Cambodia Angkor & Koh Rong Island Escape – 9 Days

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Discover Cambodia's ancient temples, vibrant capital, and pristine island beaches on this 9-day journey through Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, and Koh Rong.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Siem Reap → Phnom Penh → Sihanoukville

TOUR OVERVIEW

This comprehensive 9-day Cambodian tour offers a deep dive into the nation's rich history, cultural heritage, and stunning natural beauty. Beginning in Siem Reap, you will spend several days exploring the magnificent Angkor Archaeological Park, home to iconic temples like Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and the jungle-embraced Ta Prohm. Witness intricate carvings and grand architectural feats that speak volumes of the ancient Khmer Empire.

The journey continues to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's bustling capital. Here, you'll gain insight into the country's royal past and cultural traditions with visits to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum. The city's vibrant atmosphere provides a contrast to the ancient ruins, offering a glimpse into contemporary Cambodian life.

Concluding your adventure, you'll travel to the idyllic Koh Rong Island, a tropical paradise off the coast of Sihanoukville. Spend several days unwinding on pristine white-sand beaches, swimming in clear turquoise waters, and enjoying the serene island environment. This tour perfectly balances historical exploration with relaxing coastal leisure, ideal for travelers seeking diverse experiences.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore the awe-inspiring Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site and architectural masterpiece.
* Wander through Angkor Thom, featuring the iconic smiling faces of Bayon Temple.
* Discover the jungle-entwined ruins of Ta Prohm, famously featured in films.
* Admire the exquisite pink sandstone carvings at Banteay Srei temple.
* Experience a traditional Apsara dance performance accompanied by a Cambodian dinner.
* Tour Phnom Penh's Royal Palace and the glittering Silver Pagoda.
* Unwind on the pristine, white-sand beaches of Koh Rong Island.
* Gain insights into Cambodia's rich history and vibrant culture.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Siem Reap Arrival and Leisure

Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Airport transfer

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Upon your arrival at Siem Reap International Airport, a warm welcome awaits from your Cambodian tour guide. After a brief and courteous introduction, you will be efficiently transferred to your accommodation in Siem Reap for check-in. This initial phase of your journey allows for a smooth transition from travel to relaxation. The remainder of your first day is entirely at your discretion, offering ample opportunity for personal leisure. You might choose to unwind and settle into your hotel room, perhaps taking advantage of its amenities. Alternatively, you could embark on a gentle exploration of the immediate vicinity around your hotel, familiarizing yourself with the local atmosphere. This evening serves as a perfect moment to acclimate to the Cambodian environment and prepare for the exciting cultural and historical discoveries that lie ahead in the coming days.

Activities: Arrival at Siem Reap International Airport
Meet your Cambodian tour guide
Transfer to hotel for check-in
Enjoy free time at leisure

Day 2 Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Air-conditioned vehicle

After breakfast, begin your extensive exploration of the Angkor Complex, starting with the iconic Angkor Wat. This UNESCO World Heritage site, recognized since 1992, is renowned for its architectural grandeur and historical significance. Marvel at the world's longest continuous bas-reliefs, which adorn the outer gallery walls and depict intricate stories from Hindu mythology, showcasing the artistic prowess of the Khmer Empire.
Next, proceed to Angkor Thom, the ancient 12th-century capital. Enter through the impressive South Gate before visiting the Bayon Temple, famous for its 54 towers adorned with over 200 serene, smiling faces of Avolokitesvara. Continue to Baphuon Temple, a pyramidal structure representing the mythical Mount Meru, and explore the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, and the Terrace of the Leper King, each offering unique historical insights.
The afternoon includes a visit to Ta Prohm, a temple deliberately left largely untouched by archaeologists, allowing the jungle's destructive yet beautiful power to intertwine with its stone structures. In the evening, transfer to a local restaurant for a traditional dinner accompanied by an enchanting Apsara dance performance. Afterwards, enjoy free time to wander through the lively Pub Street, known for its bars and vibrant atmosphere, or browse the stalls at the Angkor Night Market for souvenirs and local crafts.

