

5 Days Cambodia Tour to Siem Reap and Phnom Penh

Trip overview

Unveil the timeless wonders of Cambodia on this essential 5-day journey through its two most iconic cities: Siem Reap and Phnom Penh.

Your adventure begins in **Siem Reap**, the gateway to the ancient Khmer Empire. You will spend your days exploring the awe-inspiring **Angkor Wat**, the intricate carvings of **Bayon**, and the jungle-embraced ruins of **Ta Prohm**. Beyond the stones, we'll take you to the heart of local life at **Tonle Sap Lake** to witness the unique floating villages.

The journey continues to the bustling capital, **Phnom Penh**. Here, you will dive deep into Cambodia's complex history, from the elegance of the **Royal Palace** and **Silver Pagoda** to the somber but essential lessons at the **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum** and the **Killing Fields (Choeung Ek)**.

With **AsiaChinaTour**, you're not just visiting—you're experiencing Cambodia with a seamless blend of expert local storytelling, comfortable private logistics, and a perfectly paced itinerary designed to capture the soul of the Kingdom of Wonder.

- **Durations:** 5 Days
- **Destinations:** Phnom Penh - Siem Reap
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/5-days-cambodia-siem-reap-phnom-penh-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Phnom Penh Arrival – Warm Welcome to the Kingdom

Welcome to **Phnom Penh**. Upon your arrival at Phnom Penh airport, your local tour guide will welcome you at the airport and then escort you to the Phnom Penh hotel with a private car. Check in hotel and relax.

Accommodation: Hotel in Phnom Penh

Meals: /

Expert Tips:

If you arrive early in the afternoon, we recommend taking a leisurely walk along the Sisowath Quay riverside. It's the perfect spot to witness local life and enjoy the sunset with a refreshing Khmer iced coffee. For your first dinner, the area offers a fantastic array of choices, from authentic Cambodian "Amok" to refined French-colonial cuisine

Day 2: Phnom Penh – Echoes of History & Royal Grandeur

Prepare for a deep dive into the soul of Cambodia as we explore the complex layers of Phnom Penh's past and present. We begin the morning with a sobering but essential visit to the **Killing Fields of Choeung Ek**. Walking through this peaceful site today, your guide will share poignant stories and historical insights that pay tribute to those who suffered during the Khmer Rouge era. The journey through history continues at the **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S-21)**, where the preserved exhibits offer a powerful testament to the resilience of the Cambodian spirit.

In the afternoon, the narrative shifts to the country's artistic and royal heritage. We will visit the **National Museum**, an architectural masterpiece in itself, housing the world's finest collection of Khmer sculptures and ceramics. Next, we step into the opulence of the **Royal Palace** complex to marvel at the **Silver Pagoda**, named for its floor of 5,000 shimmering silver tiles and the spectacular Emerald Buddha. We conclude our day with a gentle climb up the hill to **Wat Phnom**, the city's namesake temple, where you can soak in the spiritual atmosphere and lush surroundings as the city hums below.

Accommodation: Selected Hotel in Phnom Penh

Meals: Breakfast in hotel, Lunch

Expert Tips:

This is an emotionally significant day, so we recommend a quiet lunch to reflect on the morning's visits. When visiting the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, please remember to wear modest attire that covers your shoulders and knees as a sign of respect. For a perfect evening, consider a sunset cruise on the Mekong River to see the city lights begin to twinkle.

Day 3: Phnom Penh to Siem Reap – Scenic Countryside & Ancient Arches

Leave the urban energy of Phnom Penh behind as we embark on a scenic overland journey into the heart of the Cambodian countryside. Our first stop is the famous **Skuon Market**, affectionately known as "Spiderville." For the boldest travelers, this is your chance to sample the local specialty—deep-fried tarantula—or simply browse the vibrant stalls of exotic fruits and snacks. We continue through the lush landscape to **Kampong Thom**, where you can enjoy a relaxed local lunch and observe the authentic rhythms of rural life.

