

## Essential Cambodia Tour



### OverViews

*Essential Cambodia 5days is a great way to explore Cambodia. To be getting started from Phnom Penh – Cambodia's capital, then continue to Siem Reap to visit the culture heritage of the world – Angkor Wat Temple complex.*

**Duration:** 5 days

**Link:** <https://www.atravelmate.com/essential-cambodia-tour/>

### Highlights

- Tread lightly upon the 5000 silver floor tiles at the Silver Pagoda, in the Royal Palace
- Step back in time at the National Museum, home to the world's finest collection of Angkorian sculpture
- Check out the Art Deco masterpiece that Psar Thmei, Phnom Penh's central market
- Wat Phnom – on a leafy hill, Wat Phnom affords a view that has changed little in a half century
- Soak up the city by night, with a happy hour cocktail, a fine meal and crawl through the city's bars
- Mekong Boat trips – Cruise the river as the sun sinks behind the spires of the Royal Palace
- Follow in the footsteps of pilgrims of old along the immense causeway of the temple that is a city, the holiest of holiest, the one and only Angkor Wat
- Angkor Thom means “the great city” in Khmer. The 12th-century royal Buddhist city is especially famed for its grand Bayon Temple, but has several other sights of interest as well. Succumb to the enigmatic smiles of the 216 giant faces of the Bayon, Angkor's strangest temple

- Experience nature running riot at the mysterious ruin of Ta Prohm, the original *Tomb Raider* temple
- Tonle Sap Lake – Get a glimpse of the distinctive way of life led in the floating villages on Southeast Asia’s largest fresh water lake

## Full Itinerary

### Day 1. Phnom Penh – Arrival, Sour Sdey “Hello” CAMBODIA

Fly into **Phnom Penh**, the city that retains its traditional Khmer and colonial charm. French villas along tree-lined boulevards remind the visitor that the city was once considered the ‘pearl’ of Southeast Asia. Recent political changes have triggered an economic boom, with new hotels, restaurants, bars and nightclubs springing up across the city. We meet our representative and transfer to hotel for check in. The balance of the day free for your own times in capital. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

### Day 2. Phnom Penh’s Past & Present (B.L)

Visit to the **Royal Palace compound** build in 1866 by the Predecessors of King Norodom, is the most conspicuous feature and also one of impressive colorful Khmer-style Palaces. Nearside the Royal Palace is **Silver Pagoda** (The Emerald Buddha temple), display plenty of Buddha Statues that were decorated and made by diamond, emerald, gold and silver, continuing visit to **National Museum**, the distinctive red building with a beautiful Khmer architecture was build since 1917 and contains more than 5000 art objects made of sandstone, bronze, silver, copper, wood and others. Travelers will proceed to visit **Independence Monument**, which was constructed in 1954 after Cambodian took their country back from French colony. We will learn about the dark side of Cambodia – Its more recent turbulent and harrowing history. Initially you visit the **Toul Sleng Genocide Museum** (also known as S21), ironically a former school, located in a quiet Phnom Penh suburb, this was the infamous Khmer Rouge prison / torture center. We visit **Wat Phnom** is a Buddhist temple located in center of Phnom Penh City. It was built in 1373, and stands 27 meters above the ground. It is the tallest religious structure in the city. We will stop at **Central Market** is located in the heart of the Phnom Penh. The Khmer name of the market is **Phsar Thmei**, which translates to “**new market**”. The Central Market was built in 1937 during the French colonial period, in Art Deco style, and is painted bright ocher. We enjoy our **cyclo ride** along the riverside. This laid-back tour gives us a different perspective of the streets and sights of the city. We will enjoy a **cruise for view sunset** on the **Mekong and Tonle Sap River** (1 hour). Situated at the “**Four Arms**” where the Mekong meets the Tonle Sap River before splitting into tow branches, Phnom Penh offers the ideal location to discover the mighty Mekong. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

### Day 3. Phnom Penh – Siem Reap (B)

After breakfast, pick up by driver and transfer to bus station for taking shuttle to **Siem Reap**. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, we meet our guide and transfer to city. We depart for the **Tonlé Sap**. We will enjoy a boat ride on the **Tonle Sap Lake**. This is the largest permanent fresh-water lake in South East Asia and flows into Tonle Sap River, joining the Mekong in Phnom Penh. We will see a fishermen’s “floating village” with floating schools, floating police station, etc. It is same as a big village floating on the lake, and the “village” move from place to place following water levels and current. Overnight in Siem Reap.

### Day 4. Angkor Thom & Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat (B. L)

After meeting our tour guide, then we drive to **Angkor Thom** that was the masterpiece of King Jayavarman VII. Following the occupation of Angkor by the Chams from 1177 to 1181, the new king decided to build an

impregnable fortress at the heart of his empire. We visit **Bayon Temple**. At the exact center of Angkor Thom, this is an eccentric expression of the creative genius and inflated ego of Cambodia's most celebrated king. From there we walk to **Baphuon**, once of the most beautiful temples at Angkor, dating from the reign of Uditayavarman 1 in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. We continue to visit **Terrace of the Leper King**. This intricately carved platform was the royal crematorium and the statue that was originally thought to be the leper king is now believed to be Yama, the god of death. We continue along the **Terrace of Elephants**, originally used as a viewing gallery for the king to preside over parades, performances and traditional sports. We also visit **Ta Prohm "Tomb Raider"** fame. Ta Prohm has been abandoned to the elements, a reminder that while empires rise and fall, the riotous power of nature marches on, oblivious to the dramas of human history. We journey out to the Mother of all temples, **Angkor Wat**. Believed to be the world's largest religious building, this temple is the perfect fusion of symbolism and symmetry and a source of pride and strength to all Khmers. Overnight in Siem Reap.

## Day 5. Siem Reap – Departure ( B )

Transfer to Siem Reap airport (no guide) for departure to next destination. It's time to say goodbye, we thank you for traveling with us and warmly welcome you to come again.

## Inclusions

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in double / twin shared room
- Meal: 2 Lunches at local restaurant (foods only) as mention in program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner)
- Airport transfers & Transport by air con. vehicles as per program
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Local English speaking guide as per program
- All boat trip as mentioned in program
- Complementary local Sim Card
- 24hours supporting hotline
- Bus ticket: Phnom Penh – Siem Reap
- Cold water and towel during tours

## Exclusions

- Cambodia Visa stamp fee: 30\$ (Passport valid more then 6 months, enough space for visa stamp (1 free space), 1 passport photo (4X6), cash 30\$)
- All International air ticket
- Other meal, drink, personal expenses, tip, Travel insurance
- Other thing not mentioned in inclusion
- **Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec 2019 and 31 Dec 2019**

## Price with accommodation

Group Size	Hotel 3*	Hotel 4*	Hotel 5*
2	\$419	\$504	\$683
3-7	\$359	\$442	\$621
>=8	\$323	\$408	\$586

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Single supplement	\$86	\$159	\$313

*All prices are quoted per Person in US Dollars*

## Price with accommodation

Location	Hotel 3*	Hotel 4*	Hotel 5*
PHNOM PENH	Le Grand Palais Hotel	Frangipani Royal Palace	Palace Gate Hotel
SIEM REAP	GZ Urban Hotel	Hillocks Hotel	Victoria Angkor



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