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CYCLING OPTION 3: ANGKOR WAT BAYON HALF-DAY TOUR

Tour Code: C3
Distance: 25 km
Duration: 5 hours
Group Size: 1 - 10 pax
Daily: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Tour Price: USD37 per person

OVERVIEW

Enjoy a fun ride towards a symbol of Cambodia, Angkor Wat and Bayon, the jewels in the Angkor temples crown. On the flat path of peaceful environment, visitors will be greeted by enormous trees, providing much appreciated shades and seeing monkeys scampering across the streets. Explore the ancient capitals and learn the site's fascinating history with your experienced tour guide.

The tour is a leisurely easy fun ride for few hours relax. Non-professional, non-advanturous are highly recommended to join.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

- Ride through the hidden trails instead of busy touristic/traffic route
- Visit Angkor Wat, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world
- Visit South Gate of Angkor Thom City, the most appealing defensive wall of Angkor Thom City
- Climb up and venture on the protected wall of Angkor Thom City
- Enjoy the breathtaking view of Prasat Chrung
- Visit West Gate of Angkor Thom City, the Non-restoration gate
- Visit Bayon, the second important temple after Angkor Wat with 54 towers of 216 smiling faces.

ITINERARY

Visit the magnificent temple, **Angkor Wat**, was built by Suryavarman II in the early 12th century, which symbolizes Mount Meru, home of the gods, and is considered the pinnacle of Khmer architecture. This Vishnuite temple is the King's funerary temple, which is why the temple is oriented to the west. Inside the temple, the walls are covered by carvings and bas-reliefs depicting the Hindu mythology and the wars during the reign of Suryavarman II. Angkor Wat is also well-known for the 1800 Apsara dancers decorating the temple. It is said to take a lifetime to discover all the wonders of this temple.

Continue to **Angkor Thom City** complex: the Great City of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. This city is surrounded by an 8 meters high wall; each side of the city is 3 kilometers long. It draws a perfect square with access to this town through 5 gates; 4 of them representing the cardinal points and the 5th one being the Victory Gate leading directly to the Royal Palace area.

You will arrive via the **South Gate**, an impressive stone gate carved with Elephants and 4 giant faces. Each side presents a row of 54 gods or demons holding the sacred Naga snake. One best-preserved gate of the quadrangle defensive walls of Angkor Thom, once protected the Khmer capital.

Climb up and venture on the protected wall towards **Prasat Chrung** to see the thrilling view of local village: fishing, yellow hot air balloon, and thousands of palm trees.

Continue to **West gate of Angkor Thom:** the Non-restoration gate, allowing visitors to make the comparison to the best-preserved gate (pre & post restoration).



Continue to **Bayon** temple. This temple lies exactly in the center of the city. The particularity of this monument is the 54 towers representing the 54 provinces of the Great Khmer Empire. Each tower has 4 faces. This is the only temple in Cambodia depicting scenes of the everyday life at the time of the empire.

Paddle along the **Baphoun**, recently re-opened to the public. There you will pass by the **Phimeanakas**, the location of the **Royal Palace**. The only remaining features are a pond and a temple. The palace was made of wood and did not survive the time and the wars.

Continue to the **Terrace of the Elephants**. This terrace was the place where the parade was held for the king. Next is the **Terrace of the Leper King** depicting the water world.

Lunch break: stop for lunchtime in Angkor Thom area with healthy & delicious local food.

Return to town.

END OF SERVICES

DRESS CODE

Angkor is an active spiritual site for Buddhists and citizens who engage in daily worship, prayer and meditation. Revealing clothes such as shorts and skirts above the knees and showing bare shoulders are prohibited in sacred palaces. Respectful dress is strongly encouraged in Angkor due to the respects towards our community.

WHAT TO BRING

- Camera
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sneakers.

INCLUDED

- English speaking tour guide
- Quality mountain bike (Giant/Trek)
- Helmet
- Lunch
- Fresh coconut juice
- Pure drinking water
- Hotel pick up.

EXCLUDED

- Temple pass
- Travel insurance
- Hotel drop off.

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