Activities: Explore Angkor Wat temple complex
Visit Angkor Thom, including the South Gate
Discover Bayon Temple with its smiling faces
See Baphuon Temple and the Royal Enclosure
Walk along the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King
Wander through the jungle-covered Ta Prohm temple
Enjoy a traditional Apsara dance show during dinner
Stroll through Pub Street and Angkor Night Market

Day 3 Banteay Srei & Siem Reap's Outer Temples

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Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Air-conditioned vehicle

Following breakfast at your hotel, embark on a journey to some of Siem Reap's more distant and equally captivating temples. Your first stop is Banteay Srei, often considered a favorite due to its compact size, exceptional state of preservation, and the exquisite detail of its decorative carvings. The rose-colored sandstone walls of this 10th-century temple are a testament to the mastery of Khmer artistry.

Continue your exploration to Banteay Samre, another beautiful temple featuring rose-colored sandstone walls adorned with carvings and bas-reliefs that rank among the finest examples of Angkorian art. These intricate details tell stories and depict mythological scenes with remarkable precision.

The day's itinerary also includes visits to Prasat Kravan, notable for its unique brick sculptures; Srah Srang, historically known as "The Royal Baths" and once used for ritual bathing ceremonies; and Banteay Kdei, a large monastic complex surrounded by four concentric walls. Conclude your temple tour with a visit to Thommanon and Chaosay Tevoda temples, two smaller yet elegantly carved sandstone temples that provide further insight into the diverse architectural styles of the Angkor period. Return to your hotel in Siem Reap for the night.

Activities:
Visit Banteay Srei temple
Explore Banteay Samre
Discover Prasat Kravan with its brick sculptures
See Srah Srang, the Royal Baths
Tour Banteay Kdei temple complex
Visit Thommanon Temple
Explore Chaosay Tevoda Temple

Day 4 Overland Journey to Phnom Penh & Capital City Tour

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Phnom Penh | Transport: Private bus

This morning, after breakfast, prepare for an overland journey from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh. You will travel by a private air-conditioned bus, accompanied by your tour guide, departing around 8:00 AM. The scenic drive takes approximately five and a half hours, offering glimpses of rural Cambodian life as you traverse the landscape. Expect to arrive in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital city, around 1:30 PM.

Upon arrival, embark on a comprehensive sightseeing tour of Phnom Penh's most significant attractions. Begin with a visit to the Royal Palace compound, a striking complex built by King Norodom in 1866. Within its gleaming yellow walls, you'll discover impressive Khmer-style halls that serve as official residences for the Royal family.

Adjacent to the Royal Palace, explore the Silver Pagoda, named for its floor constructed from 5,000 silver tiles. This pagoda houses numerous national treasures, including a Baccarat crystal Buddha and a solid gold Buddha adorned with diamonds.

Continue to the National Museum, an elegant Khmer-style building designed in 1917 by French architect Georges Groslier. The museum showcases an extensive collection of Khmer sculptures and artifacts, spanning from the pre-Angkorian period (4th century) to the post-Angkorian era (14th century), providing a rich historical overview.

Conclude your city tour with a visit to Wat Phnom, a small, active pagoda situated atop a hill. Rebuilt multiple times since its original founding in 1434, this site marks the legendary spot where Phnom Penh was established. After a day of historical and cultural immersion, check into your hotel in Phnom Penh for the night.

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Activities: Travel by private bus from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh
Visit the Royal Palace compound
Explore the Silver Pagoda
Discover the National Museum
Ascend Wat Phnom, the city's founding site

Day 5 Coastal Transfer to Koh Rong Island Paradise

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Koh Rong | Transport: Private car, Public boat

After enjoying breakfast at your Phnom Penh hotel, you will begin your journey towards Cambodia's southern coast. A private transfer with your tour guide will take you directly to Sihanoukville. This drive offers a change of scenery as you head towards the Gulf of Thailand, preparing for your island escape.

Upon reaching Sihanoukville port, you will board a public boat bound for the pristine Koh Rong Island. The boat transfer typically takes between 40 to 45 minutes, offering picturesque views of the coastline and the open sea. As you approach, the island's lush greenery and clear turquoise waters will come into view, signaling your arrival at a tropical paradise.

Once on Koh Rong, you will be transferred to your accommodation. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure, allowing you to settle in, explore the immediate surroundings of your resort, or simply relax by the beach, anticipating the days of island tranquility ahead.

Activities: Drive from Phnom Penh to Sihanoukville
Transfer by public boat to Koh Rong Island
Check into island accommodation
Enjoy free time on Koh Rong

Day 6 Relaxed Beach Day on Koh Rong Island

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Koh Rong

Wake up to the serene sounds of Koh Rong Island and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel. Today is entirely dedicated to your personal enjoyment and relaxation on the island's beautiful beaches. Koh Rong is renowned for its pristine white sands, crystal-clear waters, and tranquil atmosphere, making it an ideal destination for unwinding.

