



14 days South Laos Cambodia overland CTP 102

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Intro

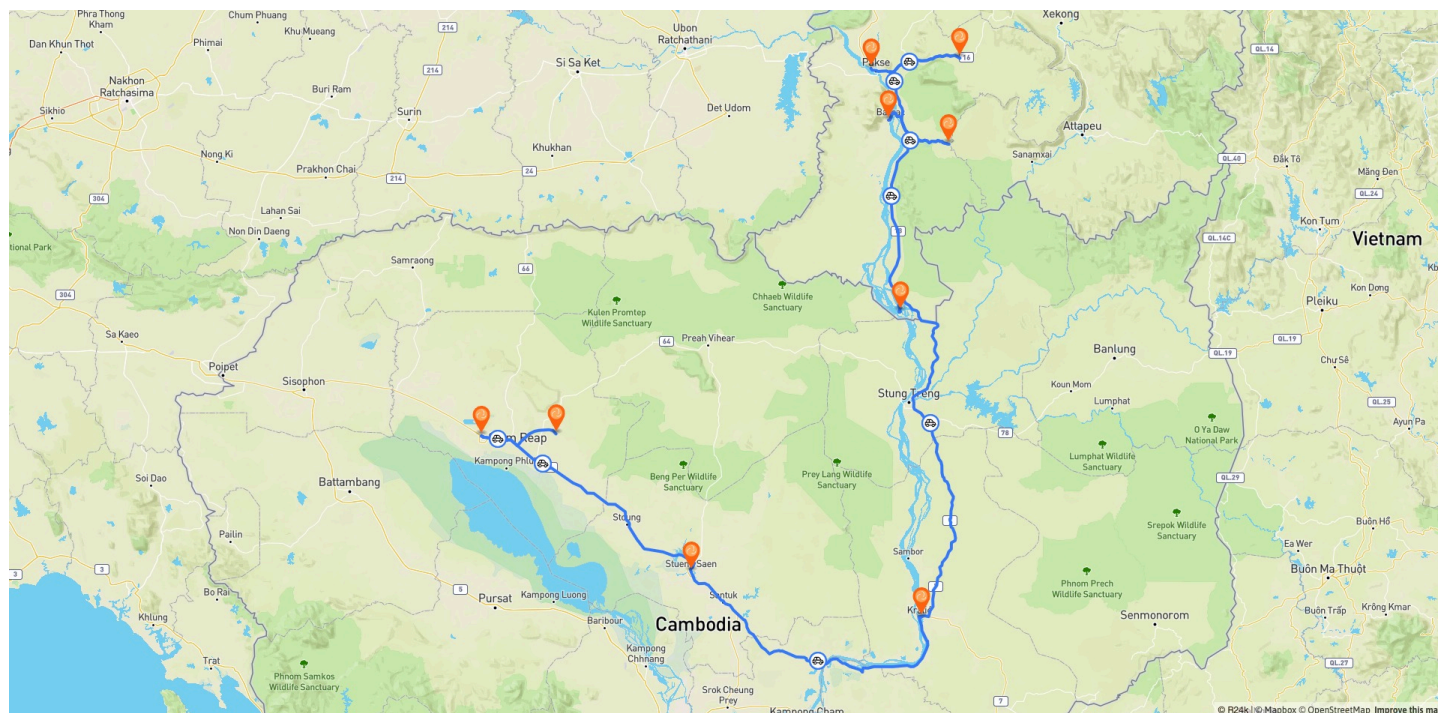
14-day adventure through the hidden gems of South Laos and Cambodia!

Your journey begins in Pakse, Laos, where you'll delve into the heart of the country's southern region. Throughout your travels, you'll be accompanied by expert, English-speaking local guides who will ensure you gain the most authentic and immersive experience possible. While our tours may have a slightly higher price tag, the unparalleled value is undeniable.

In regions where English is limited and finding knowledgeable guides can be challenging, our dedicated team guarantees you'll make the most of every moment. Explore the stunning Bolaven Plateau on a thrilling jeep tour, and experience the unique flavors of local life with an overnight stay on a coffee plantation. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of minority cultures as you visit traditional villages, and cycle through the charming islands of Don Khone, crossing the Mekong River on a tiny ferry.

