



ANJALI

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ANJALI EXPERIENCE

Important information

What to bring

- Comfortable shoes
- Insect repellent

Not allowed

- Shorts
- Feeding animals

Know before you go

- Please dress respectfully with covered shoulders and knees
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended
- Unfortunately, this activity is not wheelchair accessible

Temple Pass is not included

- 1 Day Temple pass: 37 USD per person
- 3 Days Temple pass: 62 USD per person
- 7 Days Temple pass: 72 USD per person



SECRETS OF ANGKOR – SMALL TOUR

The first stop of this so called small Tour is at a very photogenic South Gate of Angkor Thom City, where gods and demons line the road leading to the gate struggling in a cosmic tug of war.

We will then take you to the most iconic temples of the archeological site, to see the BAYON Temple, Captivating TA PROM Temple where roots are encrusting in the ancient stones, to finish by the magnificent ANGKOR WAT.

But in between we will take you to some hidden corners to admire carved faces.

Departure Time : 8AM
Arrival Time : 3PM
Duration : 4 - 6 Hours
Price : \$ 24 | \$ 35 | \$ 45 ++

South Gate of Angkor Thom



Basement of the Terrace of the
Leper King

The first stop is at a very photogenic **SOUTH GATE of ANGKOR THOM City**, where gods and demons line the road leading to the gate struggling in a cosmic tug of war. The gate itself is crowned with four large faces facing in the cardinal directions.

Passing the gate, we will see the monumental **BAYON**, with its 54 towers decorated with more than 200 enigmatic smiling faces.

The temple stands at the centre of Jayavarman's capital, **ANGKOR THOM**. It's most distinctive feature is the multitude (4 on each tower pointing to the 4 sides) of serene and smiling stone faces of The Buddha, (probably modelled on the face of King Jayavarman VII), on the many towers which jut out from the upper terrace and cluster around its central peak.

Then we go to the **TERRACE OF THE LEPER KING**, to show you some hidden amazing carved faces.

Later we will continue to **TA PROM TEMPLE**, which was chosen to be left in its natural state as an example of how most of Angkor looked like, upon its rediscovery in the 18th century with gigantic roots and branches intimately intertwined with the stone probing walls to form a natural roof on its structures.



Bayon Temple



Ta Prom Temple



Angkor Wat

In the afternoon : **ANGKOR WAT** is one of the largest Hindu temples in the world and the most famous temple in the Angkor complex. The total area covers 81 hectares. Instructed by King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century.

Angkor Wat took an estimated 37 years to be built. The temple faces west because this temple was dedicated to Vishnu God.

All of the original religious motifs at Angkor Wat derived from Hinduism. Breaking from the Shaiva tradition of previous kings.

It was built as the king's state temple and capital city.

In 1177, approximately 27 years after the death of Suryavaman II, Angkor was sacked by the , Chamsthe traditional enemies of the Khmer.

Thereafter the empire was restored by a new king, Jayavaman VII, who established a new capital and state temple (Angkor Thom and the Bayon, respectively), a few kilometers north, dedicated to Buddhism, because the king's new wife, Indratevi, a devout Mahayana Buddhist, encouraged him to convert. Angkor Wat was therefore also gradually converted into a Buddhist site, and many Hindu sculptures were replaced by Buddhist art.

A photograph of the Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia at sunrise. The temple's iconic towers are silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sky. The scene is reflected in a body of water in the foreground. A yellow banner with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

SECRETS OF ANGKOR SUNSET / SUNRISE

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Departure Time : 4:30AM

Arrival Time : 8:00AM

Duration : 3 Hours

Price : \$ 14 | \$ 27 | \$ 35 ++

Angkor Wat Sunrise



SECRETS OF ANGKOR – BIG TOUR

This so called Big Circuit, will allow you to see some of the most emblematic temples besides the 3 most famous usually seen on the small circuit.

During this tour we will adapt to your feeling, however we will propose you the visit of at least 2 main temples in the morning : PREAH KHAN, NEAK PEAN,, and in the afternoon, TA SOM, PRE RUP and BANTEY KDEI .

