

DIRT BIKE AROUND REMOTE TEMPLES

9 days

PHNOM PENH - BATTAMBANG - BANTEY MEANCHAY - SIEM REAP - TBENG MEANCHEY
- KAMPONG THOM - PHNOM PENH



For the ultimate adventure, enjoy the freedom of the road as you tour Cambodia on a dirt bike with a group of like-minded people, discovering temples hidden deep in the jungle.

Itinerary

Day 1 Phnom Penh - Battambang

By motorbike from Phnom Penh to Battambang

Depart in the morning from Phnom Penh to Battambang via Kompong Chhnang, a city located on the Tonle Sap River, west of the Great Lake. The local economy is dominated by rice cultivation and pottery production. Many of the local inhabitants live in floating fishing villages during the high-water monsoon season. Visit a floating village then continue via Pursat on National Route 5 to Battambang.

Circus performance with dinner at Phare Ponleu Selpak Association

PHARE PONLEU SELPAK CIRCUS: The Circus school provides teaching in the major disciplines as juggling, acrobatics, aerial acts, clowning, balancing, dancing... Since the first performance in 2002, Phare Ponleu Selpak circus troupes tour every year in Cambodia and abroad (Europe, Australia, Asia, and Africa) with new circus shows reconciling arts and social involvement. Those achievements are achieved using quality training by permanent teachers and several foreign professional guests. Overnight in Battambang.

Day 2 Battambang - Siem Reap - Bantey Meanchay

By motorbike from Battambang to Banteay Chhmar

Breakfast: Hotel

Travel via Svay Sisophon district and you can stop for a while seeing local markets and buying some necessary things before continuing the drive on unpaved roads from Svay Sisophon to Banteay Meanchey (Prasat Banteay Chhmar). Registration to Banteay Chhmar Community and lunch.

Visit the temple complex set deep in the Cambodian jungle

Dating from the 12th century, when it briefly served as the Khmer capital, the complex covers over nine square kilometres and is surrounded by a vast moat. Within the compound are a number of well preserved bas reliefs and sculptures. Rarely visited by tourists, the temple's remote and peaceful atmosphere makes it an unforgettable experience. Home-stay experience at Banteay Chhmar.

Welcome to Banteay Chhmar Community-Based Tourism (CBT) Office

Lunch prepared by a local women group under a straw hut and settle into your home-stay accommodation.

After that visiting Banteay Chhmar Temple and Ta Prohm Temple.

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Dinner in the temple with traditional wooden torches.

Overnight at home-stay.

Overnight in Bantey Meanchay.

Day 3 Local Village (Cambodia) - Siem Reap

Home-stay experience at Banteay Chhmar

By motorbike from Banteay Chhmar to Siem Reap

Breakfast: home-stay

Sightseeing in Angkor



Visit Angkor Wat

The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, ANGKOR WAT is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. The largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples, Angkor impresses visitors both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings. To approach the temple, first cross the vast moat, continuing along a broad causeway lined with naga balustrades. As you enter the main building, ascend through a series of galleries and courtyards before reaching the central sanctuary, which offers beautiful views back over the causeway and across the surrounding countryside. On the way, stop to enjoy the intricate stonecarvings that adorn nearly every surface with some 1,700 Apsaras, or celestial dancers, sculpted into the walls. Along the outer gallery walls run the longest continuous bas-relief in the world which narrates stories from Hindu mythology including the famous Churning of the Ocean of Milk. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day, but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones.

Visit a temple at sunset

Watch the sunset over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkorian temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 4 Siem Reap

Excursion by motorbike to Kbal Spien and Phnom Kulen

Breakfast: Hotel

PHNOM KULEN: historically revered by all Cambodians as a sacred place of pilgrimage. It was the site, then known as Mount Mahendraparvata, that Jayavarman II chose in 802 to proclaim himself a divine universal ruler and marked the beginning of the Angkor period of Khmer history. It's possible to see some of Kulen's spectacular riverbed rock carvings.

KBAL SPIEN: also known as the River of 1000 Lingas, there are carvings in the riverbed (in the same way as at Kulen). It should be more spectacular but many of the carvings have been looted. Near Kbal Spien is a waterfall that can be reached by hiking two kilometres uphill. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 5 Siem Reap - Tbeng Meanchey

By motorbike from Siem Reap to Tbeng Meanchey

Breakfast: Hotel

Visit Beng Mealea

BENG MEALEA, a mysterious temple in the middle of the Cambodian jungle. Surrounded by a vast moat, this 12th century temple follows a complex floor plan similar to Angkor Wat, but with a haunting jungle atmosphere similar to Ta Phrom. Visitors that make their way through the ruined stone blocks and wandering tree roots are rewarded by the sight of beautiful classical bas reliefs.

Visit Koh Ker

KOH KER: previously the capital of Jayavarman IV, this is now an interesting group of ruins, featuring the pyramidal Prasat Thom. Overnight in Tbeng Meanchey.