From kayaking in search of playful Irrawaddy dolphins to receiving a blessing from a Buddhist monk, this journey is packed with unforgettable experiences. Encounter magnificent elephants in the Kulen Forest Project, and marvel at the grandeur of Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument.

This is more than just a trip; it's a transformative adventure through relatively undiscovered territories.



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DAY 1: Pakse (PKZ) - Paksong

Welcome in Laos

Upon arrival at Pakse Airport, you will be met by your guide and driver. We then head east onto the Bolaven Plateau. The Bolaven Plateau is known for its cooler temperature being located high above the Mekong Valley. We first visit Tad Fan Waterfall, a picturesque twin chute waterfall which is with 120 meters the highest of the Bolaven Plateau. We then proceed to the Tad Yeuang waterfall where there is time to relax and go for a swim in its inviting waters if you like. We then continue to the nearby resort for overnight, where we arrive by late afternoon with the evening at leisure.

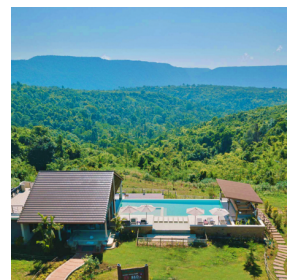
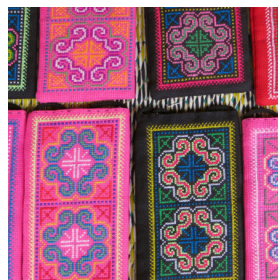
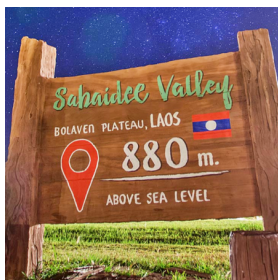
Accommodation: ★★ ★

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 Deluxe room

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Entrance Fee
- ✓ Tour Laos Nakarath



DAY 2: Paksong - Bolaven

Paksong – Bolaven Plateau jeep tour to Coffee farm

After breakfast and checking out, we transfer to the village of Ban Beng, where we meet a specialist guide for the day. We change vehicle and continue by vintage jeep, which is the ideal vehicle for the terrain we will cover. We take a backroad onto the Bolaven Plateau and make a stop at the Tad Moan waterfall where there is time to relax and go for a swim if you like. We then continue by jeep on a trail cutting right through the plateau, on a route rarely visited by foreigners. By late afternoon, we arrive at the coffee plantation of your guide. Walk around the coffee plantations or fresh up while your hosts prepare a

delicious home cooked meal. Tonight, you overnight is at a basic but comfortable bamboo hut.

Accommodation: ★

Included meals:

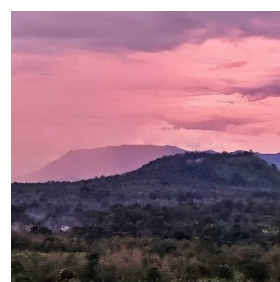
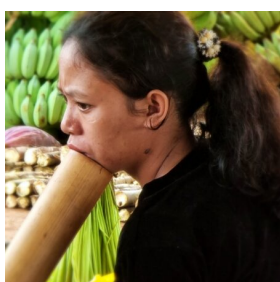
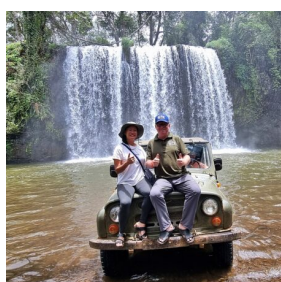
🏠 Mystic mountain homestay

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🏠 Homestay

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Jeep tour
- ✓ Coffee plantation tour



DAY 3: Bolaven - Champasak

Coffee Farm homestay – Champasak

Wake up early and see the sun rise above the surrounding coffee fields. Your host will roast some fresh coffee, while explaining the coffee growing process from seed to cup. After breakfast, head out by jeep and visit some of the interesting ethnic minority villages and trek up to a mountain peak where you will be rewarded with beautiful views of the Plateau. Return to the coffee farm for lunch and say goodbye to your hosts before we transfer by jeep to Paksong, the Coffee Capital of Laos in the early afternoon. From here, we continue our way by minivan. We leave the Bolaven plateau behind, pass by Pakse, and arrive in Champasak in the late afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: ★★★

