

CAMBODIA ACTIVE

16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on an immersive journey through Cambodia's vibrant cities and serene landscapes, exploring by kayak, Quad bike, bicycle, hiking, Cyclo, and Zipline.
- Discover architectural wonders in Phnom Penh, eco-retreats in Chi Phat, cultural experiences in Battambang, and hidden treasures in Siem Reap, blending history, nature, and community-based tourism.
- Explore ancient temples, indulge in thrilling activities, and witness breathtaking sunrises.
- Conclude your adventure with a reflective farewell, cherishing Cambodia's diverse landscapes and rich heritage.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

ARRIVAL PHNOM PENH

Upon your arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport, your journey into the heart of Cambodia begins. Your friendly tour guide will be eagerly awaiting your arrival, ready to assist you with a smooth transfer to your hotel. As you settle into your accommodations, take a moment to absorb the bustling energy and vibrant atmosphere of Phnom Penh. The remainder of the day is yours to explore at your leisure, perhaps taking a stroll through the city streets or sampling some delicious local cuisine.

DAY 2

PHNOM PENH

Wake up to a new day of adventure in Phnom Penh, starting with an extraordinary Architecture Tour of Central Phnom Penh. Accompanied by a knowledgeable Cambodian architecture student, embark on a captivating journey through the city's historical and cultural landmarks. Marvel at the colonial-era buildings, explore the intricate religious architecture and wander through hidden alleyways that hold untold stories of the past. After immersing yourself in the architectural wonders of the city, delve deeper into Cambodia's rich history with visits to iconic sites such as the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum. Optional activities include exploring the charming shops and boutiques along Street 240 or ascending Wat Phnom to uncover the fascinating history behind the city's namesake.

DAY 3

PHNOM PENH – CHI PHAT COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM

Today, bid farewell to the urban bustle of Phnom Penh as you embark on a scenic overland transfer to the tranquil oasis of Chi Phat Community-Based Tourism. As you journey through Cambodia's picturesque landscapes, allow yourself to be captivated by the natural beauty that surrounds you. Upon reaching Chi Phat, immerse yourself in the warm hospitality of the community as you enjoy a delicious lunch at the CBET community restaurant. Then, set out on an exploration of the area, embarking on a leisurely walk to the nearby Chhay Chrey rapids accompanied by your knowledgeable local guide. As the day draws to a close, soak in the breathtaking views of the sunset from Bold Mountain viewpoint before indulging in a hearty dinner at the CBET community restaurant.

DAY 4

CHI PHAT COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM

Rise with the sun for an unforgettable day of exploration in Chi Phat. Begin your morning with a mesmerizing sunrise and bird-watching trip along the Stoeng Prat River, immersing yourself in the serene beauty of nature. After a fulfilling breakfast, embark on a trek to Veal Ta Prak accompanied by your expert local guide, taking in the lush landscapes and diverse wildlife along the way. Pause for a rejuvenating lunch at O'Chonleas Pran before continuing your trek to the Veal Ta Prak campsite, where you'll spend the night surrounded by the tranquility of the forest. As the day winds down, embark on an evening walk to the nearby Veal Ta Prak pond, where

you may have the opportunity to spot some of the region's elusive wildlife, before returning to the campsite for a delicious dinner prepared by the forest cook.

DAY 5

CHI PHAT COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM

Start your day with the melodious sounds of nature as you embark on wildlife spotting walk to Veal Ta Prak pond. After a hearty breakfast amidst the serene surroundings of the campsite, continue your trekking adventure to the Veal Ta Prak junction, where you'll follow the scenic O'Key trail. Along the way, immerse yourself in the beauty of the Cambodian countryside and enjoy a leisurely lunch amidst nature's embrace. As you make your way back to Chi Phat village, take in the sights and sounds of the vibrant community before indulging in a delicious dinner prepared by the CBET forest cook.

DAY 6

CHI PHAT COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM – PHNOM PENH

Bid farewell to the tranquil landscapes of Chi Phat as you embark on an overland transfer back to the bustling city of Phnom Penh. Reflect on the natural wonders and cultural experiences of your enchanting journey through Cambodia as you journey back to the capital. Upon your arrival in Phnom Penh, take some time to unwind and reminisce about your adventures before enjoying a relaxing evening at your hotel.

