

Angkor, City & Beach Grand Cycle Tour - 11 Days

Overview

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Summary:

The trip starts in Siem Reap, the site of the world famous Angkor Wat and the many other temples of the Angkorian Period. Your mountain bikes will be prepared for you, and your cycling guide will brief you on the tour. Cycling is perhaps the best way to thoroughly explore Angkor as you will be guided on the back roads of the Angkor complex. We will ride approx. 345km on the tour, on both paved roads and dirt roads.

In Siem Reap we will explore Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, Bayon, Ta Prohm, and Banteay Srei, and take a trip to Kbal Spean. Phnom Penh City tour includes the Royal Palace with the Silver Pagoda, the National Museum, and the S21 Genocide Museum, and on our way to the beach resort of Sihanoukville we stop over at Kirirom National Park. The minimum group size for this tour is 2 persons and up. This cycling itinerary is presented to give an idea as to what kinds of tours are possible. We can design custom tours from luxury, first-class tours to low-cost budget tours. Just let us know what kind of tour we can design for you!

Itinerary Brief: Day 01: Siem Reap Arrival Day 02: Siem Reap - Angkor Temple Complex (cycling)
Day 03: Siem Reap - Kbal Spean - Banteay Srei (cycling)
Day 04: Siem Reap - Phnom Penh Day 05 Phnom Penh City Cycling Tour
Day 06: Phnom Penh - Kirirom (cycling) Day 07: Kirirom - Sihanoukville (cycling segments) Day 08: Sihanoukville Free Day
Day 09: Sihanoukville - Ream National Park Day 10: Sihanoukville - Phnom Penh Day 11: Phnom Penh Departure
Trip Grade:

Although the route is flat most all the way, there are stretches on dirt roads, and the amount of cycling involved requires good cycling experience and a good level of fitness.

Cycling Notes: When cycling around Phnom Penh, you will need to watch for the very busy traffic, and always keep in single file. When we travel outside of Phnom Penh, we transfer by vehicle in order to avoid the heavy traffic. When cycling to Sihanoukville, the last 15km is uphill, but we have a support van to provide transport if needed.

Recommended:

For shopping in Siem Reap, there are two unique places that you should not miss. They are the new Noon-Night Market (www.noonnightmarket.com), and the Angkor Night Market (www.angkornightmarket.com). They are very close to each other, and are within very easy walking distance from the Old Market and Pub Street area. With a great many stalls and shops offering a wide variety of products, you can browse to your heart's content.

Itinerary

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Itinerary Detail:

Day 01: Siem Reap Arrival Upon your arrival you will be welcomed by your guide and driver, and transferred to your hotel for check-in. After getting settled in to the hotel, your guide will have a briefing about your coming trip. You will also have time to rest and relax. Overnight in Siem Reap hotel.

Day 02: Siem Reap - Angkor Temple Complex (cycling 25km RT)

After breakfast, we are off on the first part of our cycling day. We pass Prasat Kravan and Sra Srang before we get to the jungle temple of Ta Prohm where we will spend an hour exploring this fascinating temple overgrown with trees. We then pass Ta Keo and through the Victory gate to the Angkor Thom complex. In Angkor Thom we see the fabulous Bayon Temple, Baphuon, the Royal enclosure, and the Terraces of the Elephants and the Leper King. That afternoon we visit the famous Angkor Wat and wonder at the base relief carvings, and the reflection of main towers in the moat.

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We return to town along another road and visit the contemporary temple of Wat Thmei.

Overnight in Siem Reap hotel. Breakfast included.

Day 03: Siem Reap - Kbal Spean - Banteay Srei (cycling 90km RT)

After breakfast in the hotel, we cycle to Kbal Spean, passing villages, schools, and through rice fields along the way. To get to the river of a thousand lingas, we then walk about 30 mins. up the hill. We can see the carvings in the riverbed, and also the nearby waterfall. Then we cycle back to Banteay Srei Temple, which is known for its pink sandstone and deep, intricate carvings. Overnight in Siem Reap hotel. Breakfast and Lunch included. Day 04: Siem Reap - Phnom Penh We will have breakfast, and then transfer to the capital, Phnom Penh. Depending on the class of your tour, you will transfer by public bus, private van, or by domestic air flight. When we arrive in Phnom Penh, you check in to your hotel, and then you have the afternoon free for relaxing, or shopping or getting a spa treatment, etc.