Included meals:

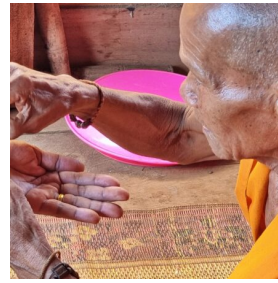
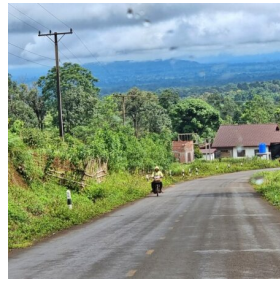
🏠 The Riviera Champasak

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🏠 Standard room

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Jeep tour minority village



DAY 4: Champasak

Champasak – Visit Wat Phou Temple

After breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to the Wat Phou Temple Complex which is the oldest ancient Khmer ft religious temple in Laos and even outdates its big brother Angkor Wat in neighboring Cambodia. Wat Phou exhibits a remarkable well-preserved complex of monuments and other structures over an extensive area between river and mountain, some of outstanding architecture. Explore the grounds and temples before climbing up the stairs which lead to the main sanctuary located on a terrace at the foot of the cliff where a sacred spring flows and where you will be rewarded with stunning views over the surrounding land and Mekong River. Learn from your guide about the rich history and be amazed by the magnificent workmanship in this outstanding complex. We return to Champasak town by noon with the afternoon at leisure.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 The Riviera Champasak

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🛏 Standard room

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Entrance Fee



DAY 5: Champasak - Done Khone

Champasak – Don Khone via the 4000 islands by boat and mountain bike

After an early breakfast, we transfer South to the biggest island of the 4000 Islands; Don Khong. We then continue our journey by mountain bike. We cycle winding dirt roads south, until we pass the temple Wat Phou din where we take a ferry that will transfer us to the quiet island of Don Phou Man. We'll explore and cross this quintessentially Lao fishing island

before taking another ferry on to the island of Don Saang Fai where we will visit its ancient wooden Buddhist temple and learn about the importance of religion and beliefs in the local culture.

Another ferry will bring us to the island of Don Loppadi, where the villagers are specialized in weaving both bamboo baskets and the much-used fishing nets in the region. We cross the island, cycling the dirt roads, which lead us to a quaint village where a friendly family has prepared a home-cooked lunch of local specialties. After exploring the village, we continue by boat to the island of Don Khone where we arrive mid-afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: ★★

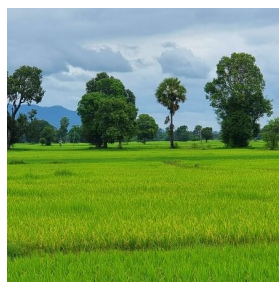
Included meals:

🏠 Senghloune Resort
🛖 Deluxe riverview room

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Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Boat and mountainbike tour



DAY 6: Done Khone

Khone Island tour

Following breakfast, we head-out to explore the island. Transferring by local tuk tuk, we trace the route of an old, abandoned railway and admiring some of the old French Colonial buildings. Next, we visit the beautiful Liphi Waterfalls, one of the most impressive falls in South East Asia. Get very close to the exciting rapids, by crossing the 5 interconnected suspension-bridges, which offer an exciting perspective of the cascades. We then return to your hotel, with some free time at leisure is the afternoon.

Late afternoon, a local boat will collect you for a beautiful sunset-cruise. Pass by a small uninhabited islands, and enjoy a cool Beerlao or sofitdrinks and some local snacks , while the sun sets behind the mountains. We arrive back at the island, just after sunset with the evening at leisure.

Accommodation: ★★

Included meals:

🏠 Senghloune Resort
🛖 Deluxe riverview room

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Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver

- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Lphi Waterfall tour
- ✓ Entrance Fee



DAY 7: Done Khone - Kratie

Cambodian border via Khone Phapheng waterfall

Following breakfast, we board our boat which brings us back to the mainland. From here, at Ban Nakasang, we transfer to the Border Town of Dom Kramlor, making a stop at the spectacular Khone Phapheng Falls, which is considered the largest and most powerful waterfalls in Southeast Asia. We then continue to the Border crossing of Dom Kralor where you will be met by your Cambodian Tour guide. Get ready for your Cambodian adventure! Your driver and guide will meet you at the border and escort you to Kratie.

