

# CTP 006 Culture and Wildlife

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### 14 Days: Cambodia Culture and Wildlife

Embark on a transformative 14-day adventure in Cambodia and discover its hidden wonders.

This isn't your average tour - it's a deep dive into the heart of Cambodian culture and breathtaking nature. Trek for 2 days in search of majestic elephants, their trumpeting calls echoing through the ancient trees. Paddle alongside Irrawaddy dolphins on the Mekong River on a kayak expedition, seeking a glimpse of these rare and playful creatures.

Delve into Cambodia's rich biodiversity: Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of wildlife at the ACCB and Angkor Wildlife & Aquarium. Witness Angkor Wat's grandeur: Stand in awe of Angkor Wat, one of the largest and most significant temple complexes on Earth. Connect with the heart of Cambodia: Forge genuine connections with the welcoming local population and experience their unique way of life.



Day by Day

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### DAY 1: Phnom Penh airport - Phnom Penh

#### Unleash your Cambodian adventure!

The moment you touch down in Cambodia, we'll whisk you away to your hotel. There, a refreshing welcome drink awaits you, along with a friendly member of our operations team. They'll be your personal Cambodia guru, providing a captivating introduction to the country and the extraordinary journey you're about to embark on. The rest of the day is yours to design. Unwind by the pool with a tropical cocktail, letting the Cambodian sunshine melt away any travel fatigue. Or, if you're eager to explore, delve into the vibrant city of Phnom Penh

Accommodation: \*\*\*

- 🔃 Ohana hotel
- 며 Deluxe twin/double room With Balcony

#### Included today:

✓ Transfer Phnom Penh airport to hotel



DAY 2: Phnom Penh

#### Dive into Phnom Penh's Art Scene!

Rest up in the morning to shake off jetlag. In the afternoon, join us on a curated urban art adventure! Cambodia's cultural renaissance has fostered a thriving art scene, and Phnom Penh's streets are now a vibrant canvas. Explore over 40 unique murals that capture the city's spirit. We'll visit our favorite contemporary gallery for an in-depth look at local talent and delve into Cambodia's largest open-air gallery. Unwind after your artistic journey at a trendy garden cocktail bar. This haven for creativity often showcases local and international artists. Enjoy a crafted cocktail or mocktail paired with delectable canapés before returning to your hotel.



💮 Ohana hotel

며 Deluxe twin/double room With Balcony

Included today:

### An afternoon of contemporary art tour (private tour)





### A Look Back: Exploring Cambodia's Past:

This morning, we'll embark on a unique journey through Phnom Penh's history aboard a traditional Khmer cyclo, a bicyclepowered tuk-tuk. Our first stop is the awe-inspiring Royal Palace, a magnificent architectural masterpiece showcasing the grandeur of ancient Khmer architecture. Next, we'll climb the 35-meter hill to Wat Phnom, the namesake of Phnom Penh itself. This tranquil pagoda offers a haven of peace amidst the city bustle. Keep your eyes peeled for playful monkeys swinging in the shade of the surrounding trees. As we continue our journey by tuk-tuk, prepare for a more somber experience. We'll visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a former detention and torture center that offers a chilling glimpse into Cambodia's turbulent past. Our final stop will be Choeung Ek, also known as the Killing Fields. This somber memorial site serves as a reminder of the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. While undoubtedly disturbing, these visits are crucial to understanding the resilience of the Cambodian people and their journey towards a brighter future.

Accommodation: 🎽 🎽 🎙

💮 Ohana hotel

Included meals:

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- P Deluxe twin/double room With Balcony

### Included today:

- Entrance Fee Royal Palace, Killing Fields, Tuol Sleng, Wat Phnom
- Cyclo tour
- TukTuk City tour
- Lunch
- English speaking guide
- site guide Royal palace

Included meals:

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DAY 4: Phnom Penh - Sen Monorom

### Escape to Mondulkiri's Untamed Beauty!

Trade Phnom Penh's bustle for the magic of Mondulkiri in a private car. Feel the city fade as you enter Cambodia's largest province, famed for its dense jungles, cascading waterfalls, and warm hospitality. Your journey culminates in Sen Monorom, the province's tranquil capital. Here, life unfolds at a gentler pace, offering a relaxing base for trekking adventures and unforgettable encounters with Mondulkiri's iconic elephants.

