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AGREED ITINERARY

Tour Name: Prek Toal Floating Village Bird Watching Tour

Tour Code: B1

Tour Duration: 1 day

Tour Operates: all year round / on demand **Number of Pax:** available upon request **Tour Price:** available upon request

Pick-up and drop off location

Can be anywhere upon request
Hotel in Siem Reap
Upon arrival in Siem Reap airport
Upon arrival in Siem Reap bus station
Upon arrival in boat pier in Chong Kneah floating village
Any AirBnB and residences in Siem Reap.

Pick-up and drop-off direction

Kindly provide your pick-up and drop-off styles for direction!

PREK TOAL FLOATING VILLAGE AND BIRD SANCTUARY

05:00 - you will be met and welcomed by our English speaking guide, and then transferred onward to Chong Khneas or Mechhrey floating village.

05:30 - arrive at Prek Toal or Mechhrey floating village, board the private boat, cross the Tonle Sap Great Lake to Prek Toal floating village. Breakfast boxes from your hotel, briefing by our guide along the way.

07:00 - arrive at Prek Toal floating village, buy your ticket at Prek Toal environmental office in Prek Toal floating village, take smaller boat to which you are escorted by a ranger from Prek Toal environmental office for the boat trip into the core bird reserve flooded forest.

08:30 - arrive at the treetop observation platform, opposite the bird colonies to view the panorama of the flooded forest reserve and teeming birdlife.

11:30 - arrive back at Prek Toal, have lunch in a floating house (at your own costs).

13:00 - paddle boat tour of the floating village (at your own costs).

15:00 - return boat trip to Siem Reap, arriving back at your hotel around 17:00.

Tonle Sap Lake & Prek Toal Bird Sanctuary

Cambodia's Great Tonle Sap Lake sits only 15 km south of town, a unique eco-system and cultural area offering the opportunity to see a different side of the Siem Reap - floating villages, cultural and nature tours, birdwatching.

The Tonle Sap Lake is the most prominent feature on the map of Cambodia - a huge dumbbell-shaped body of water stretching across the northwest of the country. In the wet season, the lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes in Asia, swelling to an expansive 12,000 km2. During the dry half of the year it shrinks to as small as 2500 km2, draining into the Tonle Sap River, which meanders southeast, eventually merging with the Mekong River at the 'chaktomuk' confluence at Phnom Penh. During the wet season a unique hydrologic phenomenon causes the Tonle Sap River to reverse direction, filling the lake.



The engine of this phenomenon is the Mekong River, which becomes bloated with snow melt and runoff from the monsoon rains. The swollen Mekong backs up into the Tonle Sap at the point where the rivers meet at Chaktomuk, forcing the waters of the Tonle Sap River back into the lake. The inflow expands the area of lake more than five-fold, inundating the surrounding forested floodplain and supporting an extraordinarily rich and diverse eco-system.

More than 100 varieties of waterbirds including several threatened and endangered species, over 200 species of fish, as well as crocodiles, turtles, macaques, otter and other wildlife inhabit the inundated mangrove forests. The Lake is also an important commercial resource, providing more than half of the fish consumed in Cambodia. In harmony with the specialized ecosystems, the human occupations at the edges of the lake is similarly distinctive - floating villages, towering stilted houses, huge fish traps, and an economy and way of life deeply intertwined with the lake, the fish, the wildlife and the cycles of rising and falling waters.

Prek Toal Bird Sanctuary

The sanctuary at the Prek Toal core area of the Biosphere Reserve has been called "the single most important breeding ground in Southeast Asia for globally threatened large waterbirds." The Biosphere covers 31,282 hectares at the northwest tip of the Lake and plays host to species including Greater and Lesser Adjuncts, Black-headed Ibis, Painted Stork, Milky Stork, Spot-billed Pelican, Grey-Headed Fish Eagle and many more species. Of the three Biosphere core areas on the Tonle Sap Lake, Prek Toal is the most accessible from Siem Reap and the most popular with birdwatchers. The best time of year for viewing is the dry season (December-May) when flocks of migratory birds congregate at Prek Toal. As the dry season progresses and the water recedes, the number of birds increases but the travel to some of the more important viewing areas becomes more difficult.

TOUR ENDS



PRICE

- private solo tour: USD145

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private tour for 2 persons: USD90 per person
private tour for 3 persons: USD50 per person
private tour for 4 persons: USD40 per person
private tour for 5 persons: USD40 per person
private tour for 6 persons: USD40 per person
private tour for 7 persons: USD35 per person
private tour for 8 persons: USD33 per person

- private tour for 9 persons: USD32 per person

- the more people, the lower price.

INCLUDED

- Private transfer to and from Siem Reap to Chong Kneah pier or Mechhrey pier by private luxury A/C vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Private boat cruise to and from Chong Kneah pier or Mechhrey pier to Prek Toal floating village.

EXCLUDED

- Meals not mentioned
- Ticket to bird colony
- 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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