Departure Time : 8:00AM

Arrival Time : 3:00PM

Duration : 5 – 7 Hours

Price : \$ 28 | \$ 45 | \$ 50 ++



Preah Khan Temple

During the morning :

PREAH KHAN TEMPLE

King Jayavarman VII constructed Preah Khan temple in the year 1191. He dedicated this temple to his father mixing the concepts between Buddhism, Hindu, Animism, and personal cult under his reign. Preah Khan is one of the fewest temples in Angkor area, which still keeps its original name from Sanskrit word as “Nagara Jayagri”, which means “country which is protected by a sacred sword”. A stone stele found in 1939 describes something interesting about the king’s sword: it was made from 21 different metals.

NEAK PEAN TEMPLE

Neak Pean temple was built by king Javaraman VII, at the end of 12th century and dedicated to Bodhisattva Avalokesvara. The site served as a place where everyone in the kingdom came to heal their physical or mental sickness or cleansing sins and also for bringing the good luck of the astrological line. Neak Pean in Khmer means “Nagas Intertwining Tails”, due to two Nagas, one on the right is considered to be the male and another on the left is considered the female (Nagin).

TA SOM TEMPLE

Ta Som temple was constructed by king Jayavaraman VII (1181-1220). The king built Ta Som in order to honor his sister.. Ta Som is one of the three temples constructed by Jayavaraman VII, those three Temples include Presk (dedicated to his father) which is located to the western side of the lake; Neak Pean (baptism temple for all people) standing in middle of the lake, and Ta Som, itself located on the western side of Jayatataka.



Magical Preah Khan Temple



Pre Rup Temple

During the afternoon :

PRE RUP TEMPLE

The Pre Rup was built in 961 AD in the middle of the 10th century, by a Khmer King Rajendrevrman II. According to the local people they referred these structures served as crematorium, but French scholars believe it served as library. Due to similar buildings constructed on the both side of the causeway to the main temple they are referenced as library.

SRAS SRANG

Sras Srang was originally constructed by king Rajendravarman II at the 10th century. It has restored and enlarged by king Jayavarman VII at the end of 12th century. Sras Srang means the Royal Bath in Khmer.

BANTEY KDEI

Prasat Banteay Kdei, meaning "A Citadel of Chambers", also known as "Citadel of Monks' cells". Built in the mid-12th to early 13th centuries AD during the reign of Jayavarman VII.

This Buddhist monastic complex had been occupied by monks at various intervals over the centuries until the 1960s.



Banteay Kdei Temple



SECRETS OF THE RIVERSIDE

Let us show you things that you may not see by yourself.

In this Tour we propose to take you downtown by the river side banks to see some of the most beautiful Pagodas of Siem Reap.

We will help you to visit the inside of the pagodas where you ll be able to admire incredible **Buddhists'** paintings, as well to the kitchens where Monks and nuns prepare food for the community.