(Transfer without guide)

DAY 7

PHNOM PENH – BATTAMBANG

Prepare for another day of discovery as you embark on a picturesque overland transfer to Battambang, a province renowned for its scenic rice fields and French colonial architecture. Along the way, marvel at the picturesque landscapes that unfold before you, offering glimpses of rural life in Cambodia. Upon reaching Battambang, immerse yourself in the unique experience of the "Bamboo Train," an ingenious form of transportation that provides a fascinating glimpse into the region's history. Spend the afternoon exploring the town's art galleries and colonial buildings, and be sure to sample some local delicacies at Kinyei Café, a social enterprise that supports the community. (Beverages not included)

DAY 8

BATTAMBANG

Embark on a journey through the picturesque countryside surrounding Battambang with a village tour by bicycle. As you pedal along scenic pathways, interact with local Cambodian families and learn about traditional practices such as rice paper production, dried banana processing, and bamboo sticky rice preparation. Taste the authentic flavors of Cambodian cuisine during a relaxing lunch at a traditional Khmer house before paying homage to the victims of the Khmer Rouge at the memorial site of Wat Samrong. Conclude your day with a visit

to Sompov Hill, where you can witness a breathtaking sunset while observing the mesmerizing sight of bats leaving their cave to hunt for dinner.

DAY 9

BATTAMBANG – BANTEAY CHHMAR

Leave the charming town of Battambang behind as you journey north to Banteay Meanchey province, home to the awe-inspiring jungle temple of Banteay Chhmar. Upon your arrival, enjoy a sumptuous lunch prepared by the village community women's group before embarking on an exploration of the temple's intricate carvings and structures. Immerse yourself in the local way of life with an overnight stay in a community-run homestay, providing you with a unique opportunity to connect with the heart and soul of Cambodia.

DAY 10

BANTEAY CHHMAR – SIEM REAP

Your adventure continues as you depart Banteay Chhmar and make your way to Siem Reap, the gateway to the magnificent temples of Angkor. Along the way, enjoy a leisurely breakfast in your homestay or at the community restaurant before embarking on a journey to Banteay Torp Temple. Traverse the picturesque countryside by Kuyon (small local tractor with a trailer attached), passing by verdant rice fields and observing the daily activities of local villagers. Indulge in a delightful picnic lunch amidst the ancient ruins of Banteay Torp Temple before continuing your journey to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, take some time to relax and unwind at your hotel, or perhaps take a stroll along the picturesque riverside.

DAY 11

SIEM REAP

Begin your day with a spectacular sunrise over Angkor Wat, setting the stage for an exploration of the Angkor Archaeological Park. Cycle through the royal pool of Srah Srang, the iconic Ta Prohm temple, and the lesser-known Ta Nei temple. Continue to Ta Keo, the Victory Gate of Angkor Thom, and the Death Gate, where you may spot wild gibbons. Marvel at the bas-reliefs of Preah Palilay and explore the Terrace of the Leper King and the Elephant Terrace. Conclude your day at the majestic Bayon Temple, adorned with captivating stone faces.

DAY 12

SIEM REAP

Embark on a half-day adventure to the Floating Village of Tonle Sap, experiencing the unique ecosystem of Southeast Asia's largest lake. Glide through Kampong Phluk village, observe stilt houses and bustling markets, and paddle through the mangrove forest in a traditional kayak. Depending on water levels, explore Kampong Phluk village before returning to Siem Reap.

Note: Depending on the time of the year and the water levels – either sail or walk along the main street of Kampong Phluk village.

DAY 13

SIEM REAP

Embark on a captivating journey to Kulen Mountain, revered as Cambodia's holiest site. Begin your trekking odyssey to uncover ancient marvels at Poeng Tbal, where well-preserved stone carvings of Shiva, Vishnu, and Ganesh await discovery. Dive into history at Prasat Rong Chen, where Jayavarman II declared sovereignty, marking the genesis of the Khmer Empire. Traverse quaint paths to a modern temple adorned with vibrant statues before exploring a Bat Cave and Srah Damrei, where a life-sized stone elephant stands sentinel over the mountain. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Elephant Pond before a refreshing swim at Kulen Waterfall.

DAY 14

SIEM REAP

Discover Koh Ker's hidden treasures on a full-day adventure aboard an open-air Jeep. Pass through the 'gorupa' gateway to Prasat Krahorm, a red-brick temple boasting a captivating five-tiered pyramid structure. Ascend to the summit of 'Prasat Thom', a sandstone pyramid, for panoramic jungle views. Indulge in a picnic lunch at "Perng Komnou" and explore the mysterious Beng Mealea temple before returning to Siem Reap.

DAY 15

SIEM REAP

Awaken early for a breathtaking sunrise at Angkor Wat, followed by an exploration of its central complex and bas-reliefs. Embark on a thrilling 2-3-hour Zipline adventure through the ancient jungle canopy. In the afternoon, experience a Sunset Ride on a Quad Bike, traversing the serene rice fields and witnessing the beauty of a Cambodian sunset.

*Maximum weight of 2 people on one quad bike should not exceed 130 kg.

DAY 16

SIEM REAP – DEPARTURE

Savor your final morning in Siem Reap at your own pace until departure. Reflect on the extraordinary journey, where cultural immersion, natural wonders, and unforgettable experiences have woven together to create cherished memories.

— 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.