



Around Cambodia

15 Days

Fully Inclusive from the UK

The famous temples of Angkor are the central highlight of this tour; but Cambodia has so much more to offer. This fascinating itinerary takes an in-depth look at regions of this country not normally visited by mass tourism. From French colonial towns to small villages, explore the real Cambodia.

Fully Inclusive price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals (excluding drinks)
- Touring with Guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

Welcome to Wendy Wu Tours

Cambodia continues to amaze, fascinate and thrill our passengers, many of whom have travelled to one country in Asia with us, then another, year after year. We urge you to keep in mind all the rewards, as well as challenges of travelling in a country with a history, culture and attitude so unlike your own.

A typical day's sightseeing may include the bustle and noise of a city street, sights and smells of a local market and interacting with the locals. Travelling in Cambodia requires patience and potential delays are to be expected due to standards of service. There is a low level of English spoken throughout Cambodia, so your local guides or National Escort will be indispensable during your trip.

Almost everything will be different to what you may be used to. We have found that our passengers who embark with a sense of humour and adventure, who accept that things do not always go to plan, are those who find their experience most rewarding. It is essential that all passengers recognize the demands of factors such as basic facilities and cultural differences they may encounter in some areas.

Your Tour Dossier

This document is designed to be read in conjunction with the other pre-departure information provided by Wendy Wu Tours including the tour itinerary as described in our brochure and/or website. It aims to provide a straightforward description of the physical activities involved in sightseeing or travelling during the tour.

If there are any particular challenges, from the length of time spent on your feet, the length of drives and flights, to the standard of remote accommodation; they will be explained here.

All passengers must read this document to ensure the itinerary is suitable for their interests and physical capabilities. This is not your final itinerary and therefore does not mention all the sites visited.



Around Cambodia - Medium Paced Tour

These tours are not strenuous but do require higher levels of fitness. A typical tour may include longer periods of sightseeing on foot, climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats will be necessary. These tours may involve longer periods of driving; sometimes on poorly maintained roads, and overnight train journeys; as well as some easy hiking. Some Medium Paced Tours may involve several days at altitude. Anyone with a good level of fitness should be able to complete this itinerary. Of course our local guides always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance, but they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary. If you do have mobility difficulties, please contact us for our range of private tours which are more flexible and can better cater for individual needs.

It is essential that all passengers recognise the demands of factors such as basic facilities and cultural differences they are likely to encounter in some areas. One of the more rewarding aspects of this itinerary is the sightseeing at the Angkor temple ruins (Cambodia) which involves not just walking and also climbing up steps and over fallen rocks. This tour uses local modes of transport for example; riding on a tuk tuk tractor and motorised taxis. You will find poor road conditions in both the countryside and cities.

Please note that times and distances listed in the tour dossier are approximate.

Day 1-2: UK - Phnom Penh

Fly overnight from the UK. On day 2, you will be met at Phnom Penh Airport in the arrivals hall by your Local Guide and/or National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, you will transfer approx. 45mins to your hotel and check-in. There is no sightseeing today. A tour introduction will be held in the hotel later today or tomorrow morning. There will be no food or drinks served at this meeting; it is simply an opportunity for your group to meet and learn more about travelling in Cambodia.

Day 3: Phnom Penh

This morning, sightseeing in the central city involves approx. 3hrs of leisurely walking. After lunch, drive approx. 30mins (15km) along an unsealed road to the Killing Fields site. Sightseeing here involves approx. 1hr on foot. Drive another 30mins back into the centre to Tuol Sleng Museum, where sightseeing involves approx. 1hr on foot. Both commemorate the atrocities that occurred during the regime of Pol Pot. Most people find them quite confronting and emotional so you will be given time to explore on your own if you choose. Transfer back to the hotel.

Day 4: Phnom Penh/Kep

Today's total driving time will be approx. 2.5hrs; covering a total of 175km. Sightseeing along the way is leisurely.

