

Cambodia



Locals on Tonle Sap Lake



CAPITAL CITY:

Phnom Penh

LANGUAGE:

Khmer

CURRENCY: Riel

KHR1000 = ZAR2,039

VISA:

Visa is required for SA Passport Holders

AREA:

181,040 km²

TIME DIFFERENCE:

SA time + 5 hours

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

None



Ancient temples, mighty rivers and remote forests, Cambodia has emerged from decades of isolation and is truly back on the Southeast Asian travel map. Cambodia boasts rich culture, a weathered French era capital and impressive natural scenery. The many temples in Angkor are a great tourist attraction with the three most popular ones being: Bayon, Ta Prohm and Angkor Wat.

Phnom Penh

Cambodia's capital city has some hidden treasures such as the Silver Bagoda in the Royal Palace and its Russian Market. Tuol Sleng Museum and The Killing Fields are reminders of past atrocities and reminders of how much this great country and its people have moved forward.

Siem Reap

Built during the Angkorian period in the 12th century, Angkor Wat and its surrounding temples are the reason people come to Siem Reap.

Phnom Penh Half Day City Tour

Begin your tour of this charming capital with a visit to the city's namesake, Wat Phnom. Founded in 1373, the pagoda was built to house Buddhist relics washed ashore by the river. Visit the Royal Palace built in 1866 by King Norodom.

See the different structures of this pagoda-style compound and stroll in its beautiful garden. Visit the Silver Pagoda so named because of its floor that is comprised of 5,000 silver tiles. A gold Buddha encrusted with 9,584 diamonds and a small 17th century emerald and baccarat crystal Buddha are also housed here. Continue to the nearby National Museum. Built in 1917 it is an exceptional example of traditional architecture and is exclusively devoted to preserving and displaying Khmer art and sculptures. Hundreds of pieces are housed here including both pre-and post-Angkorian pieces

from US\$ 37 pp

Siem Reap Pagoda Half Day Tour

Visit Wat Inkosei built on the site of an ancient temple, which still remains. Continue to Wat Bo pagoda to view its well-preserved paintings. You will also observe monks making the various moldings, which adorn the pagodas. Visit a workshop where traditional shadow play puppets are made.

Visit the Rattan Weaving Villages near Siem Reap and learn about the process of weaving handicrafts from raw rattan strands. On the short and interesting drive from Siem Reap you pass rice fields and picturesque green villages where the locals live in wooden stilt houses and are happy to welcome guests to present their craft.

from US\$ 21 pp

WHAT THINGS COST

These prices are an average price and may vary according to areas, hotels and season. (US Dollars)

Bottle of water (1L)	US\$ 1
Soft Drink	US\$ 2
Beer in local restaurant	US\$ 3
Glass of wine in local restaurant	US\$ 4
Burger	US\$ 12
Taxi rate	US\$ 5 - 10
<i>(Airport to city: Siem Riep/Phnom Penh)</i>	

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Cambodia can be visited throughout the year. However those planning to travel extensively by road should avoid the last two months of the rainy season when some countryside roads may be impassable. The climate is tropical and distinguished by three major seasons. The most pleasant season is the dry season from November to March during which temperatures are cooler (average 20-28 c).

Exploring Cambodia



Phnom Penh palace



TIP: Modern facilities, warm & welcoming atmosphere - a real winner



TIP: Excellent accommodation, centrally located in the heart of the city

★★★PLUS Prince D'Angkor Hotel & Spa - Siem Reap

LOCATION: Ideally situated in the heart of Siem Reap close to shopping and restaurants.

ACCOMMODATION: This property offers true Cambodian hospitality in luxurious surroundings. All 222 luxurious rooms have been decorated with traditional Khmer features, satellite TV, mini-bar, safe, tea / coffee making facilities and internet access.

FACILITIES: These include 2 restaurants, a piano bar, gym and spa, as well as a swimming pool.

from US\$ 68 per room per night

★★★★ Sunway Hotel - Phnom Penh

LOCATION: Well located in Phnom Penh's green belt overlooking the famous Wat Phnom Pagoda and only 5 minutes walk from the main shopping area and tourist attractions.

ACCOMMODATION: The 138 well appointed rooms are elegantly designed and offer satellite TV, mini-bar, Safe and tea / coffee making facilities.

FACILITIES: This property offers a selection of restaurants and cafes as well as a business centre.

from US\$ 87 per room per night

Cambodia In-depth

4 Day Add-on Tour

Day 1

- Arrive in Phnom Penh and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon get a real feel for Cambodia's unique art and architecture through visits to Victory Monument, the National Museum, also called Musee des Beaux-Arts.
- Visit the Royal Palace, built by King Norodom in 1866 and the Silver Pagoda, so named for its floor is paved in up to 5000 silver tiles. Treasures include a solid gold Buddha encrusted and weighing 90 kilograms and a small 17th century emerald and baccarat crystal Buddha.
- End your afternoon with the visit of the Wat Phnom Temple, Phnom Penh's namesake.

Day 2

- Transfer to Phnom Penh International airport. Depart for Siem Reap. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel.
- Morning, visit Victory Gate, the twin temples of Thommanon and Chau Say Tevoda, Takeo and Ta Prohm, one of the most beautiful temples in the area. Relatively untouched since it was discovered, it retains much of its mystery. Its appeal lies in the fact that, unlike the other monuments of Angkor, it was abandoned and swallowed by the jungles, looking very much the way most of the Angkor

temples appeared when European explorers first stumbled upon them.

- Continue your tour at Banteay Kdei. Srah Srang, ("the pool of ablutions") undoubtedly used in the past for ritual bathing and Prasat Kravan temple with its unique brick sculptures. Lunch at the hotel.
- Afternoon, visit the North Gate of Angkor Thom. Continue to Preah Khan temple, a place of towered enclosures and shoulder-hugging corridors. Visit Neak Pean, a fountain built in the middle of a pool and representing the paradisiacal Himalayan mountain-lake. Return to your hotel.

Day 3

- For early birds: Sunrise from Phnom Bakheng, one of the two hills dominating the plain of Angkor, from where you will have a spectacular view of the Western Baray and the surrounding plain. Or sunrise at Srah Srang. Return to the hotel for breakfast.
- In the morning, visit the most famous of all temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Angkor Wat's five towers symbolize Meru's five peaks. Lunch at the hotel.
- In the afternoon, visit the ancient capital of Angkor Thom (12th century) the South Gate

with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk, the Bayon Temple, unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, the Phimeanakas, the Royal Enclosure, the Elephants Terrace, and the Terrace of the Leper King. Enjoy the sunset at Angkor Wat. Return to your hotel.

Day 4

- Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for flight to the next destination.

INCLUDED:

- Transfers and tours with English speaking guide
- Domestic air-ticket Phnom Penh/Siem Reap
- Domestic airport tax
- Accommodation in shared twin rooms with taxes and services.
- Entrance fees

NOTE: Small deviations in the tour program are sometimes necessary, depending on weather, road and/or river conditions, flight schedules and room availability.

from US\$ 435 pp

