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Tour Name: Bangkok to Angkor Wat and Back 5d4n Guided Tour

Tour Code: BA5

Tour Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

Tour Operates: all year round / on demand

Number of Pax: available upon request

Tour Price: available upon request

Pick-up & drop-off location

Can be anywhere on demand

- hotel in Bangkok
- upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi international airport in Bangkok
- upon arrival at Don Muang airport in Bangkok
- upon arrival at Moi Chit bus station in Bangkok
- upon arrival at train station in Bangkok
- upon arrival at boat pier Chao Phraya Express & Khlong Boats
- Laem Chabang port in Pattaya
- any hotel/AirBnB in Pattaya
- any cruise ship ports in Thailand
- hotel/AirBnB in Koh Chang
- hotel/AirBnB in Rayong
- hotel/AirBnB in Khao Yai
- any residences in Bangkok
- any provinces in south-eastern parts of Thailand.

Pick-up time: should be at 5am, but however if your tour is private, the pick-up/starting time is flexible, upon request.

Pick-up & drop-off direction: kindly provide location where you are to be picked-up and dropped off, their addresses and phone numbers for our transfer company representative in Thailand to call for direction.

DAY I - PICK UP IN THAILAND, TRANSFER ONWARD TO SIEM REAP, VISIT ANGKOR WAT AND PHNOM BAKHENG HILL SUNSET OR PRE RUP TEMPLE SUNSET

In the morning - at 5am, you will be met and welcomed by our transfer company representative in Thailand at your hotel in Thailand.

Please kindly provide location where you are to be picked up, its address and phone number for our transfer company representative in Thailand to call for direction?

And then picked up and chauffeured onward by our private luxury A/C, WIFI minivan to Poipet border crossing. The border opens between 06:00am - 10:00pm.

Border crossing, Thai visa, Thai re-entry visa and Cambodian visa on arrival formality

After three and half hour (included one toilet stop) chauffeured by our private luxury A/C, WIFI minivan, you will arrive at our office near border in Thailand. Upon arrival at our office, you will be met and welcomed by our border English speaking guide. The border guide will take you to Thai immigration office to stamp your passports to leave Thailand. But for one who needs Thai re-entry visa, our guide will help you to proceed express Thai re-entry visa (express Thai re-entry visa fee is at your own costs), and then take you across border to Cambodian immigration office to proceed your Cambodian visa on arrival.

Please bring your one recent passport-sized photo to receive your Cambodian visa on arrival (if you do not have a photo, you could pay 100 THB instead). The Cambodian visa on arrival fee is USD30. The administration fee is 100 THB.



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It approximately takes 10 minutes to complete (Cambodian visa and administration fees are at your own costs).

Cambodian e-Visa - for Cambodia e-Visa, please visit [e-Visa site>>>](#)

The South-East Asian passport holders do not need a Cambodian visa.

After the completion of border crossing, you will be chauffeured on a private luxury AC vehicle by our Cambodian driver to Siem Reap, Cambodia. The drive takes less than two hours.

Siem Reap - is the provincial capital of Siem Reap province. This small town crossed by a river coming from the Kulen Mountain is the gateway for the visit of the Angkor Park which is over 400 km² and is home of more than 100 temples dating from the 9th to 13th century.

Upon arrival in Siem Reap, you will be met and welcomed by our English speaking guide and then check in to your hotel.

After check in to hotel, transfer for lunch at local restaurant or at hotel restaurant (lunch is at your own cost)

Angkor Wat - after lunch, transfer to visit the magnificent temple Angkor Wat, built by Suryavarman II in the early 12th century. Angkor Wat symbolizes Mount Meru, home of the gods, and 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. As well, Angkor Wat is 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.

Return to Siem Reap after watching sunset over the top of **Phnom Bakheng Hill**. Dominating the flat landscape, this 10th Century mountain temple is the most popular spot in the area to watch a classic sunset over Angkor Wat and the surrounding forest or

Watching sunset at **Pre Rup** temple, a Hindu temple, built as the state temple of king Rajendravarmān and dedicated in 961. It is a temple mountain of combined brick, laterite and sandstone construction. The temple's name is a comparatively modern one meaning "turn the body". This reflects the common belief among Cambodians that funerals were conducted at the temple, with the ashes of the body being ritually rotated in different directions as the service progressed.

