

Cambodia in Charm and Style

(Luxury Nature & Culture Eco Tour)
18 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on a captivating 18-day odyssey across Cambodia, where you'll uncover the hidden marvels of Angkor, traverse the expansive Great Tonle Sap Lake, and partake in enriching cultural encounters.
- Experience the allure of Battambang, immerse yourself in local life at the Smiling Gecko Farmhouse, and admire architectural marvels in Phnom Penh.
- Explore the wilderness at the Cardamom Tented Camp on a nature expedition, followed by relaxation amidst the coastal splendor of Kep.
- Conclude your journey with a Champagne Sunset Cruise and heartfelt farewells at Phnom Penh International Airport.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

ARRIVAL SIEM REAP

Welcome to Siem Reap! Upon arrival at the international airport, your tour guide will greet you. Transfer to your hotel, where you can relax and prepare for the upcoming journey. Take some time to soak in the atmosphere of Siem Reap.

DAY 2

SIEM REAP

Prepare for a day of exploration as you embark on a unique journey through the hidden gems of Angkor by REMORK. Begin with a visit to the royal pool of Srah Srang, followed by the famed jungle temple, Ta Prohm. Venture deeper into Angkor with a walk to the serene temple of Ta Nei and the awe-inspiring Ta Keo temple. Explore the Victory Gate of Angkor Thom and discover hidden treasures along the way. Conclude the day with a Sunset Cocktail at Khmer Wooden House overlooking the Royal Bathing Pool.

DAY 3

SIEM REAP

Begin your day with an extraordinary hot air balloon ride over Siem Reap province, offering panoramic views of the Angkor complex and surrounding landscapes. Following this mesmerizing experience, explore the iconic Angkor Wat, marveling at its ancient architecture and intricate carvings. Participate in a Monk Blessing Ceremony at a local pagoda, cleansing your spirit and inviting good fortune. In the afternoon, visit Banteay Srei, renowned for its elaborate red sandstone carvings depicting Hindu mythology scenes. Your day concludes with stops at Banteay Samre, Eastern Mebon, Pre Rup, and the Grand Circuit, each revealing a piece of Cambodia's rich history and cultural heritage.

DAY 4

SIEM REAP

Today, indulge in a luxurious adventure as you cruise the vast expanse of the Great Tonle Sap Lake aboard a private wooden local yacht. Sink into plush cushions, sip on champagne (or cocktails), and savor signature canapés as the floating village provides a captivating backdrop. This isn't just a journey; it's an immersion into the vibrant life of Tonle Sap, where stilted houses, floating markets, and bustling activity paint a vivid picture of Cambodian river life.

Opt for a Khmer or Western lunch from a menu crafted by the onboard chef, enhancing your culinary journey on the water. As you glide along the tranquil waters, observe the daily rhythms of life on the lake, from fishermen casting their nets to children playing on makeshift rafts.

Insider Tip: For an exquisite dining experience, consider dinner at Cuisine Wat Damnak, renowned for its Khmer haute cuisine. Indulge in a changing set menu featuring seasonal

ingredients, offering a culinary journey through the flavors of Cambodia (not included in the tour price).

DAY 5

SIEM REAP – BATTAMBANG

Embark on a picturesque overland transfer to Battambang, a province known for its scenic rice fields, orchards, and distinctive landscapes. After a delicious lunch, brace yourself for a thrilling ride on the unique "Bamboo Train," a one-of-a-kind experience that offers a glimpse into Cambodia's past. In the charming town of Battambang, explore the remnants of French colonial architecture and peruse local art galleries during a guided stroll. Gain insight into the town's artistic scene and cultural heritage, as you discover hidden gems tucked away in narrow alleyways and bustling markets.

A visit to Kinyei Café introduces you to the local coffee culture, offering a chance to savor freshly brewed Cambodian coffee while supporting a social enterprise committed to empowering local communities (beverages not included).

DAY 6

BATTAMBANG

Embark on a village tour by Remork (TUK-TUK), exploring Battambang's captivating countryside and traditional crafts. Sample freshly made local products and visit a memorial site for Khmer Rouge victims. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Sompov Hill, exploring its caves and witnessing a natural spectacle as bats emerge at sunset.

