

THINGS TO DO IN SIEM REAP

EXPLORE TEMPLES TOURS

GENERAL INFORMATION

You have a few options which mode of transportations to choose from when you visit the Angkor temples i.e. by car, van, tuk-tuk or even cycling to the temples. Rates vary depending on mode of transportations. You can also hire English speaking or other languages tour guides. Hiring tour guides are not mandatory but it can fulfill a complete tour by explaining the history of Angkor Wat.

Entrances to the temples are not included in the tour package.

The ticket prices is USD\$37 per person for one day pass, USD\$62 for 2 to 3 day pass and USD\$72 for seven days pass.

Upon arriving at the check point, you will buy a ticket, take a pass photo to make a personalized entry pass. This process will take about 5 minutes. Do be patient during peak times usually starts from 7-9 am as there will be a large crowd. Unfortunately no advance purchase services are available. Children under 12 years old get Free Entrance. Usually the duration of tours is 4 hours for half day and 8 hours for full day.

It depends how much time you want to explore the temples site.

SUNRISE TOURS



Your tour guide will pick you from the hotel lobby at 5am. You can arrange a Grab & Go breakfast Box at USD\$10 per box which consists of a sandwich, fruits and a bottle of mineral water from the hotel. Just contact our Front Desk, Concierge or dial 0 for assistance.

Timing for sunrise depends on season of the year. Sunrise around 5:45am from Nov-March and 6am from April to Oct. It is best to check again with us when you book a morning sunrise tour. Sunrise Tours are fully recommended as you can experience a priceless moment watching sunrise in Angkor Wat.

MORNING OR AFTERNOON TOUR

You can choose a free and easy morning or afternoon tour. We recommend starting your tour at 8 - 9am for morning tour and 1 - 2pm for afternoon tour.

WHICH TEMPLES TO VISIT?

Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world, with a volume of stone equaling that of the Cheops pyramid in Egypt. It is unlike all the other Khmer temples. Its symmetrical towers are stylized on the modern Cambodian flag. Conceived by Suryavarman II, Angkor Wat took an estimated 30 years to build. It is generally believed to have been a funeral temple for the king.

Bayon is a 12th century masterpiece which lies at the very centre of Angkor Thom and which is an archaeological wonder of symmetry and grandeur. The exterior gallery walls have extensive bas-reliefs but the highlight is the "faces", more than 200 of them, silent but with the famous half-smile playing on their lips. P.J. de Beerski wrote of them; "godliness in the majesty and the size, mystery in the expression."

Ta Prohm, the "Jungle Temple" that has been left largely in its natural state since its "re-discovery" by French explorers. Surrounded by jungle, its labyrinth of stone hallways is overgrown with the roots and limbs of massive banyan trees, which envelop the stone. This temple is a Must Visit as it was featured in the popular film, Tomb Raiders starring Angelina Jolie, US Famous Actress.

OTHER TEMPLES

The area of Angkor has many significant archaeological sites, including the following: Angkor Thom, Angkor Wat, Baksei Chamkrong, Banteay Kdei, Banteay Samré, Banteay Srei, Baphuon, the Bayon, Chau Say Tevoda, East Baray, East Mebon, Kbal Spean, the Khleangs, Krol Ko, Lolei, Neak Pean, Phimeanakas, Phnom Bakheng, Phnom Krom, Prasat Ak Yum, Prasat Kravan, Preah Khan, Preah Ko, Preah Palilay, Preah Pithu, Pre Rup, Spean Thma, Srah Srang, Ta Nei, Ta Prohm, Ta Som, Ta Keo, Terrace of the Elephants, Terrace of the Leper King, Thommanon, West Baray, West Mebon. Another city at Mahendraparvata was discovered in 2013.



LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Lunch is not included for all tours packages. For Full Day Tour, half morning session will end around 12 noon to 1pm. You will return to hotel for about 1.5 hour to 2 hours break. During this time, enjoy a lunch at the hotel and relax before you start the afternoon session. Check out our delicious monthly Cambodian 4 Course Set Meal at USD\$16++ per set.

Note: Only local restaurants or street food vendors are available at temple area.

PRICES

Full Day in Angkor Area

- Car @ USD\$45 for 3 persons maximum or Van at USD\$55 for 8 persons.
- USD\$59 for English and USD\$78 for Japanese Tour Guide
- US\$10 extra for car and USD\$14 for Van and additional Sunrise Tours.