Accommodation: \*\*

Greenhouse Retreat

哈 The bungalow double/Twin

Included today:

✓ Private Car from Phnom Penh to Sen Monorom

Included meals:

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## DAY 5: Sen Monorom

### Elephants and jungle trek (Day 1) (Join in tour)

Embark on a captivating journey through Mondulkiri's protected forests. Our drive reveals breathtaking jungle panoramas before reaching the tour's starting point. Descend from a scenic hilltop and delve deeper with a trek to the Mondulkiri Project's Jungle Lodge. Here, your guide unveils the project's vital conservation efforts. Prepare to be enchanted by meeting gentle elephants and their mahouts. After a stroll back to the lodge, savor a delicious lunch absorbing the lush jungle views. Descend further into the valley for a refreshing swim at a cascading waterfall. Participate in the unique experience of helping wash the elephants, forging a special bond with these magnificent creatures. Bid farewell to your newfound elephant friends and return to the lodge. As the sun dips below the horizon, unwind by a crackling fire. Meet your Bunong guide, who will tantalize your taste buds with traditional soup cooked in bamboo. After dinner, raise a glass of rice wine, test your luck with a game of cards, and drift off to sleep in cozy hammocks, enveloped by the magic of the jungle. Note: we keep your room in the hotel so you can keep your main luggage in the hotel.

Accommodation: 🔨

#### Included meals:

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Greenhouse Retreat

哈 The bungalow double/Twin

#### Included today:

✓ 2 Days Elephant and trekkin tour: English speaking guide, meals, entrance fee, transfers



## DAY 6: Sen Monorom

### Elephants and jungle trek (Day 2)

Start your day with a delightful breakfast in the heart of the jungle, enjoying a cup of coffee brewed in a bamboo cup. Wonders of the Jungle: Begin another trek, traversing hills with stunning views and diverse plant life. Learn about the jungle ecosystem from your guide and encounter a mesmerizing rain waterfall, a hidden cave, and a tranquil valley. Keep your eyes peeled for playful monkeys and other wildlife. Double Waterfall Delight: Reach the majestic waterfall called Leng Oung, ideal for a refreshing swim. Witness a traditional cooking demonstration by the falls. After a delicious lunch, head to the cascading Leng Ken waterfall, where you can take a rejuvenating shower. Village Visit & Farewell: Continue your journey on a different jungle path, encountering giant trees and crossing rivers before arriving at Potang village, your guide's family home. Enjoy some time exploring the village and interacting with the locals. Return to Civilization: Wrap up your adventure with a scenic drive back to Sen Monorom, where you can celebrate your incredible experience at a local gathering

Accommodation: 🗮

🛄 Greenhouse Retreat

며 The bungalow double/Twin

Included meals:





### From Jungle Heart to River Giants:

Travelling from Sen Monorom to the Kratie you will see more beautiful countryside as you descend into the plains of the Mekong River. Your day's travel will end at the charming, cheerful little town of, Kratie, nestled on the banks of the Mekong. Life moves slowly in Kratie but this is part of its charm. It is best known for being one of the few remaining homes of the Mekong Irrawaddy dolphins who frequent the river off the village of Kampi, 20 kilometers up the river. Catching a glimpse of these amazing, critically endangered creatures will be a memory that you will never forget. Relax in the evening at one of Kratie's simple but charming restaurants.

