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Tour Name: Bangkok to Phnom Penh to Angkor Wat and Back to Bangkok Tour 4d3n

Tour Code: BKK-PNH-REP-4d3n

Tour Duration: 4 days / 3 nights

Tour Operate: all year round / on demand

Number of Pax: available upon request

Day I - Phnom Penh arrival, Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum, 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.

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.

Central Market – Pksar 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 in Siem Reap.

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

Day II - Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom city, Bayon, Ta Prohm, Kampong Pluk floating village and Sunset at Phnom Bakheng hill

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

Angkor Wat – 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



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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.

Kampong Pluk Fishing Village – continue to Kampong Pluk, a cluster of three villages of stilted houses built within the floodplain about 16 km southeast of Siem Reap. The villages are primarily Khmer and have about 3000 inhabitants between them. Flooded mangrove forest surrounds the area and is home to a variety of wildlife including crab-eating macaques. During the dry season when the lake is low, the buildings in the villages seem to soar atop their 6-meter stilts exposed by the lack of water. At this time of year many of the villagers move out onto the lake and build temporary houses. In the wet season when water level rises, the villagers move back to their permanent houses on the floodplain, the stilts now hidden under the water. Kampong Pluk's economy is, as one might expect, based in fishing, primary in shrimp harvesting.

Lunch at local restaurant

Phnom Bakheng hill sunset – Return to Siem Reap after watching sunset at Phnom Bakheng Hill. Dominating the flat landscape, this 10th Century mountain temple is the most popular spot in the area to watch a classic sunset over Angkor Wat and the surrounding forest.

Dinner at local restaurant

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.



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Day III - Sunrise at Angkor Wat and drop off at Siem Reap airport

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

At 8am, check out and transfer to Siem Reap airport to catch flight to Bangkok.

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

Overnight at your hotel in Bangkok.

Day IV - Floating market, Tiger feeding, Wat Aron, Grand Palace, drop off at Suvarnabhumi airport BKK in Bangkok

In the morning, after breakfast at the hotel, you will be met and welcomed by our English-speaking guide, picked up and transfer for the visit to:

Floating market

Tiger farm Tiger feeding

Lunch

Wat Aron

Grand Palace

Drop off at Suvarnabhumi international airport BKK in Bangkok.

Tour Ends



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Tour 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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