Day 6 Tbeng Meanchey - Kampong Thom

By motorbike from Tbeng Meanchey to Kampong Thom with visit Preah Khan and Sambor Preikuk Temples

Breakfast: Guesthouse

PREAH KHAN (Preah Khan Kompong Svay): known locally as Prasat Bakan. The Preah Khan complex is the largest enclosure of ancient Cambodia at nearly five square kilometres, bigger than Angkor Thom (3.3 sq km) and Banteay Chhmar (4 sq km). The group consists of a central sanctuary and four enclosures with many accessory buildings, basins, a large eight-metre wide moat and temples, some of which are outside the outer enclosure walls.

SAMBOR PREIKUK: one of the most impressive series of pre-Angkorian monuments. Over 100 small temples dating from the 7th century can be found in a lovely forest setting. Overnight in Kampong Thom.



Day 7 Kampong Thom - Phnom Penh

By motorbike from Kampong Thom to Phnom Penh

Breakfast: Hotel

Welcome cocktail

Welcome banner

Overnight in Phnom Penh

Day 8 Phnom Penh

By motorbike Sightseeing in Phnom Penh

Breakfast: Hotel

Dinner: Kanika Boat

Explore PHNOM PENH, a chaotic, energetic and always fascinating city. Graceful tree-lined boulevards and riverfront promenades are reminders of bygone eras; today they teem with life and activity, as motorcycles weave in and out of traffic, vendors hawk their wares, and pedestrians go about their business. Start your tour at WAT PHNOM, the birthplace of the capital. According to legend the city began here when a woman named Penh found four Buddha statues and built the temple to house them. Afterwards, see the splendour of Cambodia's royal heritage by visiting the ROYAL PALACE, still the official residence of King Norodom Sihamoni, the adjacent SILVER PAGODA, also known as the Pagoda of the Emerald Buddha, and the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer art.

In the afternoon, learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent tragic past at the TUOL SLENG MUSEUM (Museum of Genocide). Formerly the Tuol Svay Prey High School, in 1975 this became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime at that time known as Security Prison 21 or simply S-21. Kept largely unchanged, this prison now showcases photographs and exhibits about the thousands of victims who passed through these doors, only seven of whom came out alive. The KILLING FIELDS OF CHOEUING EK provide a stark reminder of the atrocities under the Pol Pot regime. Thousands of people were killed here between the years of 1975 and 1978 and buried in mass graves.

Dinner Cruise aboard Kanika Boat (option I)

A unique dining experience on a luxury Kanika boat on the Mekong River in Phnom Penh. Relax and enjoy our delicious food and drink with wonderful views of the river and city. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 9 Phnom Penh

Breakfast: Hotel

Transfer

* Sightseeing in Angkor will be by vehicle because the foreigners are not allowed to ride motor bikes around temples.

Hotel	Var. A	Var. B	Var. C
Battambang	Royal Hotel Battambang Deluxe Golden Palace Hotel Standard (No Extra Bed) Golden Palace Hotel Standard Triple	The Stung Sangke Hotel Deluxe King Fy Hotel Battambang Superior	The Stung Sangke Hotel Deluxe King Fy Hotel Battambang Superior
Bantey Meanchay	Home Stay <i>Home Stay</i>	Home Stay <i>Home Stay</i>	Home Stay <i>Home Stay</i>
Siem Reap	Royal Empire Hotel Superior Angkor Holiday Hotel Superior Casa Angkor Hotel Standard	Khemara Angkor Hotel Deluxe Angkor Riviera Hotel Superior (No Extra Bed) Pacific Hotel Superior	Borei Angkor Resort & Spa ROH [Deluxe/Landmark/Special Rate]
Tbeng Meanchey	Heng Heng Guesthouse <i>Standard/Room only (No Extra Bed)</i>	Heng Heng Guesthouse <i>Standard/Room only (No Extra Bed)</i>	Heng Heng Guesthouse <i>Standard/Room only (No Extra Bed)</i>
Kampong Thom	Stung Sen Royal Garden Hotel VIP Room [f.Big Room] (No Extra Bed) Stung Sen Royal Garden Hotel Triple Room (No Extra Bed) Kampong Thom Village Hotel Standard	Sambor Village Mid Sized [f.Deluxe/FB]	Sambor Village Mid Sized [f.Deluxe/FB]
Phnom Penh	Pacific Hotel Phnom Penh Deluxe Princess Hotel Phnom Penh Superior [F.Standard] New York Hotel Standard	The Juliana Hotel Superior Ohana Hotel Deluxe with Balcony	NagaWorld Hotel Deluxe [Worldwide except Asian market]

For bookings of roundtrip or module packages, we will confirm one of the hotels mentioned above according to the selected category. Please note that compulsory gala dinners and peak season surcharges may apply during peak periods surrounding the public holidays of Christmas and New Year - these surcharges will be confirmed at the time of booking.