Accommodation: ★

🏠 Sorya Guesthouse

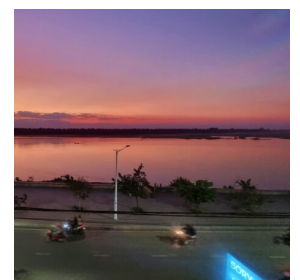
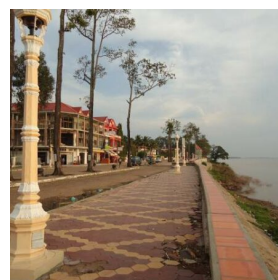
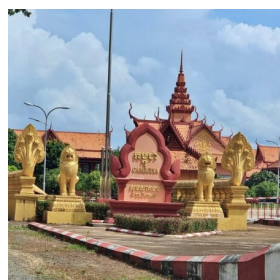
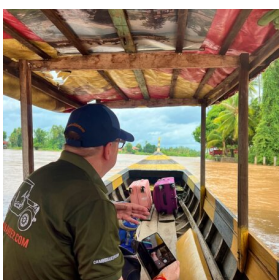
🛏 Business Class Double / Twin

Included meals:

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Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Entrance Fee
- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide





DAY 8: Kratie

Half day kayak tour to the dolphins (join in tour)

Today you will have a healthy, fun and eco-friendly way to enjoy the natural wonders of the area. You will join one of the Half Day Dolphin Trips, we are sure you will have a great time, see great things – including the rare and endangered Irrawaddy dolphins – and meet interesting people. With a large variety of bird life, butterflies and sea life along the way, and a sandy island beach stop for a swim, this trip is a true get back to nature experience. The dolphin trip offers a great opportunity that few travelers have had, to not only see the dolphins, but also to paddle through a picturesque and rarely visited section of the Mekong River.

In the afternoon you will go by ferry to the island of Koh Trong. With your guide you will explore this island paradise by bike and you will get an explanation about the lifestyle of the residents and the products that are grown there.

Accommodation: ★

Included meals:

Sorya Guesthouse

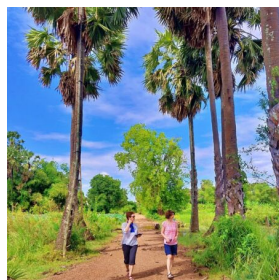
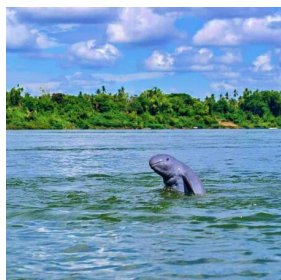
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Business Class Double / Twin

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Kayak tour to dolphins
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Ferryboat to island v.v
- ✓ Bicycle tour island



DAY 9: Kratie - Kampong Thom

A captivating journey from Kratie to Kampong Thom

Our day begins with a scenic drive along the mighty Mekong River. As we follow the river's serpentine path, you'll witness the vibrant riverside communities and lush landscapes that define this region. Next, we'll hop on a ferry and cross to the west bank of the Mekong, where a world of rural charm awaits. Winding our way through quaint villages, we'll make several stops

along the way to uncover the hidden gems of this region. In the charming village of Santuk, we'll delve into the intricate art of silk production. Witness the delicate process of transforming silkworm cocoons into exquisite threads, and learn about the rich heritage of Cambodian silk craftsmanship. Our journey continues to a remarkable sculpture village, where colossal works of art adorn the landscape. Marvel at the artistry and dedication of local sculptors as they transform humble materials into awe-inspiring creations. We'll arrive in Kampong Thom, where your comfortable hotel awaits. Reflect on the day's enriching experiences as you settle into your accommodations, ready for the next chapter of your Cambodian adventure.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Sambor Village hotel

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🛏️ Deluxe double/twin

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Ferry boat
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Silk farm and stone carving



DAY 10: Kampong Thom - Siem Reap

Kampong Thom - Siem Reap (via Kampong Khleang)