Overnight in Phnom Penh hotel. Breakfast included.

Day 05: Phnom Penh City Cycling Tour (35km) Today after breakfast, we set out on our bikes to explore the main sights of this bustling city. We will visit the National Museum of Khmer Art, the Royal Palace with the Silver Pagoda, and the infamous S21 Toul Sleng Genocide Museum, as well as the Killing Fields.

Overnight in Phnom Penh hotel. Breakfast included.

Day 06: Phnom Penh - Kirirom National Park (cycling 90km) After breakfast at the hotel, we cycle down highway No.4 to the Kirirom National Park, and visit the Chombok Village community where we learn about their activities and projects. We also learn about the culture and the history of the area, and the daily life of the people living in the community. This is an authentic experience of rural Cambodia.

Overnight in home-stay at Kirirom. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included. Day 07: Kirirom - Sihanoukville (cycling segments 105km) Early in the morning we go for a 1km walk to see birds, a 40m high waterfall, and a variety of plants and animals while walking through the forest. The incredible nature and landscapes here are truly breathtaking. Then we get ready to continue our cycling to Sihanoukville. There will be some transfer by van in places to avoid heavy traffic.

Overnight in Sihanoukville hotel. Breakfast and Lunch included.

Day 08: Sihanoukville Free Day After breakfast in the hotel, you will have free time for optional leisure activities. For daytrips you can go to Bamboo Island, or take a boat trip to any of the off-shore islands. Water sports include SCUBA diving, snorkeling, windsurfing, sailing and many other activities. Or you can just relax on the beach, or explore the town on your own. You may also want to check out the nightlife and bar scene in town and on Victory Hill. Overnight in Sihanoukville hotel. Breakfast included.

Day 09: Sihanoukville - Ream National Park Breakfast at the hotel, and then we depart for our trip to Ream National Park. We see the mangrove forest, and relax on a quiet beach before hiking 45 mins. to an hour through the jungle to the village where we eat lunch with a local family, and we wait patiently on the boat to see the dolphins. In the afternoon we return to Sihanoukville. Overnight in Sihanoukville hotel. Breakfast and Lunch included. Day 10: Sihanoukville - Phnom Penh Breakfast at the hotel, and there will be free time until we transfer to Phnom Penh (about 3.5 hours driving time). Overnight in Phnom Penh hotel. Breakfast included. Day 11: Phnom Penh Departure Breakfast at your hotel, and then it will be time to get ready for your departure transfer.

Breakfast included.

Please note that check-out time is 12:00 noon.

End of Trip. We at Travel Loops specialize in customized cycling tours designed to fit your needs and requirements. Let us know how we can design an individual Indochina tour for you.

What's Included

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Trip Price Includes:

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- English speaking guide (Other languages available on request)
- Experienced cycling guide and mechanic
- Private transfer and transport in safe, clean, well maintained vehicles
- Type of transport according to the trip class
- Breakfast in hotel, and other meals in restaurant as noted in the itinerary
- All entrance fees & permits during guided tours
- Hotel accommodation according to the trip class - w/ 2 person room share. Tax included
- 1night home-stay
- Support vehicle, cool tissue
- Private trip to Ream National Park
- Quality Mountain bike

Not Included in Trip Price:

- Airfare and taxes not included in tour
- Food and drink not noted in the itinerary
- Visa fees
- Entrance fees and permits not part of itinerary
- Optional tours during free time
- Personal travel insurance (Compulsory for all travelers)
- Personal expenses (ex. telephone, laundry charges, souvenirs, etc.)
- Tips and gratuities