

# JEWELS OF KHMER (CAMBODIA)

7D6N PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP

TOUR CODE: 6JOK (Land Tour only)

(Validity 01<sup>st</sup> OCT 2009 – 30<sup>th</sup> APR 2010)



## DAY 1: ARRIVAL - PHNOM PENH

On arrival at Po Chen Tong Airport, pick up by your guide and transfer to hotel. The tour starts from the capital city of Phnom Penh, once considered the loveliest city of Indochina. Visit the **Royal Palace**, now home to the royal family. At the northern area of the palace grounds is **Silver Pagoda**, the most sacred temple in the country. We also climb up a small hill to visit the legendary **Wat Phnom** and enjoy a fantastic view over the surrounding areas. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

## DAY 2: PHNOM PENH - TONLE BATI - PHNOM PENH (B)

After breakfast at hotel, the sightseeing tour begins with a visit to the **National Museum**, which is dedicated exclusively to Khmer art and sculpture. The majority of the exhibits are from the Angkor period from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> century, but some date from as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> century. We continue to one of the city lively open markets, **Psar Toul Tom Pong**, all called the "**Russian Market**", where anything and everything is up for sale. The **Tuol Sleng Prison Museum** and the notorious "**Killing Fields**" of Choeung Ek are not to be missed. A visit to these sights provides a deep insight into the painful bloody rule of the Khmer Rouge. Heading out of town we visit the **Tonle Bati** with **Ta Prohm** and **Prasat Yeay Peo** Temple. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

## DAY 3: PHNOM PENH - KOMPONG CHAM - KOMPONG THOM (B)

After breakfast at hotel, the overland expedition begins as we depart the town and pass through Cambodia's biggest growing rubber area to Kampong Cham. The deep contrast of lush vegetation and red surface of basaltic soil is incredible all along the way. On arrival in **Kompong Cham**, we visit the beautiful French colonial architecture and **Wat Nokhor** containing the ancient temple and modern style pagoda. The following destination of our trip is **Kongpong Thom**. Along the way we make stop over at **Phnom Pros** and **Phnom Srei**, two hills whose names were translated as the 'man hill' and the 'woman hill'. After checking into hotel we visit some nearby villages and climb 980 steps to the top of **Phnom Santuk** for an impressive sunset view over the surrounding areas. Overnight in Kompong Thom.

## DAY 4: KOMPONG THOM - SIEM REAP (B)

An early morning start to drive to the archeological sight of Sambor Prei Kuk, which is dotted with hundred pre-angkor styled temples. The road conditions are poor, but the spectacular scenery of this ancient ruin, with a mixture of temples and forest, makes it all worthwhile. We travel by roads to **Siem Reap**, passing the charming Khmer countryside. The town of Siem Reap is our base for visiting the world famous temples of the ancient city Angkor, which is home for the capital of the powerful Khmer Empire dating from 802 AD to 1350 AD. This stunning and extensive site sprawls through the dense jungle, over an area of 60 square miles. Overnight in Siem Reap.



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#### DAY 5: SIEM REAP - ANGKOR TEMPLES (B)

Today we spend a full day exploring the wondrous ancient ruins with the **South Gate of Angkor Thom**, which is famous for its series of colossal human faces carved in stone, the impressive **Bayon Temple, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King** and the largest as well as the most complete temple of **Angkor Wat**. This architectural masterpiece was constructed in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and covers an area of about 210 hectares. We stroll around this massive edifice, seeing the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

#### DAY 6: SIEM REAP - ANGKOR TEMPLES (B)

The jungle covered temple of Ta Prohm is an incredible sight. There are enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers which embrace themselves in the stone foundations of the structure giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature. We explore this masterpiece as well as some of the surrounding temples including **Banteay Kdei, Sra Srong, Ta Keo, Thommanon and Chau Say Tevado**. The grand circuit with **Preah Khan, Kravan, Neak Pean, Krol Ko, Ta Som, East Mebon and Pre Rup Temples**, is also visited this afternoon before we walk up to **Phnom Bakheng Hill** for a view of the spectacular sunset over these sandstone monuments. Overnight in Siem Reap.

#### DAY 7: SIEM REAP – DEPARTURE (B)

After breakfast, we embark on a short cruise on **Tonle Sap Lake**, Cambodia's biggest natural water body (if time permits). The experience is wonderful as we pass by floating village, friendly children in small boats and fishermen at work. The trip ends after your transfer to Siem Reap Airport for departure.

#### II price in SGD/ person (Land Tour only)

Hotel (PNH/K.THOM/REP)	1 pax	2 pax	3-5 pax	6-9 pax	10-14 pax	SGL/Supp
Mittapheap/Stung Sen/Salina	1495	870	760	620	580	150
Juliana/Stung Sen/Empress Angkor	1650	950	850	715	695	220
Sunway/Stung Sen/Angkor Century	1850	1070	1000	820	800	300
Intercontinental/ Stung Sen/Sokha Angkor	2180	1230	1120	998	998	470

#### Package Includes:

- ✓ Tours & transfers in private a/c vehicles as per program
- ✓ Accommodation is based on twin/triple share with daily breakfast
- ✓ All entrance fees and boat fees
- ✓ English / Chinese / French speaking guide
- ✓ Cold mineral water & towel during trips

#### Package Excludes:

- International air tickets
- International airport tax **USD 25** per person
- Visa fee of **USD20** per person (if applicable)
- All other meals & Tips

#### Conditions:

- **Rates subject to change for period 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 09 – 05<sup>th</sup> Jan 09 (to be advised upon booking)**
- Compulsory X'mas & New Year Eve dinner may apply depending on hotel booked



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