The afternoon unveils a remarkable piece of hidden history at Kampong Kdei. Here, we will stop to admire **Spean Praptos**, a magnificent 12th-century Angkorian bridge. Walking across its ancient stone arches, you'll marvel at the sophisticated engineering of the Khmer Empire that has stood the test of time for over 800 years. Upon arriving in **Siem Reap**, the gateway to the temples of Angkor, we will assist with your hotel check-in, leaving the evening free for you to relax or explore the charming Pub Street and night markets at your own pace.

Accommodation: Selected Hotel in Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast in hotel, Lunch

Expert Tips:

The drive to Siem Reap takes about 5 to 6 hours, so we recommend wearing comfortable clothing and keeping your camera ready for the picturesque rice paddies along the way. If you're not feeling brave enough for the fried spiders at Skuon, the fresh pineapple and steamed corn are delicious alternatives. For your first evening in Siem Reap, the FCC Angkor (Foreign Correspondents' Club) offers a beautiful colonial atmosphere for a sundowner drink.

Day 4: Angkor Exploration – Jungle Temples & Royal Traditions

Today, we journey into the heart of the Angkor Archaeological Park to witness the architectural grandeur of the Khmer Empire. We begin the morning at **Banteay Kdei**, a serene monastic complex that offers a peaceful introduction to Angkor's spiritual history. From there, we head to the world-famous **Ta Prohm**. Unlike other temples, this site has been left to the embrace of the jungle; huge silk-cotton trees and strangler figs crawl over the stones, creating the hauntingly beautiful "Tomb Raider" atmosphere that makes it a photographer's dream.

In the afternoon, we enter the Great City of Angkor Thom through the monumental Victory Gate. This sprawling royal capital contains several masterpieces, and you can choose to explore three of its most iconic sites: the mysterious face-towers of the **Bayon**, the tiered **Baphuon**, the **Royal Palace** grounds, the **Terrace of the Leper King**, or the mountain-like **Phimeanakas**. We conclude our temple circuit at **Preah Khan**, a vast, labyrinthine complex built by King Jayavarman VII to honor his father. As evening falls, enjoy a classic Cambodian experience: a scenic **Tuk-Tuk** ride to a vibrant **Apsara Dancing Show**. While you enjoy a buffet dinner, talented performers will bring ancient Khmer myths to life through graceful movements and glittering traditional costumes.

Accommodation: Selected Hotel in Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast in hotel, Lunch

Expert Tips:

For the best photos at Ta Prohm, we recommend arriving as early as possible to capture the sunlight filtering through the jungle canopy before the crowds arrive. Since Angkor Thom is vast, your guide can help you select the three temples that best match your interests—whether you prefer intricate carvings or grand views. For the evening show, don't forget to keep your camera ready for the intricate "Hand Gestures" of the Apsara dancers, each of which tells a specific story.

Day 5: Tonle Sap Adventure & Farewell to Cambodia

On your final day, we escape the stone temples to experience the "Great Lake" of Cambodia—Tonle Sap. We will journey to the fascinating **Kampong Phluk Floating Village**, a community built on soaring stilts that adapts to the rising and falling waters of the lake. As we glide through the village by boat, you will witness the unique daily rhythms of the local Khmer families, from floating markets to schools and pagodas on the water. It is a peaceful and eye-opening glimpse into a way of life defined by nature.

After returning to the city, the afternoon is yours for some last-minute souvenir shopping or a final Cambodian coffee. When it is time, your private driver will transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. As you head to your next destination, we hope the memories of ancient ruins, emerald landscapes, and warm Khmer smiles stay with you long after you leave the Kingdom of Wonder.

Accommodation: On your own arrangement

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Expert Tips:

Depending on the season, the water levels of Tonle Sap vary significantly. If you are visiting during the dry season, you will see the impressive height of the stilted houses, while the wet season offers a lush, flooded forest experience. We recommend keeping some small change (Riel) handy if you wish to buy a cold drink or local snack from the small boat vendors in the village. Safe travels!

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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