Half Day in Angkor Area

- Car @ USD\$25 for 3 persons maximum or Van at USD\$29 for 8 persons
- USD\$49 for English and USD\$49 for Japanese Tour Guide
- US\$10 extra for car and USD\$14 for Van and additional for Sunrise Tours

By Remok, Cambodian style rickshaw taxi or popular known as Tuk-Tuk

- Half day Remok at USD\$12
- Full day by Remok at USD\$18
- If you wish to continue to Pub Street downtown, there is an additional USD\$3 per way.
- If you require a Tour Guide, please refer to Full or Half Day tours for rates.

By Bicycle

- You can rent a bicycle from the hotel at USD\$10 a day for a mountain bike. There is no tour guide and it is free and easy. Please ask our concierge how to explore the temples with this option.
- If you prefer to go as a group with a local tour guide, this arrangement can also be made.

- Do I need to Tip my Tour Guide? Tips are voluntary and usually between US\$5-US\$10 per person.

FLOATING VILLAGES AT TONLE SAP



This lake is one of the most unique ecological water wonders in the world. It is the largest lake in South East Authentic experience. Chong Khneas is the name of famous floating village at the edge of the lake. It locates at Southern part of Siem Reap town about 15 Km.

The boat trip through the floating village takes approximately two hours. You will explore the different of Khmer, Muslim and Vietnamese floating households and the floating markets, fisheries, clinics, schools, basketball course and even churches. The flooded forest surrounding the edge of the lake is the best shelter and also very important for all kinds of fishes spawned and breeding babies. This lake providing many of biodiversities, over 300 species of fresh water fishes, as well as snakes, crocodiles, tortoises, turtles and otters. More than 100 varieties water birds including storks, pelicans, etc

Duration of Tours is approximately 2 hours.

- Car @ USD\$129 for 2 persons maximum. Additional person is USD\$12 per person.
- Van @ USD\$138 for 2 persons. Additional person is USD\$12 per person
- Rate includes English speaking tour guide, boat charter and entrance fees.

Tips:

If you are still holding a valid temple day pass, do check out another temple name Phnom Krom which is located 5 minutes from Tonle Sap Lake. This temple is located on a hill. You will enjoy a breathtaking view of the country side and also Phnom Krom Temples.

We suggest that you combine this excursion with Tonle Sap Lake and Phnom Krom. If you plan this excursion in the afternoon, you can choose to enjoy watching sunset either at Tonle Sap or Phnom Krom Temple.

KULEN MOUNTAIN WATERFALLS

This tourist site is located around 2 hours' drive from Le Meridien Angkor. Phnom Kulen offers another sight to visit for those who have already seen the temples at Angkor and the town of Siem Reap. First, you will find an interesting active pagoda with a large reclining Buddha. Second thing is some waterfalls and places to picnic, and there are stands set up vending grilled chicken and other local foods. Another place worth mentioning are carvings of 1000 siva lingas - many siva lingas (male genital of Hindu gods) and yoni (female counterpart) are carved on to the bed rock of the river. Package will also include a stop at Banteay Srei temple.

Approximately 6 hours tour in Phnom Kulen
- Car @ USD\$90 for 2 persons maximum. Van is USD\$110 per person up to 8 persons.
- Entrance ticket is USD\$20 per person.

Note: You should plan to leave the hotel at 6.30-7am and should reach Phnom Kulen or Kulen Mountain by 9am. The road going up to the mountain is narrow, public can only leave the mountain after 12 noon only. No cars are allowed to drive down before 12 noon. Remember to bring towels to enjoy swimming in Kulen Waterfall and River.

INDULGE A SPA TREATMENT IN LE MERIDIEN ANGKOR SPA

Choose one of our special treatments from this menu at US\$40net per person.
A - The Harmony 60mins. Back shoulder & head for 30 minutes and Foot Reflexology 30min
B - Foot Reflexology 60mins

EXPERIENCE COOKING CLASS / 35usd per person

- We propose guests 3 traditional Khmer classics
- Cooking class session 120 mins, Enjoy the meal prepared served at the table
- Recipe Book and certificate upon completion of cooking class
* For each course sold, hotel will contribute 1usd to Sala Bai hospitality NGO school.

SOMBAI RICE WINE – LE MERIDIEN ANGKOR UNLOCK ART™ PARTNER



Show your Room Key to Sombai and you will enjoy a Complimentary entrance to Sombai Infused Rice Spirit Siem Reap and a bottle of water will be offered. You will experience how rice wine is produced. At the end of the tour, enjoy free wine tasting and local snacks. 15 min drive from hotel.