You have the freedom to spend the day as you wish. Lounge under the sun, take refreshing dips in the ocean, or simply enjoy a good book with the gentle sea breeze. The island offers numerous spots for quiet contemplation or more active beach pursuits. Consider a peaceful walk along the shore, collecting seashells, or simply observing the local marine life in the shallow waters.

In the evening, you can explore the various dining options available on the island, perhaps enjoying fresh seafood with stunning sunset views. The night is yours to enjoy the peaceful ambiance of this Cambodian island paradise.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Spend the day at leisure on Koh Rong beach
Relax by the ocean
Explore local dining options

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Day 7 Further Leisure and Exploration on Koh Rong

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Koh Rong

Another delightful day awaits you on Koh Rong Island, beginning with breakfast at your hotel. With no fixed schedule, today offers another opportunity to fully embrace the island's relaxed pace and natural beauty. You might choose to revisit your favorite beach spot or venture out to discover new secluded coves and bays.

For those seeking a bit more activity, the island provides options such as snorkeling in its vibrant coral reefs, which is included in the tour. Explore the underwater world teeming with colorful fish and marine life. Alternatively, you could take a leisurely stroll through the island's interior, discovering its lush jungle landscapes and perhaps spotting some local wildlife.

Whether you opt for continued relaxation on the sand or a gentle exploration of the island's natural wonders, Koh Rong offers the perfect backdrop. Enjoy the tranquility and breathtaking scenery that this Cambodian gem has to offer throughout your day.

Activities: Have breakfast at the hotel
Continue enjoying leisure time on Koh Rong Island
Participate in a snorkeling tour by boat
Explore different beaches or island trails

Day 8 Final Full Day of Island Bliss on Koh Rong

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Koh Rong

Savor your final full day on the idyllic Koh Rong Island, starting with a delicious breakfast at your hotel. This day is designed for maximum relaxation and enjoyment of the island's serene environment. Take advantage of the last opportunity to soak up the sun, swim in the clear waters, or simply unwind in the peaceful surroundings.

You might choose to indulge in a final beach walk, collect some souvenirs from local vendors, or simply find a quiet spot to reflect on your island adventures. The slow pace of island life encourages you to relax and rejuvenate before returning to the mainland.

As the day draws to a close, enjoy another evening on Koh Rong, perhaps dining at a beachfront restaurant and watching the stars emerge over the ocean. This final night provides a perfect conclusion to your island escape, leaving you refreshed and ready for your onward journey.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Spend the day at leisure on Koh Rong Island
Relax on the beach or by the water
Prepare for departure the following day

Day 9 Departure from Koh Rong Island

Meals: Breakfast | Transport: Public boat, Private car

Begin your final day with breakfast at your Koh Rong hotel. At approximately 7:30 AM, you will transfer from your island accommodation to the Sihanoukville pier via public boat. The boat journey typically takes around 40 minutes, offering one last scenic view of the island as you depart.

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Upon arrival at Sihanoukville pier, a private car will be waiting to transfer you directly to Phnom Penh International Airport. This land journey allows for comfortable travel, ensuring you reach the airport in good time for your scheduled departure flight. Reflect on the diverse experiences of your Cambodian adventure, from the ancient wonders of Angkor to the tranquil beaches of Koh Rong, as you make your way to the airport for your onward journey.

Activities: Transfer from Koh Rong to Sihanoukville pier by public boat
Travel by private car from Sihanoukville to Phnom Penh airport
Depart from Phnom Penh International Airport

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 8 nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- v Meals: Breakfasts as per itinerary, 1 Apsara Dinner, 1 Lunch
- v Transportation by air-conditioned vehicles as specified
- v Private bus transfer from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh with tour guide
- v All specified sightseeing and entrance fees
- v Snorkeling tour in Koh Rong by boat
- v Tour guide services from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh

NOT INCLUDED

- x Cambodian visa fee (approximately $30)
- x Domestic and international air tickets to and from Cambodia
- x Other meals, drinks, and personal expenses not mentioned
- x Tips for guides and drivers
- x Any other accounts not mentioned in the itinerary

PRICE INCLUDES

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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