



Around Cambodia

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15 Days

Fully Inclusive from the UK

The magnificent temples at the Angkor Wat complex are the main 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, this is your chance to explore the real Cambodia.

Fully Inclusive price includes:

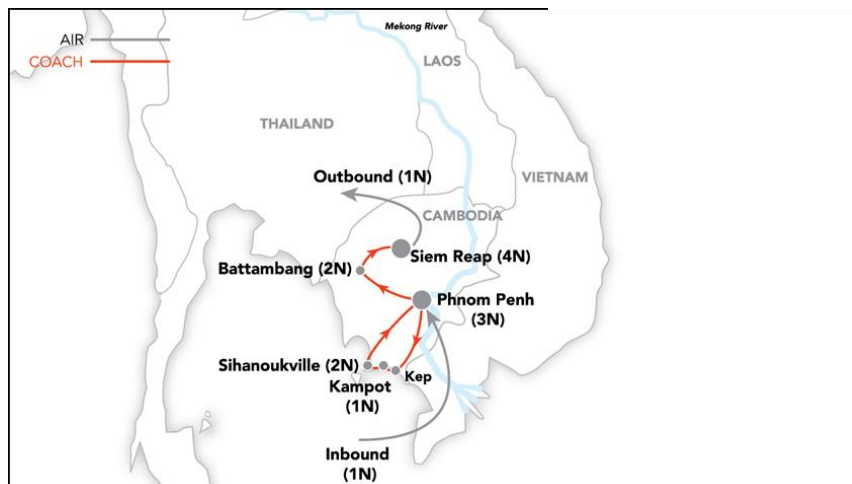
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Touring with Guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

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.



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.

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, getting on and off boats and longer periods of driving; sometimes on poorly maintained roads.

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 which involves not just walking and also climbing ups 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.

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.

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

Days 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 (45 minute drive) to your hotel and check into your room. There is no sightseeing today.

Day 3: Phnom Penh

Sightseeing in the central city involves 3 hours of leisurely walking. After lunch, visit Tuol Sleng Museum, which involves 45 minutes of walking. Then drive 30 minutes (15km) along an unsealed road to the Killing Fields. Sightseeing here involves 1 hour on foot. Both the Killing Fields and Museum commemorate the atrocities that occurred during the regime of Pol Pot.

NB. Most people find each place confronting and emotional so you will be given time to explore on your own.

Day 4: Phnom Penh to Kampot

Driving time today will be 2-3 hours (approximately 150km). Most of the road is sealed and in good condition. Sightseeing in Kep is approximately 1 hour. Take a 20 minute boat ride to Rabbit Island, we spend 2 hours here. Return to the mainland by boat and continue driving to Kampot and check into the hotel.

Day 5: Kampot to Sihanoukville

There will be easy walking to the top of Phnom Chhnork, with approximately 80 steps to the top. Sightseeing in Kampot is on flat paved roads for 45 minutes. Drive 2 hours (120km) to Sihanoukville.

Day 6: Sihanoukville

Today is free at your leisure. Lunch is included and your guide will advise where and when to meet.

Day 7: Sihanoukville to Phnom Penh

Driving time today will be approximately 5 hours (approximately 230km) on a good sealed road. There will be sightseeing along the way at Kirirom National Park. We spend 2-3 hours here, having lunch and taking a walk in the

park. Your Local Guide/National Escort will advise the different walking options available. Continue driving for 3 hours (160km) to Phnom Penh.

Day 8: Phnom Penh to Battambang

Total driving time today will be 4-5 hours, (approximately 295km). Sightseeing en route at Udong will be approximately 2 hours, exploring the stupas and the pagoda at the top of the hill. At the pottery village in Kampong Chhnang province, there is 45 minutes of walking involved. Continue driving 3-3.5 hours to Battambang (200km) and check into the hotel.

Day 9: Battambang

Sightseeing this morning at Phnom Banan Hill involves walking up steps for 20 minutes to see the views from Phnom Banan Temple. Walk back down and return to Battambang by coach for a wine tasting. Walk around the local villages at Wat Kor and Le Maison de Coco for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Day 10: Battambang to Siem Reap

Total driving time today will be 3 hours (approximately 180km), on Cambodia's best sealed highway. We will spend approximately 2 hours at the silk farm in the Puok District, before continuing to Siem Reap.

Day 11: Siem Reap

Sightseeing within the Angkor area involves driving to and exploring the temples on foot. It can get hot and humid here so you must carry sun protection and drinking water with you. Spend the morning and afternoon 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 approximately 6km out of town to the main entrance gate to get your entrance passes, which you must carry with you. If you choose to climb at any site, you must be able to climb and descend without assistance.

[N.B. The Central Tower of the Angkor Wat complex has a limited number of visitors allowed at any given time, under

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].

Day 12: Siem Reap

Early this morning leave for Tonle Sap for a 1 hour cruise on the river. Disembark and travel to Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre which involves approximately 1.5 hours on foot. In the afternoon return to the hotel by coach.

Day 13: Siem Reap

Travel for 2 hours (80km) to Beng Mealea, located 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 here has not been completed yet. After lunch drive back to Siem Reap. This afternoon, visit Artisan D'Angkor handicraft centre, where we spend 1 hour meeting the local youths that work here and time allowed for shopping (ask your Local Guide/National Escort if you would like to make a donation).

Days 14-15: Siem Reap/UK

Any time before your flight is free at your leisure. You will be transferred (20 minute drive) to the airport according to the departure time of your international flight.

Land Only

If you are travelling on a land only basis, then you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel in Phnom Penh on Day 2. On Day 15, you will checkout from your Siem Reap hotel, and continue 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.

- 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 is 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.
- Due to safety reasons the bamboo train ride in Battambang on Day 9, as mentioned in the brochure, has been removed and replaced with a wine tasting.

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 local GP or a travel doctor for advice on vaccinations and travel health. www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk is a comprehensive website that you may also find useful.

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

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 insurer, policy number 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.

Luggage - All clients are limited to two items of luggage each; a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that local authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage. Bottles in hand luggage may be confiscated.

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.

Seatbelts - Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in Cambodia and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason some vehicles may not be fitted with seatbelts or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. If you have any concerns, please notify your National Escort or Local Guide.

Traffic in Indochina - Roads in Indochina have generally been improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of road – not just one or two kilometres as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in the sections above are approximations only. The roads surrounding Phnom Penh, including those in outer suburbs, are in terrible condition – unsealed and eroded by daily rains.

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 26 passengers.

National Escort – You will be led by one National Escort from Day 2 to Day 10; and another National Escort from Day 10 to Day 16.

Accommodation - All group tour hotels have private Western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and a telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide.

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Tipping - As with most countries, tipping is a way of life in Cambodia. 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 on your invoice.

Exchanging Cash - US Dollars are easily exchanged throughout Cambodia, however other currencies such as British Sterling can generally be exchanged in hotels and airports provided notes are new and undamaged. US Dollars should be from the new series from the year 2003 onwards. Old series notes can be difficult to exchange. We suggest for your convenience that you ensure your US Dollars are from the new series to avoid any difficulties exchanging money during your trip. We suggest exchanging your money before travelling to remote areas and smaller towns, as exchange facilities can be limited. Your National Escort will remind you to do this before departure.

Meals - All meals (excluding drinks, and lunches on Days 14-15) 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.

Personal Expenses- You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of £150 per week should be sufficient; however for those that can't resist a bargain, consider allocating a higher amount.

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 etickets.

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