DAY 7

BATTAMBANG – SMILING GECKO FARMHOUSE

Embark on a scenic overland transfer to Phnom Penh, with a stop at Kampong Chhnang to visit a family-run pottery production. Your journey continues to the Smiling Gecko Farmhouse, offering a unique overnight stay in the heart of the Cambodian countryside.

Discover the Smiling Gecko Campus, a 150-hectare oasis characterized by paddy fields and lush jungle. Immerse yourself in the tranquil landscape, understanding the empowerment efforts and community initiatives led by the Smiling Gecko Initiative.

DAY 8

SMILING GECKO FARMHOUSE

Embark on a captivating Sugar Palm Tour, venturing to the Domnak Ompel Village to witness the cultivation of palm trees and the production of palm sugar. Engage with local families as they demonstrate the harvesting and processing techniques, offering you the opportunity to taste freshly extracted palm juice and palm wine. Following this enriching experience, spend the remainder of the day at leisure, savoring the serene surroundings of the Smiling Gecko Farmhouse.

DAY 9

SMILING GECKO FARMHOUSE – PHNOM PENH

Relish a leisurely morning at the Smiling Gecko Farmhouse before embarking on an overland journey to Phnom Penh. As you traverse the landscapes, soak in the changing scenery and reflect on the experiences of your Cambodian adventure.

DAY 10

PHNOM PENH

Embark on a Cyclo tour led by a local Cambodian architect, exploring central Phnom Penh's colonial buildings and unraveling its historical tapestry. Visit the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda in the afternoon, immersing yourself in the kingdom's opulent history. As evening falls, indulge in the Ultimate Street Food Tour, sampling over 20 dishes at six different stops, guided by a local foodie expert.

DAY 11

PHNOM PENH – CARDAMOM TENTED CAMP

Embark on a journey to Botum Sakor National Park, arriving at the Cardamom Tented Camp. After a brief boat ride down the Preak Tachan River, settle into your safari-style tent and explore the pristine surroundings. Enjoy an afternoon of jungle hikes, river swims, or zip-lining adventures, followed by a serene riverside dinner.

DAY 12

CARDAMOM TENTED CAMP

Immerse yourself in the heart of the Cardamom Mountains with a trekking and kayaking adventure. Explore trails to the old ranger station before enjoying activities like zip-lining and river swims. Relax and dine amidst the jungle sounds.

DAY 13

CARDAMOM TENTED CAMP

Continue your exploration of the Cardamom Mountains with trekking and kayaking excursions to remote forest areas. Tailor your activities based on personal preferences and tides. As dusk descends, savor the tranquility of the camp.

DAY 14

CARDAMOM TENTED CAMP – KEP

After breakfast, return to Trapeang Rung by boat and journey to Kep, stopping at Kampot for a market stroll. Upon arrival, check in and prepare for an exclusive Champagne Sunset Cruise, savoring drinks and canapés against a scenic backdrop.

Duration: 2 hours (approx.)

Inclusions: Champagne, wines, beers, sparkling water & canapés

Recommended start: 4 pm

DAY 15

KEP

Explore Kep's coastal life with a local Tuk Tuk tour, visiting colonial villas, the crab market, and local attractions. Enjoy snacks and tropical fruits by the sea, immersing yourself in the region's seaside culture.

Duration: 3 hours (approx.)

Inclusions: Drinks & snacks in a rustic setting by the sea

Recommended start: 9 am or 2 pm

DAY 16 & 17

KEP

Relax and bask in the leisurely atmosphere of Kep. Whether you choose to explore the serene surroundings, indulge in local delicacies, or simply unwind by the coast, these days are yours to enjoy at your own pace.

DAY 18

KEP – PHNOM PENH

Enjoy free time until your departure flight, bidding farewell to Cambodia and cherishing memories of your extraordinary journey. Your driver will escort you to Phnom Penh International Airport for your onward travels.

— END OF SERVICES —

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.
