

Cambodia for small budgets



Days: 14

Price: 825 USD
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★☆☆☆

Difficult: ★★★☆☆

📌 Budget tour 📌 temples 📌 Culture
📌 history

A **2-week** tour for small budgets but without sacrificing the quality of the visit to the wonders of Khmer heritage. You visit the remains of the protectorate of the capital **Phnom Penh**, the unmissable temples of **Angkor** and the lake Tonlé Sap, without forgetting the temples of **Sambor Prei Kuk** recently listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This itinerary ends with a stop at **Kampot** on the banks of the eponymous river and a seaside stay on the **island of Koh Rong**

Day 1. Welcome to Phnom Penh



Airport Phnom Penh 📍
🚗 7km
Phnom Penh 📍

- Welcome by your driver upon your arrival at the airport. Transfer and installation at your hotel. Rest of the day free.

Rooms available from 2 p.m. If you arrive a little early and your room is n't ready yet, you can drop off your bags at reception before going for a walk in town or relaxing by the pool.

- No guide is included on this day

🏠 Accommodation

Mettavary Hotel / Deluxe Queen

Day 2. The legacy of the protectorate era



Phnom Penh 📍

Phnom Penh 📍

- Free program in the morning.
- In a tuktuk, equipped with a digital tablet and a helmet provided, discover the heritage of the capital Phnom Penh inherited from the era of the French protectorate.

At the end of the afternoon, embark on a boat trip on the Mekong and the Tonlé Sap and enjoy an **atypical view of Phnom Penh and a magnificent sunset**.

- No guide is included on this day

☕ Breakfast

Breakfast at the Mettavary

🏠 Accommodation

Mettavary Hotel / Deluxe Queen

Day 3. Sambor Prei Kuk and Kampong Pluk before arriving in Siem Reap



Phnom Penh 📍

🚗 200km - ⌚ 3h 30m

Sambor Prei Kuk 📍

🚗 150km - ⌚ 3h

Kampong Pluk 📍

🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h

Siem Reap 📍

- Early in the morning, transfer by road to Siem Reap, the city-province which hosts, among other things, the magnificent temples of Angkor. A must-see destination par excellence, the city also borders the no less famous Tonlé Sap lake and its floating villages.
- Along the way, on the edge of Kampong Thom, let's discover the formidable pre-Angkorian temples of Sambor Prei Kuk. This archaeological site has been listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site since July 2017** and owes it to its status as an ancient capital before the advent of the Khmer empire which settled in Angkor a few centuries later. , at the crossroads of Buddhist, Hindu, animist and even Persian and Greek cultures from the 7th century AD, as we will be able to discover.

• Visit with an English-speaking guide residing on site

- Still on the way, we make a second detour, this time towards the village of **Kampong Pluk** located on the lake Tonlé Sap a little less than 1 hour by car from Siem Reap . You board a private boat to discover and visit the floating village. During the excursion, small canoes will take you through the middle of the mangrove forest.
- Check-in at the hotel at the end of the afternoon and free time to rest.

• No guide is included on this day

🍽️ Breakfast

Breakfast at the Mettavary

🏠 Accommodation

Apsara Greenland Boutique Hotel / Deluxe

Day 4. The majestic Angkor temples



Siem Reap 📍

7km - ⌚ 30m

Angkor Wat 📍

7km - ⌚ 30m

Siem Reap 📍

- Day visit **in a tuktuk** of the marvelous temples **of Angkor** located around and inside **the Angkor Thom** .

You will notably discover **Angkor Wat**, symbol of the apogee of the Khmer Empire under the Angkorian era. Inside Angkor Thom, discover **Bayon** and its many towers with gigantic faces, **Baphuon** and its gigantic 40m reclining Buddha statue, **Phimeanakas**, the **Terrasse des Elephants** and its wide variety of sculptures, but also the **Terrasse du Roi Leper**.

Continue by **Ta Prohm** famous for its huge trees with sprawling aerial roots and conclude with a sunset from the heights of **Phnom Bakheng**.

Possibility of making the visits in the opposite direction to avoid the crowds. Just let your guide know at the start of the day.

Temples are sacred places, avoid short clothes, cover your shoulders and wear pants or a long skirt.

In order to preserve these fragile monuments, it is forbidden to touch the sculptures or to sit on elements of the temple.

In Cambodian culture, it is offensive to heckle inside a sacred place, calm and respect are key words.

It is not recommended to buy items or sweets from child sellers, this only encourages begging and the practice of skipping school, prefer a donation to an association if it is important to you.

If you wish to photograph the monks (called Bonzes), you must obtain their permission beforehand. In addition, you must not touch them, they have the right to touch you but not the opposite.

- English-speaking guide included on this day

🍽️ Breakfast

Breakfast at the Apsara

Day 5. The river of 1000 lingas and the pink sandstone citadel



Siem Reap 📍
 🚗 50km - ⌚ 1h
 Kbal Spean 📍
 🚗 14km - ⌚ 20m
 Banteay Srey 📍
 🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h
 Siem Reap 📍

- Near Kbal Spean, continue with a visit to the **Angkor Center for the Protection of Biodiversity**. You will be able to see the efforts made by local and international teams to protect local endangered species: snakes, turtles and other reptiles, birds and exotic mammals. Children and animal lovers will be delighted by this visit of discovery and awareness.
- We then begin the short hike necessary to reach the site of Kbal Spean nicknamed "the underwater temple". Ruins of temples dating from the 9th century border a river whose bed is **strewn with carved lingas**. A small waterfall near the protected sacred site will allow us to cool off or even swim there (bring a small towel).