Day 5: Kep/Kampot/Sihanoukville

Today's total driving time will be approx. 2-3hrs (150km). Most of the road is sealed and in good condition. Sightseeing in Kampot is approx. 1hr. At Kompong Trach Hill Station we have a picnic lunch and explore the area. Continue driving to Sihanoukville and check-in at the hotel.

Day 6: Sihanoukville

Enjoy the day at leisure.

Day 7: Sihanoukville/Phnom Penh

Today's total driving time will be approx. 3.5hrs, covering 230km on a good, sealed road. Sightseeing along the way will be at Kirirom National Park. We spend approx. 2-3hrs here, having lunch and taking a walk in the park – your Local Guide/National Escort will advise you at the site about the

different walking options. Continue driving to Phnom Penh and check-in at the hotel.

Day 8: Phnom Penh/Battambang

Total driving time today will be approx. 4-5hrs, (295km) on Cambodia's best sealed highway. Sightseeing en route at Oudong for approx. 2hrs, exploring the stupas and pagoda on top of the hill. The rest of the sightseeing today is leisurely. Whilst at a potters' village in Kompong Chhnang province there is approx. 45mins of walking involved, while at Chnok True floating village, sightseeing involves a short boat ride in the wet season, or 20mins of walking during the dry season. Continue driving to Battambang and check-in at the hotel.

Day 9: Battambang

Sightseeing this morning is leisurely, involving approx. 1-2hrs of easy walking and no lengthy drives. However it does include short rides on the 'bamboo train' and a tuktuk - these are fairly comfortable and a great local experience. This afternoon, sightseeing at Phnom Bannan Hill involves walking up steps to see the temple and views. Walk back down and return to Battambang by coach.

Day 10: Battambang/Siem Reap

By boat – from August to February:

Travel on board a wooden speedboat for a whole day's journey up the Stung Sangkae River, approx. 8hrs including stops. Sightseeing involves crossing from one small boat to another to embark/disembark. Transfer approx. 30mins by coach from the docks on Tonle Sap Lake to our hotel in Siem Reap and check-in.

By coach – from March to July:

Today's total driving time will be approx. 4-5hrs (160km), depending on the road condition of Highway 6 between Sisophon and Siem Reap. This morning drive to Phnom Srok, a community of silk weaving villages. Sightseeing here involves visiting the P.A.S.S. office (which stands for "Project d'Appui au Sector de la Soie"), then riding a koyoan (tractor truck) for the short distance between villages. We will spend approx. 2hrs here, have a picnic style lunch, then continue driving to our hotel in Siem Reap to check-in.

Days 11-12: Siem Reap

Sightseeing within the Angkor area over the next 3 days involves driving to and exploring the Temples each day on foot. It can get hot and humid here so you must carry sun protection and drinking water with you. Spend both mornings and afternoons sightseeing within the Angkor complex, returning to town for lunch in the heat of the day. UNESCO manages the complex and to enter your group will drive approx. 6km out of town to the main entrance gate to get your entrance passes, which you must carry with you each time you visit. If you choose to climb at any site you must be able to climb and descend independently.

N.B: The Central Tower of the Angkor Wat complex has a limited number of visitors allowed at any given time, under new regulations from UNESCO. If you wish to visit this tower you will be required to wait in the queue alongside all other visitors. The ability to do this will be determined upon the groups' schedule today.