PHARE, THE CAMBODIAN CIRCUS



Phare is unlike any other circus. You will experience theater, story, dance, high-energy music and circus arts. We recommend it. Don't miss it!

- Daily show starts at 8pm. One hour show.
- Standard Seats @ USD\$18 for Adult and USD\$10 for Children from 4-12 years.
- VIP, Tier 1 seats @ USD\$35 for adults and USD\$18 for Children from 4-12 years old.
- Free entrance for child under 4 years old.

ANGKOR NATIONAL MUSEUM

Hotel guests are entitled to special discount @ US \$10 per person. Please contact our Concierge to get a special pass before you leave to museum.

GOLF



There is 3 Golf Courses in Siem Reap which are Phokeethra Golf Course, Angkor Golf Resort & Siem Reap Booyoung Golf and Country Club. Each golf course is located between 20-30 minutes driving from hotel.

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE TOURS?

CAMBODIA QUAD BIKE ADVENTURE (www.quad-adventure-cambodia.com)
- Price starts from USD\$30 per person for an hour drive to paddy field.

HELICOPTER RIDE TO ANGKOR WAT (www.helistarcambodia.com)
- Price starts from USD\$90 per person for 8 minutes ride in Angkor Wat area.

FLIGHT OF THE GIBBONS (www.FlightOfTheGibbon.com)
- Explore pristine 1500 years old rainforest from high in treetops. From zip line to sky bridges to platform to abseiling down from tall trees. Prices starts from USD\$99 to USD\$109 per person.

AERO CAMBODIA (www.aerocambodia.com)
- See Ancient Angkor and Tonle Sap Lake from the freedom of the sky. Price starts from USD\$75 for 20 minutes.

HORSE RIDING (www.thehappyranch.com)
- The Happy Ranch Horse Farm offers countryside trail ride and cart ride. Price starts from USD\$28 per person for one hour ride.

KAYAK (www.indochineex.com)
- Private adventures from a few hours to full holidays for small groups. Kayaking adventures on the Tonle Sap great lake.

JEEP TOURS (www.cambodiajeep.com)
- With us you can explore Cambodia in your own private American Army Jeep, the A2. You can rent a jeep, including driver, for a day tour or we can offer you a more extensive package deal. Whether you want to visit the Angkor Temples or make an adventurous tour through the countryside, the choice is yours.



WHAT TO SHOP?

- Old Market or Angkor Market located in downtown Pub Street which the city center of Siem Reap. Best place to explore local souvenirs and handicrafts. Approximately 10 minutes from hotel by driving.

- Psar Leu Market to experience a typical Cambodian wet market. Approximately 15 minutes from hotel by driving.

- Theam House. Guest will find quality handicrafts and souvenirs. Highly recommended for shoppers looking out for high end Cambodian made crafts. Approximately 10 minutes from hotel

- Artisan Angkor. Upscale & quality handicrafts and souvenir shop. Also there is a workshop where guests can experience how locals produce the art work. Approximately 10 minutes from hotel.

- Eric Raisina. Flamboyant Parisian fashion designer based in Cambodia. High end fashion for women and male. Approximately 5 minutes from hotel.

- Angkor Shoes Shop. Custom made shoes at reasonable price. Usually takes 3 days to custom made shoe. Highly recommend for shoes lovers! Approximately 10 minutes from hotel.

- John McDermott Photo/Art Gallery. American photographer who has lived in Cambodia for more than 19 years taking beautiful and inspiring photos of Angkor Wat temples. Approximately 10 minutes from hotel.

- Cambodian Night Market. Located in front of Shinta Mani hotel. This market is held every weekend showcasing local designer, quality handicrafts and souvenirs. Products sold here are usually fixed price. Approximately 8 minutes from hotel.

- Gems Stones/Silver – There are many gem stones and silver jewelry shops located in Pub Street. We recommend that to buy something that you like but do not overspend. Based on our guest experience, a simple ruby ring will start from USD\$30. Please feel free to haggle from 20-50% discount.

- Local Furniture/Home Decorations/ Antiques – There is a gift shop located in Le Meridien Angkor which is managed by an outside vendor. Another alternatives, there are many shops located around our hotel vicinity. Most shops offer shipping services for bulkier items. The seller usually expects customers to haggle therefore do not be shy to bargain till you are satisfied.