Very accessible hike of around 1.5 km (or 3 km round trip) with a small elevation gain over the last 700 meters. Bring walking shoes/sneakers as the path is quite rocky.

- After lunch, let's continue with a visit to Banteay Srey, a temple on a human scale compared to the gigantic Angkor Wat or Bayon. This pink sandstone temple nicknamed "The Citadel of Women" is known for the refinement of the bas-reliefs and sculptures which adorn its walls and columns. If we have any strength left, we can conclude the day with a visit to the **Banteay Samre temple** or return directly to the hotel.
- *Possibility of replacing this day with the Grand Circuit of Angkor with the temples of Preah Khan, Neak Pean, the eastern Mebon, etc.*

- English-speaking guide included on this day

🍳 Breakfast

Breakfast at the Apsara

🏠 Accommodation

Apsara Greenland Boutique Hotel / Deluxe

Day 6. Free program in Siem Reap & night bus to Kampot



Siem Reap 📍
 🚌 525km - ⌚ 11h
 Kampot 📍
 Siem Reap 📍

- Free day in Siem Reap.

We will need to vacate our room before noon. We can leave our suitcases at the hotel reception for a final stroll around town.

- At 7:30 p.m., our tuktuk accompanies us to the departure of the night bus to Kampot.

Bus departure scheduled for 10:30 p.m. but subject to change without notice.

- No guide is included on this day

🍳 Breakfast

Breakfast at the Apsara

🏠 Accommodation

Night bus

Day 7. Kampot, peaceful city on the riverside



Kampot 📍

- Expected arrival in Kampot around 8 a.m.

A tuktuk waits for us at the bus station with a sign with our name on it to take us to our accommodation. It will be a little early to check into our room but we can leave our bags at reception and enjoy our breakfast (included).

The rest of the day is free.

- No guide is included on this day

🏠 Accommodation

Les Manguiers / Small bungalow

Day 8-9. Leisure time in Kampot



Kampot 📍

- Free days at your convenience. Take the opportunity to visit the pepper fields, the salt marshes, the Kampong Trach caves and the Bokor altitude station.

- No guide is included on this day

☕ Breakfast

Breakfast at the Manguiers

🏠 Accommodation

Les Manguiers / Small bungalow

Day 10. Extension to Koh Rong Samloem



Kampot 📍

🚗 120km - ⌚ 3h 20m

Sihanoukville 📍

🚗 20km - ⌚ 1h

Koh Rong 📍

- Meet with your tuktuk at 8:45 a.m. for a transfer to Kampot station.

You take the train towards Sihanoukville.

When you arrive, a tuktuk will be waiting to take you to the pier.

- Boat transfer to **Koh Rong** from Sihanoukville pier. Our on-site team will wait for you at the pier to give you your boat tickets.

The boat staff will take half of your ticket from you. Keep the other half safe for the return!

- No guide is included on this day

☕ Breakfast

Breakfast at the Manguiers

🏠 Accommodation

Soksan Natura Beach / Bungalow - Seaview

Day 11-12. Beach days



Koh Rong 📍

☕ Breakfast

Breakfast at Soksan Natura Beach

🏠 Accommodation

Soksan Natura Beach / Bungalow - Seaview

Day 13. Return to Phnom Penh



Koh Rong Samloem

20km - 1h
Sihanoukville

270km - 3h
Phnom Penh

- Return to Sihanoukville by boat at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. (depending on the company)
 - When we arrive in Sihanoukville, a driver will wait for us at the pier for a final transfer by road to Phnom Penh.
 - Check-in at the hotel and free time to rest or enjoy a final shopping session (be careful, the markets close around 4-5 p.m.).
- No guide is included on this day

Breakfast	Breakfast at Soksas Natura Beach
Accommodation	Mettavary Hotel / Deluxe Queen

Day 14. Thank you and welcome back!



Phnom Penh

13km - 50m
Départ Phnom Penh

- Free program before our transfer to **Phnom Penh international airport**.
- We will need to vacate our room before noon. If our flight is in the evening, we can leave our suitcases at the hotel reception for a final stroll around town.

Breakfast	Breakfast at the Mettavary
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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

1-1	2-3	4-5	6-6
1690 USD	995 USD	900 USD	825 USD

Included

- Transfers from and to the airport
- Transportation in town (tuk tuk or car)
- Land travel indicated in the program
- Accommodation in 2* and 3* hotels and bungalows
- Breakfasts
- Meals mentioned
- French-speaking guide when indicated
- Entrance fees for activities
- Vehicle with driver for your land travel (+1 trip by bus and 1 by train)

Not included

- International transport
- Passport & Visa Fees
- Repatriation insurance
- Travel insurance
- Extra drinks/alcohols
- Meals not mentioned
- Phone calls
- Any excursion not mentioned in the program
- Meals not mentioned in the program