

ESSENCE OF CAMBODIA – FOCUS ON FAMILY

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Cambodia's diverse attractions, from temples to local markets, wildlife sanctuaries, and cultural performances.
- Experience the charm of Phnom Penh on a bicycle rickshaw and delve into silk weaving on Koh Dach island.
- Encounter wildlife up close at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Sanctuary and meet rescued bears and other animals.
- Immerse yourself in nature at Kulen Elephant Forest, witnessing elephants in their natural habitat and enjoying rural life in Siem Reap's countryside.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

PHNOM PENH (ARRIVAL)

Upon your arrival in Phnom Penh, the bustling capital city of Cambodia, you will be warmly greeted by your knowledgeable local guide who will assist you in transferring to your designated

hotel. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure, immersing yourself in the rich culture and history of Phnom Penh.

DAY 2

Koh Dach Island tour & Bicycle Rickshaw City Tour

Embark on a cultural odyssey to Koh Dach Island, renowned as "Silk Island," where time seems to stand still amidst traditional silk weaving workshops and idyllic village life. Journey across the river to this serene enclave, exploring its rich heritage as you meander through stilted houses and bustling markets. Return to Phnom Penh for a delightful Bicycle Rickshaw tour, a charming way to discover the city's iconic landmarks. Explore the opulent Royal Palace, the awe-inspiring Silver Pagoda, and the treasure trove of Khmer art at the National Museum. Conclude your day at Wat Phnom, soaking in panoramic views of the cityscape as the sun sets. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

DAY 3

Bear Care Tour Free the Bears at Phnom Tamao

Embark on a heartwarming journey to Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre, where you'll encounter Cambodia's diverse wildlife up close. Join the 'Bear Care Tour' and venture into the tranquil forested compound to witness the rehabilitation efforts firsthand. Enjoy a picnic amidst the lush surroundings before exploring further, gaining insights into conservation initiatives. Return to Phnom Penh in the late afternoon for leisure time.

DAY 4

PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP

Embark on a scenic road trip to Siem Reap, stopping at the renowned Skuon Market, known as "Spiderville," where you'll witness an array of exotic delicacies. As you journey onward, catch glimpses of skilled stonemasons at work in Kampong Thom. Arrive in Siem Reap and check into the tranquil Bong Thom Forest Lodge, nestled amidst the countryside. Unwind with a refreshing dip in the lodge's swimming pool, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. Delight in a traditional Khmer dinner at a wooden house restaurant.

DAY 5

SIEM REAP – Banteay Srei & Phare Circus Show

Embark on a cultural excursion to Banteay Srei Butterfly Centre, where you'll witness the beauty of Cambodia's native butterflies and support local conservation efforts. Explore the intricately carved Banteay Srei Temple, known as the "Citadel of Victory," and marvel at its exquisite red sandstone architecture. Conclude your day with a captivating performance at the Phare Circus Show, where talented Cambodian artists blend theatre, music, and modern circus arts to tell captivating stories.

DAY 6

SIEM REAP – Sunrise Angkor

Rise early to witness the breathtaking sunrise over Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most iconic landmarks in Cambodia. Explore the ancient temple complex, delving into its rich history and intricate carvings with an expert local guide. Continue your exploration at Angkor Thom, the ancient capital of the Khmer Empire, where you'll encounter majestic stone faces and architectural marvels. Discover the Terrace of Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King, marveling at the grandeur of these ancient structures. Conclude your day with a visit to the jungle-clad Ta Prohm Temple, where towering trees intertwine with ancient ruins, creating a mesmerizing fusion of nature and history.

DAY 7

SIEM REAP – Countryside Experience

Embark on a scenic bike tour through the picturesque countryside surrounding Siem Reap, stopping at a local fish market and the enchanting floating village of Kampong Khleang. Enjoy a Khmer lunch at a local home before exploring the Vietnamese floating village, a unique community built on floating objects along the Tonle Sap River. Interact with villagers and observe rare bird species in their natural habitat before returning to Siem Reap in the late afternoon.

DAY 8

SIEM REAP – Adventure at Kulen Elephant Forest

Embark on a nature-filled adventure at the Kulen Elephant Forest, where you'll spend the morning interacting with gentle giants in their natural habitat. Learn about elephant conservation efforts and enjoy lunch surrounded by the beauty of the forest. Bid farewell to your newfound friends before returning to Siem Reap for leisure time.

DAY 9

SIEM REAP (DEPARTURE)

Savor your final moments in Siem Reap with leisure time before transferring to the airport for your departure. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences and cherished memories created during your journey through Cambodia's cultural and natural wonders. Departure procedures for your onward journey.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.