Angkor Wat & Siem Reap Cultural Discovery – 3 Days

3D / 2N	Easy	Private	USD 243 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Explore the majestic temples of Angkor, including the iconic Angkor Wat and the ancient city of Angkor Thom. Experience Khmer culture with an Apsara dance performance and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of Siem Reap.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Siem Reap

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Cambodian Adventure

This three-day journey offers an in-depth exploration of Cambodia's most renowned archaeological sites centered around Siem Reap. From the moment you arrive, you'll be transported into a world of ancient history and spiritual grandeur. The itinerary is carefully crafted to provide a comprehensive look at the Angkor complex, ensuring you witness its most significant temples and cultural highlights.

Highlights of the Angkor Region

Your visit includes the sprawling Angkor Thom, home to the enigmatic Bayon Temple with its smiling faces, and the impressive Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site celebrated for its architectural brilliance and intricate bas-reliefs. You'll also discover lesser-known gems like Ta Prohm, famously intertwined with jungle roots, and the beautifully preserved carvings of Banteay Srei. Each site offers a unique perspective on the Khmer Empire's artistic and engineering prowess.

Cultural Immersion and Local Experiences

Beyond the temples, this tour provides opportunities for cultural engagement. Enjoy a traditional Apsara dance show during a welcome dinner, a captivating performance that tells stories through classical Khmer movements. Experience the local landscape with a bicycle ride through villages surrounding the temple areas and unwind with a foot massage after a day of exploration. Evenings in Siem Reap offer a chance to stroll through Pub Street and the Angkor Night Market.

Who This Tour Suits

This tour is ideal for history enthusiasts, culture seekers, and those with a passion for ancient architecture. It offers a balanced pace, combining guided temple visits with opportunities for relaxation and local interaction. Travelers seeking a concentrated yet thorough experience of the Angkor archaeological park will find this itinerary particularly rewarding.

Practical Information for Travelers

The tour includes comfortable hotel accommodation, daily meals as specified, and all necessary airport transfers and ground transportation in air-conditioned vehicles. An English-speaking local guide will accompany you throughout the journey, providing insights into the history and significance of each site. Entrance fees to the specified attractions are also covered, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free travel experience.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Arrive in Siem Reap and receive a warm Cambodian welcome.
* Witness the stunning Ta Prohm temple, embraced by giant tree roots.
* Enjoy a traditional Apsara dance performance during a welcome dinner.

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* Cycle through local villages to reach less-visited areas of Angkor Thom.
* Explore the South Gate, Bayon Temple, Baphuon, and the Royal Enclosure.
* Discover the magnificent Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
* Experience a romantic sunset view from Bakheng Hill.
* Indulge in a relaxing one-hour foot massage after a day of exploration.
* Wander through Siem Reap's lively Pub Street and Angkor Night Market.
* Admire the intricate carvings and compact beauty of Banteay Srei temple.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Siem Reap Arrival & Ancient Temple Exploration

Meals: L,D | Stay: Selected Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Air-conditioned vehicle

Upon your morning flight arrival in Siem Reap, a local Cambodian tour guide will extend a warm welcome at the airport meeting point. After a brief introduction, you will begin your journey into the ancient wonders of the region. The initial visit includes Ta Prohm, a captivating temple famously entangled with the massive roots of fig trees and immense creepers, creating a truly unique spectacle.

Next, explore Prasat Kravan, notable for its distinctive brick sculptures, and Srah Srang, historically known as 'The Royal Baths' used for ceremonial bathing. Continue to Banteay Kdei, a monastic complex encircled by four concentric walls, and the twin temples of Thommanon and Chaosay Tevorda, showcasing classic Khmer architecture.

The day concludes with a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant, featuring a mesmerizing Apsara Dance show. This traditional Khmer dance performance, often referred to as 'dance-drama,' conveys stories and messages through elegant movements, offering a profound cultural insight into Cambodia's artistic heritage. This evening provides a perfect introduction to the rich traditions of the country.