Another exciting day will take you from Kampong Thom to Siem Reap, with fascinating stops along the way. First stop is at Kampong Kdei Bridge, also known as Spean Bra Thos. This impressive 12th-century bridge was built during the reign of King Jayavarman VII and is one of the oldest bridges in Cambodia still in use today. Take some time to admire the bridge's architecture and learn about its historical significance. We continue our journey towards Kampong Khleang, the largest floating village on Tonle Sap Lake. Embark on a boat tour through the floating village. Witness the unique way of life of the villagers who live in houses built on stilts above the water. Observe their daily activities like fishing, farming, and raising livestock. You might even get a chance to interact with some of the locals. After exploring Kampong Khleang we continue our way to Siem Reap.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Araya Angkor Residence

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🛏️ Junior Suite 1 King Bed

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Boat tour Kampong Khleang



DAY 11: Siem Reap

Uncover Angkor's Hidden Gems on a Jeep Adventure

Embark on a thrilling adventure through the ancient city of Angkor with our exclusive jeep tour. We'll whisk you away from the crowds on back roads, offering a glimpse of these magnificent temples as they were experienced for centuries. Imagine yourself as an explorer, uncovering the secrets of these lost temples. Our first stop is Angkor Thom, a fortified city adorned with the captivating Bayon temple. Here, 54 enigmatic, four-headed Buddha statues gaze serenely upon you, creating a truly awe-inspiring scene. Of course, no Angkor tour is complete without visiting the iconic Angkor Wat. Witness the sheer scale and intricate details of this architectural masterpiece. Indulge in a delicious and authentic Cambodian lunch prepared at a local family home. Savor fresh flavors as you connect with local culture, just a stone's throw from the East Baray, the expansive man-made lake that once sustained Angkor. In the afternoon, we'll delve deeper into the jungle to explore the captivating Ta Prohm temple, where ancient trees have intertwined with the ruins, creating a mystical atmosphere. Depending on time, we may also visit some hidden gems, offering a chance to discover lesser-known wonders of Angkor. Please note that the itinerary may vary depending on the day's conditions and the guide's expert assessment. The guide will always prioritize the most suitable plan for that particular day, ensuring an optimal experience for all participants.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

🏠 Araya Angkor Residence

🛏 Junior Suite 1 King Bed

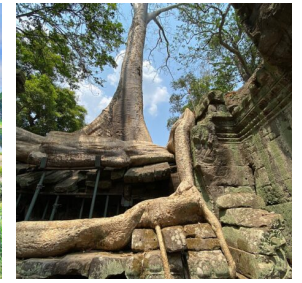
Included meals:

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Included today:

- ✓ Entrance Fee Angkor
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Vintage jeep with driver
- ✓ Lunch



DAY 12: Siem Reap

Satcha and the elephants

After breakfast you will visit first Satcha. Satcha stands for Cambodian Handicrafts Incubation Center, is more than just a market. It's a social enterprise with a mission to empower and support local artisans. provides a unique opportunity to see the artisans at work. There are six onsite workshops built using traditional Cambodian bamboo with contemporary design elements. Here, you can witness the various handicraft creation processes firsthand. By visiting Satcha we support local artisans and their communities and witness traditional Cambodian craftsmanship. Before we drive to the Kulen Elephant Project we have a stop in Preah Dak. The Khmer noodle served in Preah Dak is most likely Nom Banh Chok (sometimes spelled Nom Banh Chok or Num Banh Chok) is the best in Cambodia. Many families in Preah Dak still make the rice noodles using time-honored techniques, potentially involving soaking, grinding, and steaming the rice batter. An afternoon of indulging elephants. In the foothills of Kulen Mountain, lies the Bos Thom Community Forest, 1100 acres of protected forest inhabited by the 14 elephants of Angkor. For 22 years, these elephants have given rides to visitors in the temples of the world heritage site. Today, they roam free in their natural habitat and are living testimony of a changing world. From preparing healthy snacks to a walk through the forest and watching them roll in the mud, this experience is a good way to learn more about how to pamper these amazing creatures and treat them to their version of a good time. As the sun begins to set, have a picnic in the wild and say goodbye to the elephants before heading back to Siem Reap.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Araya Angkor Residence

