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ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

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4 Days/3 Nights

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Angkor is unique, a superb collection of fabulous temples, comprising the sacred skeleton of what was once the most powerful empire in South-east Asia. Between the 9th and 13th centuries the Khmer kings, who ruled from Angkor, used their vast wealth and huge labour force to create impressive temples to glorify both the kings and their capitals – many were built close to Siem Reap. At its peak, around 1200 AD, the population of the city of Angkor Thom reached 1 million, before declining as the vast irrigation network slowly silted up and the invasion of Angkor by the Siamese in 1431 AD.

The "lost city" of Angkor was re-discovered by the West after the 1860s publication of "Le tour du monde" by French naturalist Henry Mouhot. Excavation of the city and temples from the smothering jungle began in 1908 and was interrupted in the 1970's by the war. The towering temples and exquisite bas-reliefs are being gradually restored to something approaching their original grandeur.

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DAY ONE

Upon arrival at Siem Reap Airport, you will be met by your English speaking tour guide, then transferred to the hotel. After dinner your guide will take you to the Apsara cultural show.

Meals: B, D

Lodging: **Steung Siem Reap Hotel**

St. 9, Khum Svaydangkum, Siem Reap Angkor

Ph +855 63 965 167, www.steungsiemreaphotel.com/

Facilities: Restaurant, bar, swimming pool, sauna, fitness centre, wifi.

Features: French Colonial hotel conveniently located in the heart of the city. Winner of TripAdvisor's 2013 Traveler's Choice award.



DAY TWO

We arise early to view the spectacular sunrise with temples silhouetted, then return to the hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, visit the South Gate (with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk), the ancient capital of Angkor Thom (12th century), Bayon Temple (unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara), the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King & Ta Prohm.

After lunch we will visit one of the great wonders of the world, symbol of the heart and soul of Cambodia, Angkor Wat. Our spectacular day will end with a view of the setting sun from Phnom Bakheng Hill, one of two hills dominating the plain of Angkor; there will be superb views of the Western Baray and Angkor Wat.

Meals: B, L, D

Lodging: **Steung Siem Riep Hotel**



DAY THREE

We start the day with a trip to Banteay Srei, a red sandstone temple dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. On the way back visit the Temple of Banteay Samre. In the afternoon we explore the magnificent temple complex of Angkor Wat, the largest temple complex in the world. Enjoy the sunset from the mountain temple of Phnom Bakhaeng.

Meals: B, L

Lodging: **Steung Siem Riep Hotel**

DAY FOUR

We cycle to Tonle Sap Lake, the "Great Lake" of Cambodia, one of the largest in Asia, 15km south of Siem Reap. Here we take a cruise past floating villages complete with schools, restaurants, and hospitals.

There will be time for shopping prior to transfer to Siem Reap Airport for departure. *Breakfast is included today.* We hope you thoroughly enjoyed your tour and look forward to seeing you again

