



# ANGKOR WAT SHORT STAY

Short Stay | 4 Days | Physical Level 1 Siem Reap (3N)

Explore the spectacular Angkor, one of the world's most celebrated temple complexes including Angkor Wat and take a boat trip to discover the lake communities of Tonle Sap.

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- · Daily tours and entrance fees
- · Transportation and transfers as stated
- English speaking guide





#### **ITINERARY**

# Day 1: Arrive Siem Reap

Meals: None

On arrival at Siem Reap airport, you will be met and transferred by private car to your hotel.

The rest of the day is at your leisure.



## **Destination Information**

**Siem Reap** - Siem Reap is a bustling tourist destination due to its proximity to both Tonle Sap Lake and the ancient Khmer capital, Angkor. Angkor is home to Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument, and the spiritual and cultural heart of Cambodia.

## Day 2: Discover Siem Reap

Meals: B, L

Spend the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor.

Begin your explorations at the south gate of Angkor Thom. Make your way to its heart to see the many faces of the Bayon, the atmospheric temple of Ta Prohm, the 10th-century Pre Rup.

Return to Siem Reap for lunch and to escape the hot sun.



Then later in the afternoon explore the magnificent Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument. This visually spectacular temple is a massive three-tiered pyramid, rising 65 metres from the ground and crowned by five lotus towers. It's the national symbol of Cambodia and proudly appears on the country's flag. End your day with sunset views over the jungle from the top of Bakheng Mountain Temple before returning to Siem Reap.

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**Angkor Thom** — This was the last capital of the Khmer empire, established by Buddhist King Jayavarman VII in the 12th century. This walled city, covering an area of 9 square kilometres, is flanked by a row of 54 stone figures on each side, which leads you through a 23-metre imposing stone entrance gate to the various temples inside.



**The Bayon** — A rich, late 12th century state temple at the centre of Angkor Thom. Its beautifully crafted central towers are decorated with four opposing faces representing Jayavarman. Bayon's stone galleries display extraordinary bas-reliefs incorporating over 11,000 figures.

Angkor Wat — This 12<sup>th</sup> century temple complex is the largest religious monument in the world. Surrounded by a 190-metre moat and taking 30 years to build, Angkor Wat showcases the Khmer civilisation at its grandest, and was designed to represent Mt Meru, the Hindu equivalent of Mt Olympus. With its fascinating decorative flourishes, extensive bas-relief and multiple tiers, it is the best-preserved temple within the complex. Angkor temples were traditionally dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva, but Angkor Wat broke tradition in that it was originally dedicated to Vishnu, and was later reworked as a Buddhist temple. The silhouette on the flag of Cambodia is that of Angkor Wat, and it is recognised as Cambodia's spiritual and cultural heart.

# Day 3: Tonle Sap Lake

Meals: B, L

Today, take a boat trip on Tonle Sap where you can visit the vibrant communities of the lake's floating villages.

High Water Season (Aug - Early Feb):

Explore Kompong Khleang stilt village by boat.

Low Water Season (Late Feb-Jul):



Take short drive (15km) south of Siem Reap for a boat tour of the floating villages Chong Knease, and surrounds.

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**Kompong Khleang** - A unique village on Tonle Sap Lake, that is built high on stilts. The village is home to about 6000 people who earn their living mainly through fishing on the Lake. Depending on the season the village offers a very different view making it interesting to visit all year round.

**Tonle Sap -** Tonle Sap, Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake, is the lifeblood of Cambodia. Discover floating villages, stilted houses, and a unique way of life that changes with the seasons as the lake dramatically expands and contracts. A visit here offers a fascinating glimpse into the culture and traditions of Cambodia's waterside communities.



Day 4: Depart Siem Reap

Meals: B

Today you will be transferred to Siem Reap airport by private car for your onward flight.



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