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**Tour Name:** Prek Toal Bird Watching Tour 1d

**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 time:** at 5am (but flexible and available upon request) at your preferred pick up location.

**Hotel:** available upon request.

**Drop-off time:** at 6pm (but flexible and available upon request) at your preferred drop off destination.

**Kindly let us know your pick-up information when you have it available?**

Pick up location is flexible and available upon request includes:

Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Siem Reap  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Phnom Penh  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in any provinces in Cambodia  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Bangkok  
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Upon arrival at Laem Chabang cruises port in Pattaya  
Upon arrival at Siem Reap Angkor International Airport SAI  
Upon arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport PNH  
Upon arrival at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport BKK  
Upon arrival at Bangkok Don Muang International Airport DMK  
Upon arrival at Moi Chit bus station in Bangkok  
Upon arrival at train station in Bangkok  
Upon arrival at Chao Phraya express boat pier  
Upon arrival at Klong Tei boat pier  
Upon arrival at any boat pier in Bangkok  
Upon arrival at Central Point Koh Chang boat pier  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Pattaya  
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Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Rayong  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Chantaburi  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Khao Yai  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in South-Eastern of Thailand  
And more...

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### **Day I - Prek Toal Floating Village, Core Bird Reserve Flooded Forest**

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 Chong Kneah floating village peir or Mechhrey floating village peir, board the private boat, cross the Tonle Sap Great Lake to Prek Toal floating village. Breakfast boxes from your hotel, tour 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.

13:00 - paddle boat tour of the floating village.

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 km<sup>2</sup>. During the dry half of the year it shrinks to as small as 2500 km<sup>2</sup>, 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.

During the night of your stay in Siem Reap, you can enjoy Siem Reap nightlife, night markets, foods and other fun activities in Siem Reap downtown, Pub Street areas and city formerly French colonial head quarter.

Return and drop you off at your preferred destination.

### **Tour Ends**



### Price

- Available upon request.

### Included

- Full transfers from Siem Reap to Chong Kneah pier or Mechhrey pier by private luxury A/C vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Private boat from Chong Kneah pier or Mechhrey pier to Prek Toal floating village
- Ticket to bird colony
- Private boat with ranger from Prek Toal floating village to bird colony
- Paddle boat ride at Prek Toal floating village
- One lunch at floating house restaurant at Prek Toal floating village.

### Excluded

- Meals not mentioned
- Accommodation
- Visa on Arrival fee \$30. Please bring one of your recent passport-size photos to visit your Cambodian Visa on Arrival. South-East Asian passport holders do not require a visa to enter Cambodian
- Drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips and expenditure of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance
- Any services not mentioned in itinerary.

### Creating Unique Touring Experiences

Our expert travel team has planned your trip so that you can experience the very best of what Cambodia has to offer. We understand that many will have various needs and wants for each particular tour that may not be included in an itinerary. We will plan any tour to meet your particular demands. Please **Send inquiry>>>**

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