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Tour Name: Sambo Prei Kuk World Heritage Site Excursion 1d

Tour Code: A1M **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 8am (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

Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Koh Chang

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 - Sambo Prei Kuk Temple Group

Sambo Prei Kuk – you will be met and welcomed by our English speaking guide at your preferred pick-up location and then transferred onward to Sambor Prei Kuk.

Prasat Sambor Prei Kuk is an archaeological site in Cambodia located in Kampong Thom Province, 30 km (19 mi) north of Kampong Thom, the provincial capital, 176 km (109 mi) east of Angkor and 206 km (128 mi) north of Phnom Penh. The now ruined complex dates back to the Pre-Angkorian Chenla Kingdom (late 6th to 9th century), established by king Isanavarman I as central royal sanctuary and capital, known then as Isanapura. In 2017, Sambor Prei Kuk was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Located on the Eastern bank of the Tonle Sap lake, close to the Sen River, the central part of Sambor Prei Kuk is divided into three main groups. Each group has a square layout surrounded by a brick wall. The structures of the overall archaeological area were constructed at variable times: the southern and north groups (7th century) by Isanavarman I, who is considered a possible founder of the city and the central group (later date).

The buildings of Sambor Prei Kuk are characteristic of the Pre-Angkorean period with a simple external plan. The principal material is brick, but sandstone is also used for certain structures. Architectural features include numerous prasats, octagonal towers, shiva lingams and yonis, ponds and reservoirs, and lion sculptures. Sambor Prei Kuk is located amidst mature sub-tropical forests with limited undergrowth. The area has been mined and could still contain unexploded ordnance.

The Clusters

The whole compound is made of three clusters classified as group C for Central, N for North and S for South (Michon & Kalay, 2012). They are enclosed in a double-walled encircling 1,000 acre in which there were 150 Hindu temples today mostly in ruins.

1.Group N is considered the main temple and it dates from the 7th century. It was dedicated to one of the reincarnations of Shiva known as Gambhireshvara (from Sanskrit गमॕ à¤à¥€à¤° - gambhir, profound, deep,



solemn - and शिव, shvara, Shiva, Åšiva, The Auspicious One).

- 2. Group S: Prasat Yeah Puon includes 22 sanctuaries dated from the 7th century (600 635 AD) during the reign of Isanavarman I in dedication to Shiva.
- 3. Group C: It is occupied by the Central Sanctuary or Prasat Boram with lion sculptures that had inspired the popular name of Prasat Tao (The Lions' Temple). It is, however, the newest group dating the 9th century. The other main feature is the Tower of Ashram Issey, but there were also other constructions (18 temples) now in ruined (Palmer, 2011).

7th century

Isanavarman I reigned over the Chenla Kingdom between 616 and 637 AD, taking Isanapura as his capital and it is argued that he built the main temple Prasat Sambor (Group N), as there is an inscription on the site attributed to his reign and dated 13 September 627 AD. The king is also known for sending his first embassy to the court of the Sui Dynasty in China (616-617). Chenla conquered different principalities in the Northwest of Cambodia after the end of the Chinese reign period yGnghuA« (e° A341/2) (i. e. after 31 January 656), which previously (in 638/39) paid tribute to China.

The last important king in Isanapura was Jayavarman I, whose death caused turmoil to the kingdom at the start of the 8th century, breaking it in many principalities and opening the way to a new time: Angkor. This site is also claimed as an early capital of Jayavarman II (O'Reilly & Jacques, 1990).

20th century

After the Lon Nol's coup d'état to Prince Norodom Sihanouk in 1970, US President Richard Nixon ordered a secret bombing of Cambodia to fight the Khmer Rouge guerrillas and any influence of North Vietnam in the country. The US aircraft bombed positions inside the archaeological site, causing craters near the temples, while the guerrillas left several mines on the land that were cleared only in 2008.

This site was added to the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List on January 1, 1992 in the Cultural category.

Lunch at local restaurant (at your own costs)

Official religion

The official religion at Sambor Prei Kuk city was Shaivism, one of the four most widely followed sects of Hinduism, which reveres the god Shiva as the Supreme Being and the Lingam (in Sanskrit $\dot{a}x^2\dot{a}x\dot{a}x^{\text{TM}}\dot{a}Y\bullet \dot{a}x-\dot{a}x$, $\dot{a}x$, \dot{a}

Shaivism was the religion of Chenla (ca. 550 - ca. 800 AD), including elements of Hinduism, Buddhism and indigenous ancestor cults. In the Sambor Prei Kuk temples, it is possible to contemplate stone inscriptions in both Sanskrit and Khmer, naming both Hindu and local ancestral deities with Shiva and several altars with the lingam.

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

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.

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