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Tour Name: Bangkok to Phnom Penh to Angkor Wat and Back to Bangkok Tour 3d2n

Tour Code: BKK-PNH-BKK-3d2n

Tour Duration: 3 days / 2 nights

Tour Operate: all year round / on demand

Number of Pax: available upon request

Day I - Phnom Penh arrival, Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, stop by Central Market and private transfer to Siem Reap

Upon arrival in Phnom Penh international airport, you will be met and welcomed by our English-speaking guide, picked up and transferred for the visit to:

Royal Palace - Silver Pagoda – built in 1866 by His Majesty Preah Bat Norodom, the Royal Palace is now home to his Majesty Preah Bat Nodom Sihamony and his mother, her majesty Preah Reach Akka-Mohesey Norodom Monineat. Most of the buildings inside the palace are closed to the public, except for special occasions. Also within the palace walls is the Silver Pagoda, which draws its name from the 5,000 silver tiles that pave its floor. Inside the pagoda there are hundreds of gifts to Cambodian king, including a solid-gold Buddha encrusted with 9,584 diamonds weighing 90 kilograms. For those who love shopping, there are several markets that offer handicraft, silk, silver ware, wood carving, precious stones from the country's famous mines, as well as antique furniture and paintings by local artists.

Central Market Psar Thom Thmei – stop by Phsar Thum Thmei; meaning "New Grand Market is a market and an art deco landmark in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. The bright yellow building completed in 1937 has a 26-metre high central dome, with four tall arch-roofed arms branching out diagonally across the block, creating vast hallways housing countless stalls and a variety of goods. Initially designed by city architect Jean Desbois, construction works were supervised by French architect Louis Chauchon. When it first opened in 1937, it was said to be the biggest market in Asia; today it still operates as a market.

Lunch at local restaurant

After lunch, private transfer to Siem Reap.

Upon arrival in Siem Reap, you will be met and welcomed by our English-speaking guide and then check in to your hotel.

Remainder of the day, time free and relax on your own leisure at the hotel or explore the Siem Reap city and markets on your own.

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

Day II - Angkor Wat at dawn, Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom city, Bayon, Ta Prohm and small circuit

At 5am, pick up for viewing the picturesque sunrise at Angkor Wat. Return to hotel for breakfast.

Angkor Wat – after breakfast, visit the magnificent temple of Angkor Wat, built by Suryavarman II in early 12th century. Angkor Wat is constructed following the model of the temple mountain symbolizing the mount Merou, home of the gods, considered as the masterpiece of the Khmer architecture. This Vishnuite temple is the King's funerary temple that is why the temple is oriented to the west. Inside the temple the walls are covered by carvings and bas-reliefs depicting the Hindu mythology and the wars Suryavarman II made during his reign. As well Angkor Wat is well known



for the 1800 Apsara dancers decorating the all temple. But like most say, it takes a life time to discover all the wonders of this temple.

Angkor Thom city complex – continue visit the Great City of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. This city is surrounded by an 8m high wall; each side of the city is 3 kilometers long. It draws a perfect square you access this town through 5 gates, 4 of them represent the cardinal points and the 5th one the Victory Gate was the one leading directly to the Royal Palace area.

You will arrive via the **South Gate**, an impressive stone gate carved with Elephants and 4 giant faces. On each side is a row of 54 gods or demons holding the sacred Naga snake.

After passing through the South Gate, you will go down along this shady road to the **Bayon** temple. This temple lies exactly in the center of the city. The particularity of this monument is the 54 towers representing the 54 provinces of the then Great Khmer Empire. Each tower has 4 faces. This is the only temple in Cambodia depicting scenes of the everyday life at the time of the empire.

From the Bayon continue by walk to the **Baphoun** recently re-opened to the public. There you will pass by the **Phimeanakas** the location of the Royal Palace. The only remaining are a pond and a temple. The palace was made of wood and did not survive the time and the wars.

Then continue to the **Terrace of the Elephants**. This Terrace was the place where the parade was done for the king. Next is the **Terrace of the Leper King**, depicting the water world.

Ta Prohm overgrown temple – continue to Ta Prohm - one of the most popular temples of the Angkor Complex. This temple was built in the memory of the King Jayavarman VII's mother. When found by the French conservators at the end of the 19th century, they deliberately left this temple in the same condition as it was discovered, overgrown by strangler fig and silk-cotton trees, giving the temple a mystical and romantic appeal.

Lunch at local restaurant

Your visit will also include **Ta Keo, Banteay Kdei**, a Buddhist monastery from the late 12th century, **Srah Srang**, also known as the "pool of ablution", the identical twin temples of **Tommanon** and **Chaosay Tevoda**, and **Krovan** temple.

At 2pm, departs for Phnom Penh.

Overnight at hotel in Phnom Penh.

Day III - National Museum, Toul Sleng S21 Genocidal Crimes Museum, Chhoeung Ek Killing Field Museum, Phnom Penh departure

In the morning, after breakfast at the hotel, pick up and transfer for the visit to:

National Museum - located just north of the Royal Palace, the National Museum was recently rested to its former glory as one of the finest examples of Khmer architecture. On display there are more than 5,000 artifacts and objects of 'art from the 6th to the 13th centuries. They include sandstone sculptures, royal barges, palanquins and silk, intricately woven with silver and gold threads. There are also rare religious objects in gold, silver and bronze.

Toul Sleng S21 Genocide Museum - when the Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975 they converted a former high school in the suburbs of Phnom Penh into a detention and torture center known as Toul Sleng, or S-21. A genocide museum was established at Tulo Sleng after 1979 and today it remains as it looked when abandoned by the Khmer



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Rouge. Hundreds of faces of those tortured line the walls inside the old school. Most of the 17,000 people detained at Toul Sleng were eventually transported to Choeng Ek, a mass gravesite located 15 km outside Phnom Penh. Known to locals as the Killing Field, Choeng Ek serves as a memorial to those killed under the Khmer Rouge rule. These sites can be extremely distressing, but are essential part of understanding Cambodia's tragic past.

Lunch at local restaurant

Choeung Ek Killing Field Museum - mass graves containing 8,895 bodies were discovered at Choeng 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 and in other Cambodian detention centers.

Today, Choeng Ek is a memorial, marked by a Buddhist stupa. The stupa has acrylic glass sides and is filled with more than 5,000 human skulls. Some of the lower levels are opened during the day so that the skulls can be seen directly. Many have been shattered or smashed in.

Tourists are encouraged by the Cambodian government to visit Choeng Ek. Apart from the stupa, there are pits from which the bodies were exhumed. Human bones still litter the site.

On May 3, 2005, the Municipality of Phnom Penh announced that they had entered into a 30-year agreement with JC Royal Co. to develop the memorial at Choeng Ek. As part of the agreement, they are not to disturb the remains still present in the field.

Stop by Russian market

Drop off at Phnom Penh international airport to catch flight to your next destination.

Tour Ends



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Price

- Available upon request.

Included

- Full tours and transfers by private luxury A/C vehicle
- English speaking guide
- All entrance fee for mentioned visit.

Excluded

- Meals not mentioned
- Accommodation
- Visa fees \$30 (visa on arrival, please bring 1 of your recent passport-size photo to visit your Cambodia visa). Southeast Asian passport holders do not require a Cambodian visa
- Drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips and expenditure of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance
- Any services not mentioned in itinerary.

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