Included meals:

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Accommodation: 🔁

🗓 Sorya Guesthouse

吗 First Class double/Twin

Included today:

✓ Private Car with driver





### Embrace nature's wonders on a half-day dolphin kayak adventure! (join in tour)

Paddle through a rarely visited stretch of the Mekong River on this eco-friendly tour. Witness the playful Irrawaddy dolphins, a rare and endangered species, in their natural habitat. Your journey isn't just about the dolphins! Marvel at the vibrant birdlife, fluttering butterflies, and diverse marine life that thrive along the river. Relax on a pristine sandy island beach and take a refreshing swim. This unique kayaking adventure offers an unforgettable opportunity to reconnect with nature and experience a side of the Mekong River seldom seen by travelers.

After your dolphin-watching kayak tour, enjoy a leisurely afternoon at your own pace. Consider taking the ferry to Koh Trong Island, a car-free haven where you can rent a bicycle and explore the tranquil streets. Immerse yourself in the island's laid-back atmosphere and experience the warm hospitality of the Cambodian locals.

Accommodation: *	Included meals:	
🔢 Sorya Guesthouse	B	
毕 First Class double/Twin		
Included today:		
<ul> <li>Private Car with driver</li> </ul>		





### 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. W'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: \*\*\*

- 🔢 Sambor Village hotel
- 哈 Deluxe double/twin

#### Included today:

- Private Car with driver
- Ferryboat
- ✓ Santuk Silkweaving



### Included meals:



DAY 10: Kampong Thom - Siem Reap

### Worldheritage site and behind the scenes with a marine biologist

After a delicious breakfast, we'll embark on a journey to Sambor Prei Kuk, one of Cambodia's oldest temple complexes and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Accompanied by an experienced guide, we'll explore the site's most significant temples, nestled amidst a lush forest. As we depart from Sambor Prei Kuk, we'll set our sights on Siem Reap. En route, we'll make a stop at Angkor Wildlife and Aquarium, located just 25 kilometers from Siem Reap. Here, we'll be granted exclusive access behind the scenes of this remarkable project. Guided by a marine biologist, we'll delve into the intricate ecosystem of Tonle Sap Lake, gaining a deeper understanding of its diverse wildlife and conservation efforts. Angkor Wildlife and Aquarium plays an active role in conservation providing educational content about different species. With our newfound knowledge and appreciation for the region's natural wonders, we'll continue our journey to Siem Reap, where our next adventure awaits.

Accommodation:  $\star$ 

Included meals:

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- 🔢 Araya Angkor Residence
- 🖳 King Suite 1 King Bed

#### Included today:

- ✓ Entrance Fee Sambor Prei Kuk
- ✓ Private Car with driver
- ✓ English speaking guide Sambor Prei Kuk
- ✓ Bicycle(s) rent
- ✓ Angkor Wildlife & Aquarium: Behind the scene tour





DAY 11: Siem Reap

### Discover the Temples of Angkor

Fuel your day with breakfast and then hop aboard a tuk-tuk, the iconic Cambodian motorcycle taxi! This vibrant open-air ride will whisk you away to Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's largest and most magnificent temple complexes. Dating back to the 12th century, Angkor Wat is a masterpiece of Khmer architecture, adorned with intricate sculptures and exuding a mystical aura. Prepare to be awestruck by the sheer scale and beauty of Angkor Wat itself. After exploring its majesty, we'll take a refreshing break before a short drive to Angkor Thom, another impressive temple complex within Angkor. Here, the Bayon temple awaits, showcasing 54 enigmatic four-headed Buddha statues – a truly unforgettable photo opportunity.Our final stop of the day is Ta Phrom, a captivating temple partially reclaimed by nature.

Towering trees and gigantic roots intertwine with the ancient stone blocks, creating a hauntingly beautiful spectacle. After this enriching day filled with awe-inspiring sights, you'll return to your hotel for some well-deserved relaxation.

