

Cambodia: Angkor Wat

DAY 1

ARRIVE SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Arrive in Siem Reap, where you are met and enjoy VIP Fast Track Service before being transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2

SIEM REAP | MAGNIFICENT TEMPLES

Begin the day at Angkor Thom, former capital of the Khmer empire. Upon entering through the South Gate, note its four giant stone faces, a stunning example of Khmer craftsmanship. See Bayon Temple — a Buddhist marvel incorporating elements of Hindu cosmology — and the Terrace of the Elephants, an impressive wall used by kings as a ceremonial stage. See, too, the well-detailed bas-reliefs at the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to the nearby Baphuon Temple, a temple-mountain featuring a unique animal carving at the walkway entrance and a large reclining Buddha to the west. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to your hotel for time at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3

SIEM REAP | ANGKOR WAT

Rise early this morning and journey by *tuk-tuk* to famed Angkor Wat, built during the reign of King Suryavarman II. Witness the dramatic sunrise over the breathtaking temple and see its bas-reliefs and stone carvings, many said to immortalize the mighty kings' wars. Return to your hotel for a late breakfast. Then, continue to Ta Prohm, tucked amid entwined strangler figs and kapok trees. Sit down to lunch at a local restaurant before setting out to pink sandstone Banteay Srei (the "Citadel of Women") — noteworthy for its classical Khmer art — and ethereal Banteay Samre, among its highlights an interior moat. En route to Banteay Samre, stop at the Cambodia Clean Water Project, an A&K Philanthropy-sponsored initiative that builds pumping wells in rural communities throughout the country. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4

DEPART SIEM REAP

Transfer to the airport this morning and board your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast