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CYCLING OPTION 2: SUNRISE ANGKOR WAT BAYON PRAEH KHAN TA NEI TAPROHM

Tour Code: C2

Distance: 35 km

Duration: 9 hours

Group Size: 1 - 10 pax

Daily: 5:00AM - 2:00PM

Tour Price: USD70 per person

OVERVIEW

Catching the view of sunrise at Angkor Wat is an impeccable discovery of the natural beauty with a scene filled with mysterious shadows due to its amazing unrivaled architecture. As the crowds thin along with the early morning haze, stroll through the temple's complex chambers and learn the site's fascinating history is truly unforgettable. Continue the ride towards 5 most impressive temples: Bayon - Preah Khan - Tanei - Taprom - Prasat Chrung. Last but not least, a pedal through the green rainforest- a stunning untouristed jungle site.

The tour is for rider of every level since your tour guide will facilitate depending on your abilities.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

- View the picturesque sunrise at Angkor Wat
- 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
- Visit and 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
- Visit North Gate of Angkor Thom City
- Visit the stunning rainforest temple covered in jungle, Preah Khan temple
- Visit Tanei, an ancient hospital, untouched by archaeologist and embraced by nature
- Visit Taprom, outstanding by its natural fade, Angelina Jolie Tomb Raider in 2002.

ITINERARY

Arriving at **Angkor Wat** before sunrise, and wait for the sun to shine its golden color to the sky making the dark tower of Angkor Wat becomes gold. The reflection of the pond creates peaceful scenery and a magical time for photo shoots. Then, wander around the temple's complex with the insightful history telling from your experienced tour guide.

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.



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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.

After lunch, passing by **North gate of Angkor Thom** to explore the remarkable rainforest with butterflies, flowers and hearing the sound of nature along the way to **Preah Khan**: temple completely covered in jungle, consists of 4 doors that make it look alike to a mirror reflection.

Continue to **Tanei**, an ancient hospital, untouched by archeologist, hiding its beauty in the middle of forest.

Lastly, the very impressive **Taprohm**, which is one of the most popular temples of the Angkor Complex. Taprohm was the centerpiece of King Jayavarman VII's master plan, and also the headquarters of his vast hospital network. 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.

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.



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WHAT TO BRING

- Camera
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sneakers.

INCLUDED

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

EXCLUDED

- Temple pass
- Travel insurance
- Hotel drop off.

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