Accommodation: \*\*\*

- 🛄 Araya Angkor Residence
- 吟 King Suite 1 King Bed

#### Included today:

- Entrance Fee Angkor (Multiday pass)
- English speaking guide
- 🗸 Lunch
- ✓ TukTuk Angkor tour

### Included meals:







### **Conservation & Banteay Srei's Enchantment**

Before embarking on a journey to witness one of Angkor's most captivating temples, Banteay Srei, we'll first immerse ourselves in the noble work of the Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity (ACCB). Here, dedicated wildlife experts rescue and rehabilitate animals that have been injured or illegally captured, nurturing them back to health and preparing them for a return to their natural habitats. During an informative guided tour of the ACCB, we'll gain a deeper understanding of their conservation efforts, witnessing firsthand the dedication and expertise that goes into protecting Cambodia's precious biodiversity. With hearts filled with admiration for the ACCB's mission, we'll then continue our journey to Banteay Srei, often referred to as the "Jewel of Khmer Art" or the "Pink Temple" due to its exquisite sandstone carvings that shimmer in a rosy hue under the sunlight. As we marvel at the intricate details and architectural brilliance of Banteay Srei, we'll be transported back in time, imagining the grandeur of the Khmer Empire and the artistry that flourished during this golden era. On our return to Siem Reap, we'll make a delightful stop in Prei Dak, a village renowned for its culinary delights. Here, we'll tantalize our taste buds with the village's signature noodles and cupcakes, savoring the authentic flavors that have become a hallmark of Cambodian cuisine.

Accommodation: $\star$	Included meals:	
<ul><li>Araya Angkor Residence</li><li>King Suite 1 King Bed</li></ul>	B L	

#### Included today:

✓ Private Car Bantey Srei, Preah Dak, ACC Center

- English speaking guide
- ✓ Preah dak noodles and cup cakes
- 🗸 Lunch
- ✓ Angkor Conservation and Biodiversity Center donation





### Recharge & Reconnect: Your Relaxing Free Day in Siem Reap

Today, you will have a free day in Siem Reap. You are completely free to design this day by yourself. Are you interested in more temples? There are many more to choose from. Are you looking for some culinary experiences? A cooking class will teach you how to bring the taste of Cambodia back home. Are you feeling active? Rent a bicycle to explore the town or temples or play golf on the famous Nick Faldo golf course. Do you just want to take it easy and relax? Visit a local spa and get a massage or enjoy a swim in the pool. There are many options you can choose from. Have fun and enjoy what Siem Reap has to offer on your free day! Tips: you can do shopping at Made in Cambodian market, Satcha workshop or Senteurs d'Angkor or what about a Stunning Sunset tour by a vintage jeep with a cold beer or sparkling wine? Or what about visiting Angkor National museum? or visit Phare the Cambodian Circus in the evening.

Accommodation: \*

- Araya Angkor Residence
- 🖳 King Suite 1 King Bed

Included meals:

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DAY 14: Siem Reap - Siem Reap (SAI)

### Your Cambodian Adventure Ends, Memories Begin: Safe Travels Home!

As your Cambodian adventure draws to a close, we can't help but reminisce about the incredible experiences you've had.

From trekking through the lush jungles of Sen Monorom in search of majestic elephants to kayaking alongside river dolphins, you've immersed yourself in the rich tapestry of Cambodia's natural wonders. Your journey has taken you through the ancient temples of Sambor Prei Kuk, where you've delved into the mysteries of the past. And finally, you've stood in awe before the grandeur of Angkor Wat, one of the world's most iconic architectural marvels. The memories you've created here will forever be etched in your hearts. You've witnessed the beauty of untamed nature, the warmth of Cambodian hospitality, and the enduring power of history. As our chauffeur guides you to Siem Reap Airport, we wish you a safe and comfortable journey back home. May your memories of Cambodia continue to inspire you, and may you always cherish the adventures you've shared in this remarkable land.

Included meals:

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Included today:

✓ Transfer hotel 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.