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Overview

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Summary:

This tour is a real cycling adventure, and takes you along some of the "less traveled" roads in the countryside of Cambodia. On this amazing journey you will meet Cambodian people, and cycle through natural landscapes as yet untouched by tourism. Some days we cycle off the beaten path and along small tracks, but the cycling is mostly on flat ground and for the most part riding conditions are quite pleasant. A support vehicle will be along for the cycling legs of the trip.

Cycling Distance: 313km

Trip Grade:

For this trip, the terrain is generally flat, however it does require a fairly high degree of cycling ability with relatively good fitness.

Itinerary Brief:

Day 01: Ho Chi Minh Arrival

Day 02: Ho Chi Minh City Cycling Tour

Day 03: Ho Chi Minh - Cu Chi Tunnels - Moc Bai - Svay Reang (cycling segment)

Day 04: Svay Reang - Prei Veng (cycling)

Day 05: Prei Veng - Kompong Cham (cycling)

Day 06: Kompong Cham - Phnom Penh (cycling)

Day 07: Phnom Penh Free day

Day 08: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap

Day 09: Siem Reap - Angkor Temples (cycling)

Day 10: Siem Reap Free Day

Day 11: Siem Reap Departure

Our Team: The Travel Loops team is made up of local people who have been arranging tours for over 10 years throughout the Indochina region. They know the countries, the people and the cultures of the area, and some members of the team have years of experience cycling in Indochina. You are in expert hands when you travel with Travel Loops.

Cycling Tips:

When cycling on public roads in Southeast Asia, you must be especially alert to the traffic. Traffic laws here are hardly ever enforced, and almost never obeyed. You need to be alert for cars and motorcycles driving on the wrong side of the street, vehicles making turns from any lane line in the street, speeding, and running red lights. These are just a few of the things to watch for. Please ride defensively.

Itinerary

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Itinerary Details:

Day 01: Ho Chi Minh Arrival

When you arrival in Ho Chi Minh, you will be met by our staff who will transfer you to your hotel. After check-in and getting settled, there will be a welcome dinner.

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Overnight in Ho Chi Minh hotel. Dinner included.

Day 02: Ho Chi Minh City Tour (cycling 30km RT)

After breakfast in the hotel, we prepare our bikes for a day-long cycling tour of the city. This tour includes a visit to the War Remnants Museum, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the historic Central Post Office as well as a visit to the Binh Than Market, a stopover at Thien Hau (a 150 year old Chinese Temple), and to a Lacquer wares workshop, and finally to the Jade Emperor Pagoda.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh hotel. Breakfast included.

Day 03: Ho Chi Minh - Cu Chi Tunnels - Moc Bai - Svay Reang (cycling 30km)

Breakfast at the hotel, then we drive to the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, and after a tour of the tunnels, we drive to Tay Ninh for the start of the first cycling leg of our trip which is to the border with Cambodia. After crossing the border, we transfer by vehicle to Svay Reang.

Overnight in Svay Reang hotel. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 04: Svay Reang - Prei Veng (cycling 75km)

After breakfast we cycle to Prei Veng. Along the way we stop and have lunch at Neak Leoung, and in the afternoon we cycle the last 30 km to the sleepy town of Prei Veng.

Overnight in Prei Veng hotel. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 05: Prei Veng - Kompong Cham (cycling 75km)

After breakfast we start another day of cycling and today we cycle to the city of Kompong Cham on the Mekong River. We pass by many rubber plantations and arrive in the city in the early afternoon. This would be a good time for a cold beer and to relax by the Mekong River. A picnic lunch will be provided in a rubber plantation along the way.

Overnight in Kompong Cham hotel. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 06: Kompong Cham - Phnom Penh (cycling 75km)

In the morning after breakfast we cycle along the Mekong River. We see many children along the way and we may even have the chance to talk to people during our journey. We will have a picnic lunch on the banks of the Mekong River. After we reach the highway we will transfer to Phnom Penh by vehicle.