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

DAY II - ANGKOR THOM, BAYON, TAPROHM, SMALL CIRCUIT AND ROLOUS GROUP

Angkor Wat Sunrise - at 5am, pick up for viewing the picturesque sunrise at Angkor Wat. Breakfast boxes could be taken from your hotel or return to hotel for breakfast and start the tour again.

Angkor Thom city complex - after breakfast at your hotel, transfer to **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 m high wall; each side of the city is 3 kilometers long. It draws a perfect square you access this town through 5 gates, 4 of them represent the cardinal points and the 5th one the Victory Gate was the one leading directly to the Royal Palace areas.

You will arrive via the **South Gate**, an impressive stone gate carved with Elephants and 4 giant faces. On each side is a row of 54 gods or demons holding the sacred Naga snake.

After passing through the South Gate, you will go down along this shady road to the **Bayon** temple. This temple lies



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exactly in the center of the city. The particularity of this monument is the 54 towers representing the 54 provinces of the then 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.

From the Bayon continue by walk to the **Baphoun** recently re-opened to the public. There you will pass by the **Phimeanakas** the location of the **Royal Palace**. The only remaining are a pound and a temple. The palace was made of wood and did not survive the time and the wars.

Then continue to the **Terrace of the Elephants**. This Terrace was the place where the parade was done for the king. Next is the **Terrace of the Leper King**, depicting the water world.

Taprohm (known as Tobm Raider temple) & Small Circuit - continues to **Ta Prohm** - one of the most popular temples of the Angkor Complex. This temple was built in the memory of the King Jayavarman VII's mother. When found by the French conservators at the end of the 19th century, they deliberately left this temple in the same condition as it was discovered, overgrown by strangler fig and silk-cotton trees, giving the temple a mystical and romantic appeal.

Your visit will also include **Banteay Kdei**, a Buddhist monastery from the late 12th century, and **Srah Srang**, also known as the "pool of ablution", the identical twin temples of **Tommanon** and **Chaosay Tevoda**, and **Krovan** temple.

Lunch at local restaurant (at your own cost)

Rolous Group - continues visit Rolous group, consists of three temples of **Preah Ko**, **Bakong** and **Lolei**.

Preah Ko - six towers displaying set on a platform, all beautifully preserved carvings. Originally surrounded by walls and gopuras of which only vestiges remain. Preah Ko was one of the first major temples of the empire at the early Khmer capital of Hariharalaya. Preah Ko (Sacred Bull) derives its names from the statues of bulls at the front of the central towers.

Bakong - the most impressive member of the Rolous Group, sitting at the center of the first Angkorian Capital, Hariharalaya, stands 15 meters tall and is 650x850m at the outer wall.

Lolei - ruins of an island-temple built in the middle of a now day baray, Indrataka, the first large-scale baray constructed by a Khmer King. Lolei consists of four brick towers on a double laterite platform.

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

DAY III - EXCURSION BANTEAY SREI, KBAL SPEAN, BANTEAY SAMRE AND GRAND CIRCUIT

Banteay Srei excursion - in the morning, after breakfast at your hotel, depart for an excursion to visit Banteay Srei, made of pink sandstone and is one of the smallest temple you can visit but one of the most beautiful as well. Built in 967 AD by a guru to Jayavarman V, it showcases the most exquisite, deep and complex carvings in all Khmer architectures. As well the carvings and bas-relief are in a perfect condition although being here for more than millenary.

Kbal Spean Excursion - The original "**River of a Thousand Lingas**" Kbal Spean is and intricately carved riverbed deep in the foothills the Cambodian jungle. Lingas are phallic representations sacred to Hinduism as symbols of fertility, and hundreds of them are carved into the rock here, as are several carvings of Gods and animals above the small waterfall. The area was only rediscovered in 1969 when French researcher Jean Boulbet was shown the carvings by a local hermit. Kbal Spean lies 50Km northeast of Siem Reap 18Km from Banteay Srei on a dirt road. It takes from 1-2 hours to get there from Siem Reap.

Lunch at local restaurant (at your own cost)



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On the way back to Siem Reap, you will visit the isolated temple of **Banteay Samre**. Situated on the eastern edge of the Angkor complex, this temple is very similar to Angkor Wat. The structure with its typical lotus flowers shaped tower but has very compact proportions. This temple was built during the best period of the Khmer architecture and its condition is almost perfect.

