Phnom Penh & Angkor Temples Discovery – 4 Days

4D / 3N	Easy	Private	USD 312 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Experience the cultural heart of Cambodia with a four-day journey through the historic sites of Phnom Penh and the awe-inspiring ancient wonders of Siem Reap, including the iconic Angkor Wat.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Siem Reap -> Phnom Penh

TOUR OVERVIEW

Phnom Penh & Angkor Temples Discovery Overview

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This four-day Cambodian adventure provides a comprehensive exploration of the nation's rich history and spiritual heritage. Starting in Phnom Penh, the vibrant capital, you will delve into its royal past and colonial charm, visiting significant landmarks. The journey then takes you to Siem Reap, the gateway to the magnificent Angkor complex, where ancient temples and intricate carvings tell tales of a bygone era. This classic route offers a perfect blend of cultural immersion and historical discovery.

Journey Highlights

Explore the opulent Royal Palace and the gleaming Silver Pagoda in Phnom Penh.

Witness the intricate art of silk production at Artisans d’Angkor Silk Farm.

Marvel at the enigmatic smiling faces of the Bayon Temple within Angkor Thom.

Experience the awe-inspiring scale and detail of the legendary Angkor Wat.

Enjoy a captivating Apsara dance performance, a hallmark of Khmer culture.

Discover the atmospheric ruins of Ta Prohm, intertwined with jungle foliage.

Who Will Love This Trip
This tour is ideal for history enthusiasts, culture seekers, and anyone eager to uncover the profound heritage of Cambodia. Travelers interested in ancient civilizations, religious architecture, and vibrant local life will find this itinerary particularly rewarding. It suits those who appreciate a balance of guided historical tours and opportunities for independent exploration.

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Essential Details

The tour includes comfortable hotel accommodations, all specified meals, and transfers via air-conditioned vehicles. A local English-speaking guide will accompany you throughout the journey, providing insights into the sites visited. Entrance fees to attractions are covered, ensuring a hassle-free experience. Domestic flights between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap are a key component of the travel, offering efficient transitions between the two major destinations.

For background on the destination, see UNESCO’s Angkor profile.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore the grandeur of Phnom Penh's Royal Palace and the shimmering Silver Pagoda.
* Visit the National Museum, housing a vast collection of Khmer art and artifacts.
* Cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, observing the unique floating villages.
* Discover the traditional Cambodian silk weaving process at Artisans d’Angkor.
* Wander through the ancient city of Angkor Thom, including the Bayon Temple with its iconic faces.
* Witness the breathtaking architectural marvel of Angkor Wat at sunrise or sunset.
* Experience the jungle-embraced ruins of Ta Prohm, a truly cinematic site.
* Enjoy an evening of traditional Apsara dance accompanied by a local dinner.
* Stroll through Siem Reap's lively Pub Street and browse the Angkor Night Market.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Phnom Penh Arrival & Royal City Exploration

Meals: D | Stay: Katari Hotel (3-star), Baitong Hotel & Resort (4-star), or Palace Gate Hotel & Resort by EHM (5-star) | Transport: Air-conditioned vehicle

Upon your morning arrival in Phnom Penh, you will be greeted and transferred to your accommodation. The city, once known as the 'Gem of Southeast Asia,' still showcases a blend of traditional Khmer architecture and French colonial influences. Your afternoon begins with a visit to the magnificent Royal Palace complex, established in 1866. This compound is a striking example of Khmer design, featuring vibrant colors and intricate details.

Adjacent to the Royal Palace, you will explore the Silver Pagoda, also known as the Emerald Buddha Temple. This sacred site houses numerous Buddha statues adorned with precious gems, gold, and silver. Following this, a stop at the Independence Monument, erected in 1954 to commemorate Cambodia's freedom from French rule, offers insight into modern Cambodian history. The journey continues to the National Museum, a distinctive red building from 1917, which curates over 5,000 art objects crafted from various materials, providing a comprehensive look at Khmer artistry.

As the day progresses, you'll pass by the scenic Riverfront Park before ascending Wat Phnom Daun Penh, the city's only significant hill. This pagoda, built by Lady Daun Penh in 1372, is steeped in local legend about the discovery of Buddha statues. Conclude your day with a leisurely stroll along the Mekong River bank, enjoying the picturesque evening views of

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Activities: Arrive in Phnom Penh and transfer to hotel.
Visit the Royal Palace complex.
Explore the Silver Pagoda.
See the Independence Monument.
Tour the National Museum.
Pass by River Front Park.
Ascend Wat Phnom Daun Penh.
Walk along the Mekong River bank.