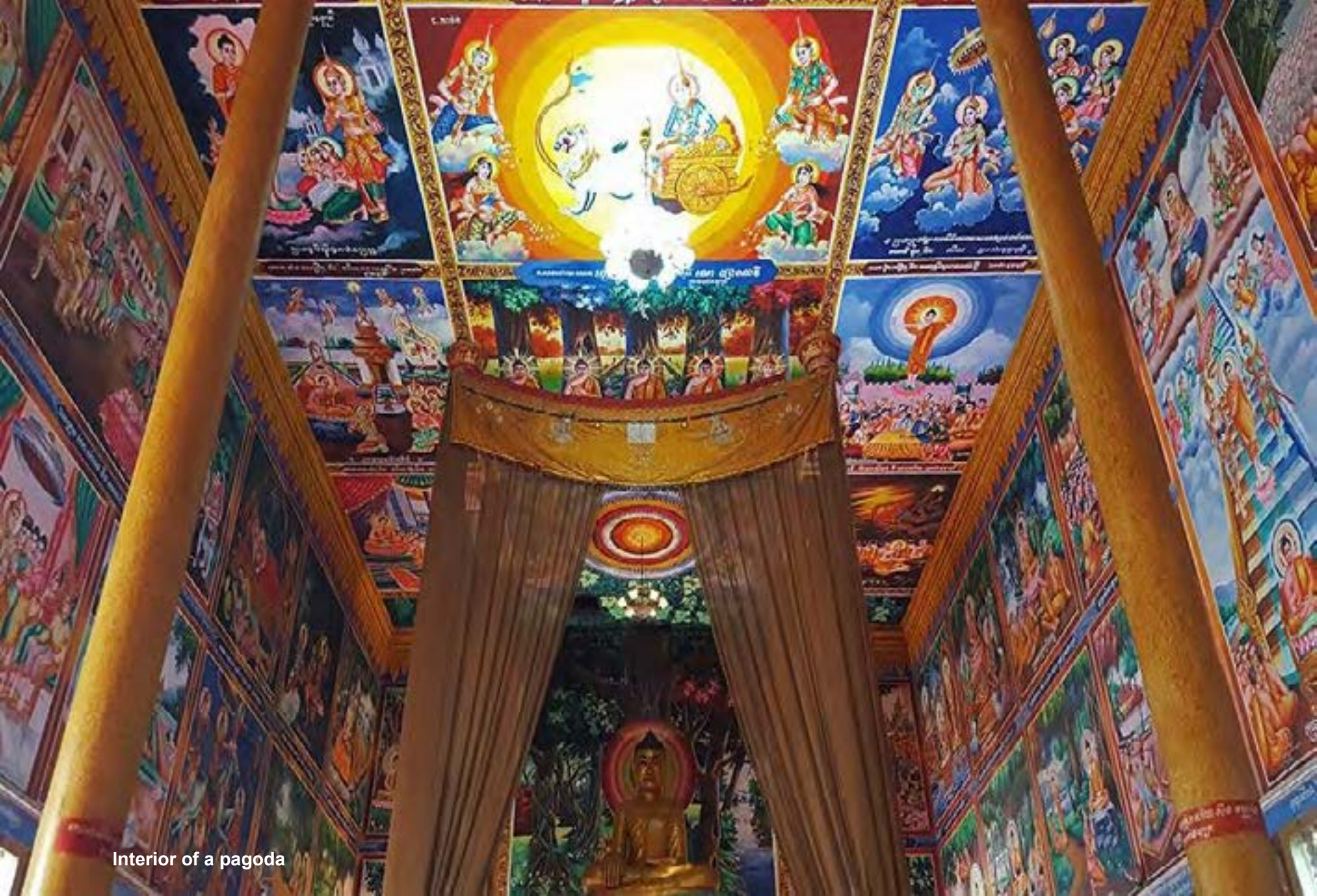
If you want to immerse yourself within the local rituals, ask us to take you to be blessed by monks.

Departure Time : 9:00AM

Arrival Time : 2:00PM

Duration : 4 – 5 Hours

Price : \$ 15 | \$ 35 | \$ 40 ++



Interior of a pagoda



Monks preparing lunch



Blessing



SECRETS OF THE CITADEL OF WOMEN

BANTEAY SREI is a 10th-century Hindu temple dedicated to God Shiva. It lies 25 km north-east of the main group of temples that once belonged to the medieval capitals of Angkor Thom. It is built largely of red sandstone. The temple is extremely popular with tourists, and have led to its being widely praised as a "precious gem", or the jewel of Khmer art.

It has been speculated that the temple's modern name, is due to the many devatas carved into the red sandstone walls.

The temple's modern name, means the citadel of the women, or citadel of beauty—is probably related to the intricacy of the bas reliefs carvings found on the walls and the tiny dimensions of the buildings themselves.

Departure Time : 8:00AM

Arrival Time : 3:00PM

Duration : 5 – 6 Hours

Price : \$ 32 | \$ 42 | \$ 54 ++



Banteay Srei



Banteay Samre



SECRETS OF THE REMOTE SITES

For this tour, you might need to choose to climb up To see the **RIVER OF THE THOUSAND LINGAS**, or to have a little less sportive trip to the Sacred mountain of **PHNOM KULEN**.

Upon returning you might take the opportunity to visit the “Citadel of Women”, called **Bantey Srei** Temple, a charming and extraordinarily carved temple dedicated to Shiva.

Departure Time : 8:00AM

Arrival Time : 3:30PM

Duration : 6 – 8 Hours

Price : \$ 85 | \$ 95 ++

The Terrace of the Leper King



Banteay Srei

KBAL SPEAN – THE RIVER OF A THOUSAND LINGAS

Embark on an easy jungle trek (about 50 minutes) to the river of a Thousand Lingas. We will see Hindu sculptures which were carved into the river's granite banks and more than a thousand years ago. The path can be a little slippery in the wet, but the more difficult sections have bamboo hand rails and wooden steps. It is a 1.5 km uphill walk to the carvings, but well worth the climb for the view over the valley below. Bring suitable footwear and carry water if you intend to do the walk.

