

Cultural Extension to Siem Reap and Angkor Wat

January 4 - 7, 2025



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sat) Jan 4, 2025

Fly Ho Chi Minh City – Siem Reap, CAMBODIA

Cambodia Angkor Air K6 825 at 1200 / 1315 hrs

Transfer from the Ho Chi Minh City hotel to the airport to connect your **flight to Siem Reap**. Siem Reap is the base for exploring the fabled temples of Angkor, the ancient capital of the Khmer Empire.

Upon arrival at Siem Reap International airport, you will be **welcomed by your local English-speaking guide** and **transferred to the hotel**.

****Lunch is by individual arrangement (own expense).*

Afternoon, discover more secrets of the Angkor period on a **tour of the Angkor National Museum**. The interactive museum showcases artifacts from the Golden Era of the Khmer Empire by use of multimedia technology to present this interesting historical period.

Evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 (Sun) Jan 5, 2025

Siem Reap

Wake up in the early hours of the morning (around 5:30am) and drive through the dark to the **Angkor Archaeological Park**. Select a good viewpoint at Angkor Wat, sit back and watch the **sunrise over the back of the temple**. Seeing the temple emerge from darkness to being bathed in early-morning light is an unforgettable experience.

Once the sun is up, go inside **Angkor Wat** for a guided tour. Learn about the history of this 12th century monument and how it was constructed. Get up close and see depictions of Hindu mythology and famous battles intricately carved into the walls. Explore chambers filled with depictions of Apsara dancers, celestial beings of Hindu mythology.

Back to the hotel for breakfast and relax.

Late this morning, visit **Ta Prohm**, built in the mid-12th to early 13th centuries. Ta Prohm is unique in that it has been left largely overgrown by jungle trees and vines, with many parts of the temple crumbling to the ground. This makes the 'Tomb Raider Temple' one of the most picturesque and memorable of the Angkor temples.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit the ancient city of **Angkor Thom**, the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. This city is surrounded by an 8 m high wall, drawing a perfect square. Enter the city through the ancient South Gate, an impressive stone gate carved with three-headed elephants and capped with four giant faces.

From here, continue to **Bayon Temple** in the center of the city. This 12th century masterpiece is a study in grandeur and is well-known for its 52 towers with the faces of the Buddha looking out over the vast provinces of the Great Khmer Empire. The nearby Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King are also must-visits as they are both known for their intricate relief carvings.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 (Mon) Jan 6, 2025 Siem Reap

This morning after breakfast, get your first close glimpse of Angkor today at the early **temples of the Roluos Group**. Roluos is the site of an ancient center of Khmer civilization known as Hariharalaya. It was the first town built by the Angkorian kings in the 8th and 9th century and consists of three main temples: Bakong, Lolei and Preah Ko. In the contemporary Roluos Pagoda in the vicinity of the monuments, Buddhist monks will celebrate a private blessing ceremony for you, wishing your health and a safe journey – a very special experience!

Afterward, you visit workshop "**Satcha**" - A special insight into local artisans exhibiting their artistic crafts and skills. Cambodia is a land of resources, talents, and know-how, from natural wellness and food products to traditional arts and craft skills. We will visit a local enterprise, Satcha, where craftsmen and women find a safe and clean space to work as well as receive training to further hone their talent and grow themselves into artistic entrepreneurs.

Walk through the serene, natural gardens and watch the artists carve stone, wood, weave baskets, paint and more while your guide explains some specific traits about each field of work and how the enterprise supports the Cambodian artists. We will enjoy a cup of coffee while you will also have the opportunity for a little retail therapy if you wish to do so”.

Back to the hotel a bit late and leisure time.

In the evening, enjoy a **farewell dinner with a traditional dance show** at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 (Tue) Jan 7, 2025 Siem Reap – Departure

You will have free time until the transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for the departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

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HOTEL DETAILS

Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra, Siem Reap (3 nights)

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