

## ESSENCE OF CAMBODIA

9 Days / 8 Nights

Explore the vibrant cities, rural villages, and ancient temples of Cambodia on this immersive journey from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. Experience the rich history of Phnom Penh with visits to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and the Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre, where you can get up close with rescued bears and other exotic animals. Travel through the Cambodian countryside to Battambang and Siem Reap, cycling through villages, visiting floating communities, and learning traditional crafts. Witness the breathtaking sunrise at Angkor Wat, explore the temples of Angkor Thom and Ta Prohm, and enjoy unique activities like ziplining through the jungle and riding motorbikes up Kulen Mountain. Along the way, indulge in authentic Khmer cuisine, street food adventures, and cultural performances that showcase Cambodia's heritage and culinary delights.



### Insider Experiences

- Witness the sunrise over Angkor Wat from a quiet corner, capturing the temple's reflection before the crowds arrive
- Explore the intricate bas-reliefs and hidden corridors of Bayon Temple and Ta Prohm
- Cycle through the rural villages surrounding Siem Reap, visiting local markets and floating villages on Tonle Sap Lake
- Join a traditional silk-weaving workshop on Silk Island and learn the craft from local artisans
- Discover the secret trails and refreshing pools of Kulen Mountain, including the River of a Thousand Lingas and hidden waterfalls

Validity Period: Feb 2026 to Sep 2026

## **Itinerary Details**

### **Day 1: Phnom Penh Arrival**

Welcome to Phnom Penh! Upon arrival, meet your local guide and driver who will transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to relax, unwind, or take a short walk around the hotel area. This is a perfect time to acclimatize and prepare for the exciting days ahead.

Overnight in Capri by Fraser (4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 2: Silk Island Vespa Adventure & Phnom Penh City Highlights (B)**

Start your day with a half-day Silk Island Vespa Tour (join-in). Ride through the countryside with an experienced driver, cross the river by ferry, and explore local villages, markets, and temples. Visit traditional silk weaving workshops and learn about Cambodia's heritage up close. Return to Phnom Penh in the afternoon for a city tour, visiting the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and Wat Phnom to discover the city's history and architecture. Enjoy the evening at your leisure.

*Please note: Join in tour*

Overnight in Capri by Fraser (4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 3: Bear Care Experience at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre (B/ L)**

Spend a full day at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre with the 'Bear Care Tour'. Walk through the forested compound with caretakers, feed rescued Asiatic bears, and meet other animals including gibbons and elephants. Enjoy a picnic lunch at a bamboo hut before continuing to explore the sanctuary with a wildlife expert. This hands-on experience supports the centre's conservation efforts and allows you to connect with Cambodia's diverse wildlife. Return to Phnom Penh in the late afternoon, with the evening free at leisure.

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Overnight in Capri by Fraser (4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 4: Overland Journey to Siem Reap via Sambor Prei Kuk (B)**

Depart Phnom Penh in the morning and stop at Skuon Market to see its famous fried spiders. Continue to the UNESCO-listed Sambor Prei Kuk, an ancient capital and religious site from the 7th century, featuring hundreds of brick and sandstone temples. Explore the remains and learn about the historical significance of this once-powerful center of worship. Arrive in Siem Reap in the late afternoon and settle into your hotel.

Overnight in Amatak Boutique Hote (4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 5: Angkor Sunrise & Ancient Temples Exploration (B)**

Begin before dawn with a sunrise tour of Angkor Wat by Remork (tuk-tuk). Enter the temple in near darkness and explore its corridors, bas-reliefs, and upper terraces with a knowledgeable guide. Continue through Angkor Thom, visiting Bayon Temple, the Terrace of the Elephants, the Terrace of the Leper King, Baphuon, Phimeanakas, and Ta Prohm. Enjoy authentic Khmer cuisine for lunch before returning to the hotel to rest and refresh. Spend the evening exploring local markets or relaxing at your leisure.

Overnight in Amatak Boutique Hote (4 Star) or similar.

## **Day 6: Angkor Zipline Eco-Adventure & Phare Circus Show (B)**

Experience adventure with the Angkor Zipline Gold Eco-Tour, soaring through the forested canopies of the Angkor Archaeological Park. Led by certified guides, this safe and thrilling tour lasts 2–2.5 hours and immerses you in Cambodia’s natural beauty and wildlife. Afterward, the rest of the day is free to relax or explore at your own pace. In the evening, enjoy the Phare Circus Show, a spectacular performance combining theatre, dance, and modern circus arts to tell uniquely Cambodian stories.

Overnight in Amatak Boutique Hote (4 Star) or similar.

## **Day 7: Countryside Cycling & Tonle Sap Floating Village Discovery (B/ L)**

Spend the day on a countryside bike tour through rural villages and red soil roads. Visit a local fish market, Kampong Khleang floating village, and a pagoda island, observing monks and local life. Explore the Vietnamese floating village, seeing floating schools, shops, and homes on the Tonle Sap Lake. Enjoy a Khmer lunch in a local home and interact with villagers along the return route. Conclude the day back in Siem Reap with time to relax at your hotel.

Overnight in Amatak Boutique Hote (4 Star) or similar.

## **Day 8: Kulen Mountain Sacred Sites & Waterfall Adventure (B/ L)**

Take a motorbike tour of Kulen Mountain as a passenger. Explore sacred sites including Poeng Tbal, Prasat Rong Chen, a colorful modern temple, the Bat Cave, and Srah Damrei with its life-size stone elephant. Enjoy a packed lunch along the way and visit Damrei Krap (Kneeling Elephant) and the River of a Thousand Lingas. End the tour with a refreshing swim at Kulen Waterfall before returning to Siem Reap.

Overnight in Amatak Boutique Hote (4 Star) or similar.

## **Day 9: Siem Reap Departure (B)**

Your journey concludes today. Enjoy free time at leisure before your transfer to the airport for your departure.

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### **Inclusions**

- Accommodations as stated or similar
- Meals as stated (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)
- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance fees for locations specified
- SIC Join-in tour as specified
- Arrival & Departure Airport Transfer

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**Exclusions**

- Tipping
- International Flights
- Meals not stated in itinerary
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, Mini-bar, Phones, Drinks, etc.)
- Porters
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fees
- Early Check-in and Late Check-out
- Peak Season Surcharge (Christmas, New Year, Chinese New Year etc..)

**Costing Summary**

<b>Costing basis</b>	<b>Feb26 - Sep26</b>
2 Pax	1316

Prices are in US Dollar per person on a DBL/TWN room sharing basis.

**Terms and Conditions**

- All rates are indicative and may vary depending on season, hotel availability, or currency fluctuations.
- Prices are starting from per person.
- The itinerary is a sample and can be customized to suit individual preferences.
- Hotel accommodations are subject to availability, and categories can be upgraded upon request.
- All transfers, tours, and included services are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.
- Meal inclusions, sightseeing, and activities may be adjusted based on operational needs.
- Optional tours or special requests may incur additional charges.