Grand Circuit - in the afternoon, explore the highlights of the Grand Circuit, like the overgrown **Preah Khan** temple and **Neak Poan** with its artificial lakes. Continue to **East Mebon** temple and return to Siem Reap after viewing sunset at The **Pre Rup** Temple.

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

DAY IV - EXCURSION BENG MELEA AND KOH KER

Beng Melea - in the morning, after breakfast at your hotel, depart for an excursion to visit **Beng Melea**. Sprawling jungle temple covering over one square kilometer, the temple is largely overrun by vegetation and very lightly toured, giving it an adventures, 'lost temple' feel. Photographers: trees growing from the broken towers and galleries offer some of the best 'tree in temple' shots aside from Ta Prohm. Constructed in a distinctly Angkor Wat style under the same king that built Angkor Wat, Beng Melea preceded and may have served as a prototype of sorts for Angkor Wat. Though there are some lintel and doorway carving, there are no bas-relief and the carvings are comparatively sparse. When the temple was active, the walls may have been covered, painted or had frescos. In its time, Beng Melea was at the crossroads of several major highways that ran to Angkor, Koh Ker, Preah Vihear (in northern Cambodia) and northern Vietnam. Beng Melea is located 63 km east of town. The road is now in good condition and the trip from Siem Reap takes 1-2 hours. Graded dirt road with occasional flooding in the rainy season.

Lunch at local restaurant (at your own cost)

Koh Ker - continue to Koh Ker, is a former capital of the Khmer Kingdom, pre-dating Angkor, and is home to many spectacular 10th century temples. A brief interruption: the exception took place in 928AD when, for reasons that remain unclear, there was a disruption in the royal succession. King Jayavarman IV moved the capital 100 km from Angkor north to Koh Ker, where it remained for 20 years. When the capital returned to Angkor, it centered not at Phnom Bakheng as it had before, but further east at the new state-temple of Pre Rup (961AD). Return to Siem Reap in late afternoon.

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

DAY V - CHONG KNEAH FLOATING VILLAGE, RETURN AND DROP OFF BACK IN THAILAND

Chong Kneah floating village - in the morning, after breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the Phnom Krom pier for boat on **Tonle Sap Lake** to visit floating village of Chong Kneah at the edge of Tonle Sap Lake. Cambodia's Great Lake, the Boueng Tonle Sap (Tonle Sap Lake) is the most prominent feature on the map of Cambodia – a huge dumbbell-shaped body of water stretching across the northwest section of the country. In the wet season, the Tonle Sap Lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes in Asia, swelling to an expansive 12,000km². During the dry, half of the year the lake shrinks to as 3000 km², draining into the Tonle Sap River, which meanders southeast eventually merging with the Mekong River at the "Chaktomuk" confluence of river opposite Phnom Penh.

Then it's time for shopping at the Artisans d'Angkor, where you can observe young Cambodians being trained in the making of traditional crafts.

Lunch at local restaurant (at your own cost)



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Returning time - at 4pm, parts ways with the tour guide and continue back to Poipet border on a private luxury A/C vehicle. Upon arrival at border, you will be met and welcomed by our border English speaking guide, and our border guide will take you to Cambodian immigration office to stamp your passports to leave Cambodia, and then take you across border to Thai immigration office to fill your Thai arrival cards, stamp your passports, and then take you straight to our office near border in Thailand, where our A/C, WIFI minivan is ready to chauffeur you back to your drop off location in Thailand.

Kindly provide location where you are to be dropped off at, its address and phone number for our Thai driver to call for direction.

TOUR ENDS

PRICE

Available upon request.

INCLUDED

- Full transfers to and from Bangkok to Siem Reap by private luxury A/C vehicle with driver only.
- Escorted by English speaking guide for border crossing and visa on arrival formality
- English speaking guide for guided tour in Angkor park
- All entrance fee for mentioned visit.

EXCLUDED

- Meals not mentioned
- Accommodation
- Visa fees \$30 (visa on arrival, please bring 1 of your recent passport-size photo to visit your Cambodia visa). South-East Asian passport holders do not require a Cambodian visa
- Drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips and expenditure of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance
- Any services not mentioned in itinerary.

Creating Unique Touring Experiences

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