Overnight in Phnom Penh hotel. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

Day 07: Phnom Penh Free Day

Breakfast at the hotel, and today will be a free day for you to relax or to get out and explore Phnom Penh. You can go shopping in the local markets and boutique shops, take a city tour, or plan your own tour. There are many options for you to choose from.

Overnight in Phnom Penh hotel. Breakfast included.

Day 08: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap

After a hotel breakfast, we transfer to Siem Reap by a private air conditioning vehicle. When we arrive in Siem Reap, we check in to the hotel, and after getting settled in there will be free time for leisure activities.

Overnight in Siem Reap hotel. Breakfast included.

Note: Bicycles will be prepared in Siem Reap before your arrival, and you will be able to get your bicycle and cycle around on your own. Day 09: Siem Reap - Angkor Temples (cycling 28km RT)

Breakfast at your hotel, and then we cycle to Sras Srang, the Ta Promh Temple and the fantastic ancient capital of Angkor Thom. In the afternoon we explore the world's most famous religious structure, Angkor Wat.

Overnight in Siem Reap hotel. Breakfast included.

Day 10: Siem Reap Free Day

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After breakfast, you will be free for the day to relax, go on one of the many optional tours available, or take a cycling tour of the countryside around Siem Reap. The choice is yours. At night you will enjoy a farewell dinner with classical Apsara dance.

Overnight in Siem Reap hotel. Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day11: Siem Reap Departure

Breakfast at your hotel, then it will be time to get ready for your departure transfer.

Breakfast included.

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

At Travel Loops we 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.

Price/Cost Inclusion

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Cost: US \$1,539 Per Person

Trip Price Includes:

- English speaking guide (Other languages available on request)
- Private transfer and transport in safe, clean, well maintained vehicles
- Breakfast in hotel, and other meals in restaurant as noted in the itinerary
- All entrance fees & permits during guided tours
- Hotel accommodation according to trip class - w/ 2 person room share. Tax included
- Transport from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap
- Quality Mountain bike
- Registration fees for Half Marathon (Riding and Running on 4th & 5th December)

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

Accommodation

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Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City: Huong Sen Hotel Conveniently located in the heart of the city, the hotel is only 15 minutes drive from Tan Son Nhat International Airport. It is also close to shopping, business centers, airline offices, banks and the Ben Thanh Market, and only a few minutes walk to the City Post Office and the Saigon riverside.

www.huongsenhotel.com.vn Cambodia Svay Reang: Tonle Waiko Hotel As the name implies, the hotel is near the Waiko River, and is about 500 meters from the Svay Reang Market. The rooms are quite spacious, and have attached western style bathrooms, satellite TV, video, air-con, and fridge. Contact: +855 44 945 718 Prei Veng: Angkor Thom Hotel A tourist class hotel located in the central part of town, and close to a famous local restaurant. The rooms have air conditioning, western style bathrooms, cable TV, and fridge. Kampong Cham: Mekong Hotel Located right on the Mekong River front, and behind the main market, it offers great river views and views of the Japanese Bridge from the

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hotel. Clean rooms with 30-channel cable TV, with western style bathroom. Friendly staff. Phnom Penh: Pacific hotel
A unique style hotel with excellent service and facilities. It is a real gem in the city, and accommodates all types of
travelers. It is within a few minutes walking distance to banks, bus station, shopping malls, and Wat Phnom.

<http://www.pacifichotel.com.kh/about-hotel.html> Siem Reap: Angkor Holiday Hotel The Angkor Holiday Hotel is ideally
situated near the commercial & business district of Siem Reap, and offers convenient access to banks, healthcare,
restaurants, bars, cafes, convenience stores and shops. At the Angkor Holiday Hotel, they take pride in their high quality
service; and in attending to their guest's every need with politeness and warmth.

The world famous Angkor Wat Temple complex, as well as the Siem Reap International Airport are only a 10-minute
drive away, and the Royal Palace is almost next door. <http://www.angkorholidayhotel.com/>

Map

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ROUTE MAP