PHNOM KULEN

Phnom Kulen is 50km distance from Siem Reap town to the northeast. It is one of the most famous mountains, and also local people consider this mountain as the most spirited mountain in Cambodia. Phnom Kulen is also the source of the Siem Reap River. At the ancient time, especially under the reign of King Jayavarman II in the Angkor period, Phnom Kulen was served as the Capital city of the Khmer empire. On the top of this mountain there is a statue of Preah Ang Thom (Reclining Buddha). It's very popular for tourists to come to worship and enjoy the waterfall.

Upon returning, you might want to stop at **BANTEAY SREI** Temple, a small and charming pinkish sandstone Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva God. Considered by many to be the jewel in the Crown of Angkor, this temple boasts some of finest and best pressured stone carving you will ever see you might choose to have a sportive climb to the River of the Thousand Lingas or to Phnom Kulen.



Kbal Spean – The River of the Thousand Lingas



Phnom Kulen -The Declining Buddha



SECRETS OF THE LAKE - KOMPONG KLEANG

Outside of Siem Reap is the huge lake of Tonle Sap, it is the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia and is annually fed by the Mekong.

This lake is an important source of life and livelihood to this region and creates a floodplain that enriches the soil of the surrounding areas too. This means that often the villagers that live in the stilt houses on the lake fish in the rainy season and farm in the dry season.

If you want to visit a Siem Reap floating village then this is your most fascinating option.

Departure Time : 1:00PM

Arrival Time : 6PM

Duration : 5 – 6 Hours

Price : \$ 34 | \$ 54 | \$ 67 ++



Fisherman on the Tonle Sap

SECRETS OF THE LAKE - KOMPONG PHLUK

KOMPONG PHLUK is a relatively small village that provides very good insight into the village lifestyle of the Tonle Sap. This village exists almost exclusively for fishing and related activities. Houses are built on stilts up to 10m high, and the village is surrounded by flooded forest.

The community largely depends on fishing for survival, primarily shrimp, spending Cambodia's wet season (May-October) fishing.

Many houses and buildings are constructed on stilts ranging from 6 m to 9 m to accommodate the change in the water level.

Departure Time : 10:00AM

Arrival Time : 2:30PM

Duration : 4 – 5 Hours

Price : \$ 25 | \$ 35 | \$ 45 ++



Kompong Phluk



The Flooded Forest

KOMPONG PHLUK AND ROLUOS GROUP

In this Circuit, we will stop on our way to **KOMPONG PHLUK**, to see the **ROLUOS GROUP** is an archeological site about 13 km east of Siem Reap. Once it was the seat of **HARIHARALAYA** first capital of Khmer Empire

Among the "Roluos Group" of temples there are some of the earliest permanent structures built by Khmer. They mark the beginning of classical period of Khmer civilization, dating from the late 9th century. Some were totally built with bricks, others partially with laterite or sandstone At present it is composed by three major temples: **BAKONG, LOLEI, and PRAEH KO**, along with the smaller **PRASAT PREI MONTI**. At both Bakong and Lolei there are contemporary Theravada Buddhists Monastries.

Departure Time : 9:00AM

Arrival Time : 3:00PM

Duration : 5 – 6 Hours

Price : \$ 27 | \$ 40 | \$ 50 ++

Lolei Temple



Bakong Temple



Prasad Preah Ko



SECRETS OF REMOTE TEMPLES - BENG MELEA

The location of **BENG MELEA** is about 60km to the northeast of Siem Reap town and believed to be built by King Suryavarman II at the beginning of the 12th century.

The size of the Beng Melea temple structure spreads about 200m from east to the west and 150m from north to the south. The Beng Melea temple comprises three separate gallery structures surrounding the central tower, and between those gallery structures there were extra-long and narrow buildings. Those buildings served as chambers for meditation, but unfortunately, the central tower was completely destroyed.

Departure Time : 8:00AM

Arrival Time : 4:00PM

Duration : 8 Hours

Price : \$ 45 | \$ 95 | \$ 100 ++

Beng Melea Lost Temple





SECRETS OF THE JUNGLE, BENG MELEA & KOH KER

KOH KER TEMPLE

One of the main temple complexes lost into the jungle for many years and only recently opened up to a few hardy adventurers.

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Departure Time : 7:30AM

Arrival Time : 4:00PM

Duration : 8 – 9 Hours

Price : \$ 110 | \$ 120 ++



Koh Ker Temple



Beng Melea Lost Temple

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