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🛏 Junior Suite 1 King Bed

Included today:

- ✓ Private Car
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Kulen Elephant Forest
- ✓ Lunch





DAY 13: Siem Reap

Your free day in Siem Reap

Today you will have a free day to explore Siem Reap and its surroundings. You are free to plan your day as you wish. Are you interested in seeing some more temples? There are many other temples to visit. Looking for a culinary adventure? Learn how to bring the taste of Cambodia home with a cooking class. Are you in the mood for action? Hire a bike to explore the city or play golf on the famous Nick Faldo course. Do you like swimming in a waterfall at Phnom Kulen? Or are you just in the mood for a little pampering and relaxation? Visit a local spa and have a massage or enjoy a swim in the pool. There are a lot of options for you to choose from. Have fun and enjoy what Siem Reap has to offer! Tips: Go shopping at the Cambodian Made Market, visit a Satcha workshop or how about a stunning sunset tour in a vintage jeep with a cold beer? In the evening you will visit Phare, The Cambodian Circus, which tells uniquely Cambodian stories through the use of modern circus arts and high energy music, touching on themes that are strong in the traditions, ethos and spirit of Cambodia.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 Araya Angkor Residence

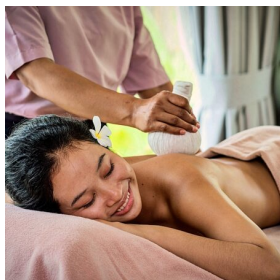
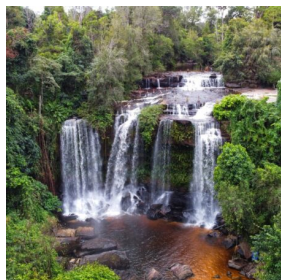
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🛏 Junior Suite 1 King Bed

Included today:

✓ Phare Circus tickets (Seat A)

✓ TukTuk transfer Phare



DAY 14: Siem Reap - Siem Reap (SAI)

Goodbye, Cambodia!

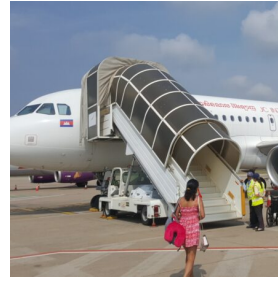
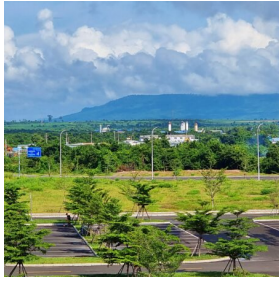
A private transfer to the airport in Siem Reap to catch your flight will complete your journey through Laos and Cambodia. We hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful trip through this truly beautiful countries and that you leave with happy memories that will last a lifetime. Laos and Cambodia has so much more to offer and we would be delighted to welcome you back any time to show you more of this fantastic destinations and its charming people. We wish you a safe journey and hope to see you again.

Included meals:

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Included today:

✓ Transfer to Siem Reap international airport



Additional info

Included in the price:

- Mentioned meals in the program.
- Named hotels in the program.
- Activities as described in the program
- 24/7 assistance

Not included in the price:

- Meals not mentioned
- International flights
- Cambodia visa. (\$ 30, - + 1 passport photo)
- Personal expenses, drinks
- Travel insurance
- Tips for guides / drivers

General Information

- No parts of this program have been reserved yet. We will start making reservations once we receive an agreement for this. If a certain room type or accommodation is no longer available at the time of booking, we will propose an alternative.
- The price may change based on the availability of the room at the time of booking and the cost of regional flights at the time of issue.
- Land transfers from destination A to destination B are carried out by local drivers. We always try to find English-speaking drivers for our guests. However, it may happen that they do not always speak English well or only a few words.
- A description of a tour is always a standard description. Actual programs may always vary slightly, depending on the (weather) conditions. However, the intention of the tours always remains the same.
- Standard check-in time is from 2:00 PM. Standard check-out time is at 12:00 PM. Early check-in or late check-out can be booked for an additional fee.

- When making reservations, we always indicate the preference for bedding (double bed or twin beds), rooms next to each other or connected by a door. In most cases (95%) we get this, but we cannot guarantee this.