Activities: Meet your Cambodian tour guide at Siem Reap airport.
Visit Ta Prohm temple with its iconic tree roots.
Explore Prasat Kravan, Srah Srang, Banteay Kdei, Thommanon, and Chaosay Tevorda temples.
Enjoy a welcome dinner with a traditional Apsara Dance show.

Day 2 — Angkor Thom & Angkor Wat Cycling Discovery

Meals: B,L | Stay: Selected Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Bicycle, air-conditioned vehicle

Start your day with an invigorating cycling excursion to the world heritage areas, opting for less-traveled paths. This approximately 45-minute bike ride will take you through lush jungle landscapes, past charming local villages, and small shops, offering a glimpse into rural Cambodian life before reaching the grand temple complexes. This active morning sets the stage for an immersive exploration of Angkor's most beautiful sites.

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Your temple journey begins with the West Gate of Angkor Thom, a less-frequented entrance, allowing for a more serene experience. Within the ancient 12th-century capital of Angkor Thom, you'll discover the South Gate, the iconic Bayon Temple with its over 200 enigmatic smiling faces of Avolokitesvara across 54 towers, and the majestic Baphuon temple, a pyramidal representation of the mythical Mount Meru. Further exploration includes the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, and the Terrace of the Leper King, each telling tales of the Khmer Empire's past.
The highlight of the afternoon is a visit to the globally renowned Angkor Wat. Designated a World Heritage Site in 1992, this temple is celebrated for its breathtaking beauty and grandeur. Marvel at the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, depicting Hindu mythological narratives along its outer gallery walls. Conclude your temple explorations at Bakheng Temple, where you can savor a romantic sunset view from Bakheng Hill, offering panoramic vistas of the surrounding jungle and temples. The evening offers relaxation with a one-hour foot massage, followed by a stroll through the lively Pub Street for drinks or shopping at the Angkor Night Market.

Activities: Cycle to the world heritage areas via less-traveled roads.
Visit the West Gate of Angkor Thom.
Explore the South Gate, Bayon Temple, Baphuon temple, Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, Elephant Terrace, and Terrace of the Leper King.
Discover the famous Angkor Wat temple.
Enjoy a sunset view from Bakheng Temple.
Receive a one-hour foot massage.
Walk and explore Pub Street and Angkor Night Market.

Day 3 — Banteay Srei & Banteay Samre Excursion, Siem Reap Departure

Meals: B | Transport: Air-conditioned vehicle

Your final day of exploration takes you to two exquisitely crafted temples outside the main Angkor complex. First, visit Banteay Srei, often considered a favorite among visitors. This temple's unique appeal stems from its compact scale, remarkable state of preservation, and the unparalleled excellence of its decorative carvings, which are incredibly intricate and well-detailed, especially the devatas and floral motifs.
Next, proceed to Banteay Samre, another stunning sandstone temple. Its rose-colored walls are adorned with elaborate carvings and bas-reliefs, showcasing some of the finest artistry found in the Angkor region. The quality and sophistication of these decorations are truly exceptional, reflecting the high artistic standards of the Khmer Empire.
After completing your temple visits, you will be transferred to Siem Reap airport for your onward journey. This marks the conclusion of your Cambodian adventure, and you will bid farewell to your Cambodian guide and driver, taking with you memories of ancient wonders and rich cultural experiences.

Activities: Visit Banteay Srei temple, known for its intricate carvings.
Explore Banteay Samre temple and its rose-colored sandstone reliefs.
Transfer to Siem Reap airport for departure.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Meal: Full board at local restaurant as mention in program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner)
- v Airport transfers & Transport by air con. vehicles as per program
- v Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- v Local English speaking guide as per program
- v Bike & 1 hour foot massage
- v Cold water and towel during tours

NOT INCLUDED

- x Visa fee: 20$
- x International air ticket in-out Cambodia
- x International airport tax: 25$
- x Other meal, drink, personal expenses, tip
- x Domestic air ticket: PNH_REP & airport tax

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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