



## **Post-Trip Siem Reap – 2020**

January 29-February 2, 2020

(Requires at least 2 people)

### **Wednesday, 29 January – BATTAMBANG – SIEM REAP (B, L, D)**

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer by private taxi or minivan to Siem Reap. You'll go directly to a local restaurant for lunch.

After lunch, you'll check-in at your hotel. You'll have free time to enjoy the pool at the hotel or do some shopping.

In the late afternoon, you'll take a boat tour of floating and fishing villages in the Tonle Sap Great Lake, which is one of the world's most productive bodies of fresh water. Each year, millions of fish come to spawn in the seasonally flooded forest surrounding the lake, attracting myriad water birds as well as people, who have settled in villages along the shores and who live with the rhythms of the water. This ecosystem of extraordinary biological richness and balance between humans and nature was recently designated as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Sokha Angkor Resort

### **Thursday, 30 January – SIEM REAP (B, L, D)**

This morning you'll get up early to see the sun rise over Angkor Wat. You'll have breakfast in front of Angkor Wat and then explore this World Heritage Temple. You'll study both the splendid architecture and the famous bas-reliefs.

Next, you'll tour Angkor Thom, the lost city of the Khmer empire. You'll enter Angkor Thom



on elephants from the South Gate (or ride elephants around Bayon Temple). After saying "good bye" to our elephants, you'll visit the giant faces of famous Bayon and Baphoun Temples, and the Elephant and Leper King Terraces.

After lunch, you'll explore the unforgettable jungle temple of Ta Prohm (where the movie Tomb Raider was filmed).

You'll return to the hotel and then

enjoy a 1-hour foot/body massage.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

After dinner, you'll visit the Night Market and Pub Street.

Overnight at Sokha Angkor Resort

### **Friday, 31 January – SIEM REAP (B, L, D)**

Breakfast at hotel.

After breakfast you'll take the bus for an excursion to the holy Kulen Mountain, where the Angkor era began. You'll see thousands of lingas (a symbol of the Hindu god, Shiva), the large reclining Buddha, and the waterfall where we can take a dip in the cool water. It was here that King Jayavarman II proclaimed independence from Java in 802 A.D.

You'll have a picnic lunch on the mountain. After lunch you'll head down to visit the pink stone Banteay Srei temple. Next, you'll visit the Cambodian Landmine Museum where you'll see deactivated landmines and learn about the consequences of war.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

After dinner, you will have another opportunity to shop at the Night Market and Pub Street.

Overnight at Sokha Angkor Resort

### **Saturday, 1 February – SIEM REAP – Departure (B, L, D)**

Breakfast at hotel.

In the morning you'll visit a Silk Farm, located in Puok district, a short drive from Siem Reap, on an 8-hectare site with mulberry fields, silk worm breeding and silk weaving using

traditional Khmer knowledge. Next, you'll visit Western Baray, a water reservoir built in the Angkorean era and still in use for agriculture today.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch you'll visit Les Artisan D' Angkor, a workshop that teaches the unique crafts of wood and stone carving, lacquerware, silver plating, and ceramics in the traditional style of classic Cambodian artistry. Les Artisan D' Angkor has 48 workshops in Siem Reap province and provides employment to over 1100 people. It also has a beautiful shop where you can purchase high quality merchandise.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Depart Siem Reap. (Unless your return flight departs after dinner, you may want to spend an extra night in Siem Reap. We will be happy to reserve an extra night at our hotel for an extra cost.)

**Sunday, 2 February, 2020 – Arrive home.**

**Price (land cost only): \$730 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement--\$195.**

**Price includes the following services:**

- Transfer from Battambang to Siem Reap in air-conditioned taxi or minivan
- Private transportation (air conditioned minivan)
- Sightseeing with English speaking guide
- Meals as shown above, including one drink (beer or soft drink) at every included lunch and dinner
- Accommodations on twin sharing basis with daily breakfast at hotel
- All fees to the temple compound and all other sites shown in program above
- Elephant ride at Angkor compound
- Foot/body massage (60-minutes)
- Drinking water provided on tours
- Transfer to Siem Reap Airport

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Insurance
- Drinks over the 1 beer or soft drink per lunch and dinner
- Tips for guide and driver
- Personal Expenses
- Domestic and International Air-Tickets
- Optional visits besides the program above and others not mentioned