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TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH CAMBODIA WITH ELLY & THEO

We're always delighted to share our guest's experiences and tips from their Wendy Wu Tours Holiday.

Experienced travellers Theo and Elly Kos had travelled twice before with Wendy Wu Tours and this July the allure and mysteries of Angkor Wat, Cambodia became too difficult to resist. Upon returning from their third tour, Theo and Elly couldn't wait to tell us about their amazing experiences in awe-inspiring Cambodia.



Elly and Theo exploring Cambodia



Floating Village



Theo outside Bayon Temple

TAKE ME THERE

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Why did you choose to go on the Around Cambodia Tour?

We decided on Cambodia as our third trip with Wendy Wu Tours, having been to China and Vietnam previously. Mostly, we were attracted by the temples of Angkor Wat, however, as we did more research Cambodia became a must-see destination for us. As a bricklayer I was very interested to understand how the Ancient temples were built, the planning, precision and artistry of the buildings just fascinated me.

How did you feel about Phnom Penh and how did it compare to other cities in Asia?

In Phnom Penh, the people were very hospitable and accommodating. We had been to Asia several times and found some of the behaviours and quirks in Cambodia to be like those in China and Vietnam, nothing confronting. I was very impressed with the Cambodian sense of innovation, this really came through watching the way they transport people and goods on customised fit-for-purpose motor bikes. I saw many tractors and trailers that had been constructed like this.

Angkor Wat is an incredible site. What was your first impression like?

Our reason for going! Angkor Wat exceeded our expectations. We learned so much about the temples, their construction and the Khmer Empire that built them it was truly amazing. The Ta Prom temple has been left untouched and is slowly being swallowed by the surrounding jungle. The image of Ta Prom being curtained by trees was a real man vs nature moment. We've been to Europe and seen places like Venice, but Angkor Wat is totally unique and incredible.

How did you spend your time at Cambodia's Kirirom National Park?

Kirirom Park was a relaxing and unwinding experience. We spent a couple of hours in the park enjoying the towering pine forests, astonishing waterfalls and wildlife. We spotted some fantastic black and white monkeys before we saw the remains of King Sihanouks Palace which we learned had been destroyed by Khmer Rouge soldiers in 1979.

You cruised the Tonle Sap lake and saw the lake communities and floating village. Tell us a little bit about the way of life in these villages.

Our cruise on the Tonle Sap lake was out of this world! It gave us a different impression of Southeast Asia, and in fact convinced us that now is the best time to see Cambodia. It seemed to us, that Cambodia is less westernized than other parts of Asia, and this was validated at Tonle Sap lake. Here, we had some truly authentic local experiences and were blown away watching the local village children playing soccer on any raised open spaces they could find! We have seen floating villages before, but this was special, the grass and vegetation can rise so high above the water that the houseboats look like they are sitting on a lawn. Amazing.

Cambodian food is so underrated! What was your experience of the food and meals you had on tour?

The food in Cambodia was excellent, we ate many meals with the local people and every time we ate so much different food. Four or five, sometimes more, options were presented for every meal. A highlight was the evening of Cambodian bbq enjoyed with good company made up of the tour group, guides and locals.

How did your national guide Sokhoeun enrich your experience of Cambodia?

We have high expectations of Wendy Wu's guides because they are always so good. This time was no different. Our guides name was Sokhoeun and he did everything in his power whenever possible to enhance the quality of our tour. Everywhere we went Sokhuen made sure we had umbrellas and bottled water, which we were so grateful for in the hot weather. What's more, Sokhuen shared his personal story with the group and really helped to bring the history of Cambodia to life.

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