an extremely moving, quiet educational experience.

The lessons of the day will be amplified afterwards when you have lunch with Mr Nong Sophal, a genocide survivor.

We can also visit the Killing Fields.



SIEM REAP

3 - 4 DAYS

SUGGESTED LENGTH OF STAY

DESTINATION: SIEM REAP

WHY SIEM REAP?

Siem Reap is small but packs a strong punch. The obvious magnificence of ancient temple wonderland aside, the town provides access to some of the region's best culinary experiences and to the Tonle Sap Lake and rural idyll.

While seeing the splendor of Angkor hardly needs explanation, Siem Reap has a surprisingly sophisticated food scene, having attracted sustainability-minded food personalities from around the world. We have insider access to the top industry professionals who are deeply ingrained in this movement.

The Tonle Sap Lake, the largest in Southeast Asia, is one of the most under-appreciated water-based playgrounds in Asia. Great for kayaking, nature and unique local life.



SIEM REAP

DAY 1 **WELCOME TO ANGKOR AND DINNER AT CUISINE WAT DAMNAK**

Dinner at one of Asia's best. Cuisine Wat Damnak consistently voted one of the top fifty restaurants in Asia. Chef and owner Johannes will explain his philosophy in taking you through a culinary journey that encompasses Khmer and French cuisine.

DAY 2 **ANGKOR UNCOVERED AND PRIVATE COOKING WITH LOCAL CHEF**

The morning is set for an exploration of quintessential Angkor, trusting a local expert on the ancient temple ruins to show you the immensely intricate and mysterious structures in all their glory, focusing on historical nuance and, of course, capturing the finest angles.

In the afternoon we will visit the country villa of Kiwi-Cambodian chef Kethana Dunnett, who with her husband Bruce, owns Sugar Palm, one of Siem Reap's best Cambodian restaurants. The couple will lead you into a deep-dive into sustainability-driven Cambodian cuisine and lunch served on a gorgeous terrace overlooking a lake.

On the way back to town we can stop by the Landmine Museum with a private viewing led by Aki Ra, a former soldier-turned-demining specialist.



DAY 3

TONLE SAP LAKE WITH EXPERIENCED NATURALIST AND PRIVATE LUNCH BY CHEF DEAN

The Tonle Sap Lake is an inland sea covering ten thousand square kilometers at its peak. Discover this unique environment of the Tonle Sap Lake. Travel the Tonle Sap onboard the Finfoot, a comfortably converted local fishing boat. Explore the floating villages. We pass through floating villages and local life by kayaks. A private, catered lunch by a local restaurateur. Your chef for lunch on board is Dean, owner and proprietor of Miss Wong Bars and Restaurant in Siem Reap.

Adventurer and old Cambodia hand Nick Butler will be pleased to host the day. Learn about the local flora and fauna as Nick explains the hydrological phenomena that drives the Tonle Sap Lake. Vastly knowledgeable about the region, Nick will be your private guide who can tell you everything from the importance of the Mekong and Tonle Sap to the local Khmer population to identifying the wildlife we see from the kayaks.

PRIVATE PHARE CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

In the evening, enjoy a private performance from the acclaimed theatrical troupe “Phare”. An innovative social enterprise, the troupe uses classical and modern theater techniques, combined with acrobatics, juggling, contortion, balancing and nice costumes to dazzle visitors.





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