Day 2 Phnom Penh to Siem Reap & Tonle Sap Lake Experience

Meals: B,L,D | Stay: Ladear Angkor Hotel (3-star), The Aviary Hotel (4-star), or Borei Angkor Resort & Spa (5-star) | Transport: Flight, Air-conditioned vehicle, Boat

Your day begins with a morning flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap, offering a swift transition between Cambodia's major cities. Upon arrival at Siem Reap airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in, subject to room availability. The afternoon's adventure commences with a boat excursion on Tonle Sap Lake, Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake. Here, you'll gain fascinating insights into the unique lifestyle of the floating villages, observing communities complete with schools, restaurants, and even hospitals built on the water.

Next, the tour proceeds to Puok to visit the Artisans d'Angkor Silk Farm. This educational stop allows you to witness the entire silk production process, from the cultivation of mulberry leaves for silkworms to the intricate weaving of threads into finished products. You'll observe each stage of this traditional craft and have the opportunity to purchase exquisite silk souvenirs.

Later, you will visit Wat Bo, one of Siem Reap's oldest pagodas, followed by an exploration of a bustling local market, offering a glimpse into daily Cambodian life. The evening culminates with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, featuring a mesmerizing Apsara Dance show. This traditional Khmer dance-drama, with its graceful movements and storytelling, is a profound cultural highlight of any visit to Cambodia.

Activities: Take a morning flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap.
Transfer to your hotel in Siem Reap.
Board a boat for a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake.
Visit Artisans d'Angkor Silk Farm.
Explore Wat Bo pagoda.
Browse a local market.
Enjoy a welcome dinner with an Apsara Dance performance.

Day 3 Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat Grand Tour

Meals: B,L,D | Stay: Ladear Angkor Hotel (3-star), The Aviary Hotel (4-star), or Borei Angkor Resort & Spa (5-star) | Transport: Air-conditioned vehicle

Following breakfast, your day is dedicated to exploring the magnificent ancient capital of Angkor Thom, dating back to the 12th century. You'll enter through the impressive South Gate, then proceed to the enigmatic Bayon Temple, renowned for its 54 towers adorned with over 200 smiling faces of Avalokiteshvara. Nearby, discover the Baphuon temple, a grand pyramidal structure representing the mythical Mount Meru. The exploration continues with a visit to the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the majestic Elephant Terrace, and the Terrace of the Leper King, each offering unique historical and architectural insights.

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The journey through the ancient wonders continues to the captivating Ta Prohm temple, famously embraced by the massive roots of fig trees and gigantic creepers, creating a truly atmospheric and photogenic scene. You will also visit Prasat Kravan, known for its distinctive brick sculptures, and Srah Srang, the royal baths once used for ritual purification. Conclude this section with Banteay Kdei, surrounded by its four concentric walls.

The highlight of the day is a comprehensive visit to the world-renowned Angkor Wat. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1992, Angkor Wat is celebrated for its sheer beauty and scale, featuring the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, depicting stories from Hindu mythology. As evening approaches, you will ascend Bakheng Temple to enjoy a romantic sunset view over the surrounding jungle. Conclude your day with a walk through the bustling Pub Street, offering options for drinks and dinner, and explore the vibrant Angkor Night Market for souvenirs.

Activities: Explore Angkor Thom, including the South Gate.
Visit Bayon Temple and Baphuon Temple.
Discover the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, Elephant Terrace, and Terrace of the Leper King.
Tour Ta Prohm temple.
See Prasat Kravan, Srah Srang, and Banteay Kdei.
Explore the famous Angkor Wat temple.
Visit Bakheng Temple for sunset views.
Walk through Pub Street.
Shop at Angkor Night Market.

Day 4 Siem Reap Departure

Meals: B | Transport: Air-conditioned vehicle

After enjoying your final breakfast in Siem Reap, you will have some time for last-minute preparations or souvenir shopping, depending on your flight schedule. Your Cambodian guide and driver will then provide a comfortable transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your onward journey. This marks the conclusion of your memorable exploration of Cambodia's ancient temples and vibrant cities.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Transfer to Siem Reap airport.
Depart from Cambodia.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Three nights of hotel accommodation with daily breakfast.
- v Full board meals at local restaurants as outlined in the program (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).
- v Airport transfers and transport using air-conditioned vehicles as per the itinerary.
- v All specified sightseeing and entrance fees.

NOT INCLUDED

- x International airfare to and from Cambodia.
- x International airport tax (approximately $25).
- x Any meals, drinks, or personal expenses not explicitly mentioned.
- x Gratuities for guides and drivers.
- x Domestic air ticket for the PNH-REP flight (Economy ticket

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