Day 13: Siem Reap

This morning we will drive approx. 2hrs (80km) to Beng Mealea, one of the most magnificent temples which actually lie outside the UNESCO protected area. There is a new boardwalk that you can use to explore the temple. When walking anywhere outside the walls of the temple ruin, you must follow marked paths. The landmine clearance project

Before You Leave

Itinerary Changes - The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in Cambodia are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your Local Guide or National Escort will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Roads in Cambodia have generally been improved over recent years, but some road construction and/or weather conditions may still lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

- Flights on the domestic airlines in this region are subject to frequent changes. For this reason we have indicated morning, afternoon or evening flights only in this dossier. Your Local guide or National Escort will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them.
- Sightseeing and travel times can depend on the time of year you are travelling in Cambodia. March to July is the dry season and August to February as the wet, monsoonal season. There is a huge difference in the water levels from the dry season to the wet and this decides whether you can travel by boat, or must drive by coach. This applies to Day 8 from Phnom Penh to Battambang, and Day 10 from Battambang to Siem Reap.
- The Central Tower of the Angkor Wat complex has a limited number of visitors allowed at any given time, under new regulations from UNESCO since its recent restoration. If you wish to visit this tower you will be required to wait in the queue alongside all other visitors. The ability to do this will be determined upon the groups' program on the day of visiting.

Visas - A visa is required for entry into Cambodia and a standard visa processing service is included in your tour cost. We will require your passport, completed visa application form, and 1 passport photo, taken within the last 6 months, to process your visa. We will require all this information 8 weeks prior to departure. As per our standard visa processing service, we will have your passport for at least 4 weeks. In rare cases you may be required to provide further information or documentation to the Cambodian Embassy and/or be required to attend an interview at the Embassy in London. If this is the case we will notify you as soon as possible.

Vaccinations and Your Health - We recommend that you contact either your GP or a travel doctor for advice on vaccinations and travel health. <http://www.traveldoctor.co.uk/> is a comprehensive website that you may also find useful.

Climate - Please refer to our website for detailed temperature charts.

here has not been completed yet. After lunch drive back to Siem Reap. This afternoon, visit Les Artisan D'Angkor handicraft centre, where we spend approx. 1hr meeting the local teenagers who work here and there will be some time for shopping (ask your Local Guide/National Escort if you would like to make a donation). Transfer to the hotel.

Day 14: Depart Siem Reap

Transfer from your Hotel to Siem Reap Airport approx. 10mins for your overnight flight to the UK. Depending on your chosen airline, some flights to the UK will arrive the same day, whereas others will arrive the following day.

Day 15: UK

Arrive home

Land Only

If you are travelling on a land only basis, you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel in Phnom Penh on Day 2 and end the tour on Day 14 in Siem Reap, continuing as per your own arrangements.

Please refer to the Wendy Wu Tours brochure and/or website for details on departure dates, prices, itineraries, inclusions and tour extensions available as well as full booking conditions.

Insurance - It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

What to Expect on Tour

Development - Although Cambodia is developing, it still lacks international standards of civil infrastructure and therefore tourist facilities. For example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade; concepts of personal responsibility are different to those in the UK. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in the UK. However, all of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense as well as refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort/Local Guides.

Group Size - All our group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum number of 8 travellers and a National Escort will accompany each group of over 10. The maximum group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually no more than 22 passengers.

Accommodation - Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Indochina. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Meals - All meals (excluding drinks) are included in our fully inclusive group tours from the groups' arrival until the day of departure. Our schedule of meals is designed so that you can experience the local dishes, their individual flavours as well as the different ways they are prepared and cooked throughout Cambodia.

Tipping - As with most countries, tipping is a way of life in Indochina. For our passengers' convenience we ask for a compulsory amount to be paid at the beginning of our group tours to cover tipping for guides, drivers, restaurant staff etc. Approximate tipping amounts can be found in our brochure and/or website; however exact tipping amounts will be stated in your final documentation pack.

Optional Extras - Our tours are planned to be as fully inclusive as possible. However, from time-to-time your National Escort or Local Guide may suggest optional tours/sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned for that city. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices ranging from US\$20-US\$50 per person (payable in local currency). If you do not wish to take part in any optional extras, you will have the option of enjoying some free time at leisure or to return to the hotel.

After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form, help sheet, and an Indochina travel guide. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approx. 2 weeks prior to departure, and will include a travel wallet, badge, lanyard, suggested packing list and a phrase book, along with your final itinerary and international tickets.

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