



Pre-Trip Phnom Penh – 2020

January 18-23, 2020

(Requires at least 2 people)

Saturday and Sunday, 18-19 January – San Diego to Phnom Penh

Make your own flight arrangements to arrive in Phnom Penh on Monday, January 20, 2020. Keep in mind that you will cross the international dateline and lose a day in transit.

Monday, 20 January – Arrival in Phnom Penh

After clearing passport control and customs, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day you are free to relax after your long flight, swim in the hotel pool, do some shopping or stroll along the riverbank.

Overnight at Queen Grand Boutique Hotel and Spa

Tuesday, 21 January – PHNOM PENH (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

You will meet your guide at 9:00 a.m. for an orientation and then start your city tour of Phnom Penh. You'll stop at Wat Phnom, Phnom Penh's first pagoda, constructed in 1372, where, according to legend, Phnom Penh was founded. Next, you'll visit the Central Market, located in a unique art deco building. Constructed in 1935, it is a Phnom Penh landmark and said to be the biggest market in Asia.

Next, you'll go to the National Museum with one of the world's largest collections of Khmer art, including sculptures, ceramics, bronzes, and ethnographic objects. Its collection includes over 14,000 items, from prehistoric times to periods before, during and after the Khmer Empire. At its height the Khmer Empire stretched from Thailand, across present-day Cambodia, to southern Vietnam.



After lunch at a local restaurant, you'll visit the Royal Palace with its Silver Pagoda. Named for its silver tiled floor, it houses a collection of priceless Buddhist and historical objects including the famous "Emerald Buddha."

You'll return to your hotel for some "pool time" and relaxation before your evening sunset cyclo ride along the riverside where you are likely to see locals exercising, doing tai chi and enjoying the view.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Queen Grand Boutique Hotel and Spa.

Wednesday, 22 January – PHNOM PENH (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Today you'll visit Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, chronicling the Cambodian genocide. The site is a former high school, which was used as the notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21) by the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979. Tuol Sleng, just one of at least 150 prisons established by the Khmer Rouge, was the largest center of incarceration and torture.

After lunch at a local restaurant, you'll visit Choeung Ek, known as the Killing Fields. The site, about 11 miles south of Phnom Penh, was once an orchard before it became a mass grave of victims of the Khmer Rouge. During their reign, the Khmer Rouge regime executed over one million people between 1975 and 1979. Mass graves containing 8,895 bodies were discovered at Choeung Ek after the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime. Many of the dead were former political prisoners who were kept by the Khmer Rouge in their Tuol Sleng detention center. Today, Choeung Ek is a memorial, marked by a Buddhist stupa, filled with more than 5,000 human skulls.

In the afternoon, you will have time to relax at the hotel or shop at some of Phnom Penh's high-end shops.

You'll have an early dinner and then you'll enjoy an Apsara Dance Performance by Cambodian Living Arts.

Overnight at Queen Grand Boutique Hotel and Spa.

Thursday, 23 January – PHNOM PENH TO BATTAMBANG (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

After breakfast, you will be picked up at your hotel for a 6-hour taxi or minibus ride to Battambang, arriving at the Bambu Battambang Hotel in the afternoon. You will meet Bill and Nancy, and the other travelers who did not go to Phnom Penh. (See the Battambang itinerary for the activities in Battambang.)

Price (land cost only): \$529 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement--\$105

Price includes the following services:

- Airport transfers in Phnom Penh
- 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 and admission to the sites shown in program above.
- Ticket for Apsara Performance by Cambodian Living Arts.
- Private taxi or minibus transfer from Phnom Penh to Battambang
- Cyclo ride
- Drinking water provided on tours.
- Arrival welcome jasmine garland.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Arrival Visa Fee (\$30/Pax)
- 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.