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**Tour Name:** Preah Vihear World Heritage Site Excursion 1d

**Tour Code:** A1N

**Tour Duration:** 1 day

**Tour Operates:** all year round / on demand

**Number of Pax:** available upon request

**Tour Price:** available upon request

**Pick-up time:** at 8am (but flexible and available upon request) at your preferred pick up location.

**Hotel:** available upon request.

**Drop-off time:** at 6pm (but flexible and available upon request) at your preferred drop off destination.

**Kindly let us know your pick-up information when you have it available?**

Pick up location is flexible and available upon request includes:

Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Siem Reap  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Phnom Penh  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in any provinces in Cambodia  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Bangkok  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in any provinces in Thailand  
Upon arrival at Laem Chabang cruises port in Pattaya  
Upon arrival at Siem Reap Angkor International Airport SAI  
Upon arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport PNH  
Upon arrival at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport BKK  
Upon arrival at Bangkok Don Muang International Airport DMK  
Upon arrival at Moi Chit bus station in Bangkok  
Upon arrival at train station in Bangkok  
Upon arrival at Chao Phraya express boat pier  
Upon arrival at Klong Tei boat pier  
Upon arrival at any boat pier in Bangkok  
Upon arrival at Central Point Koh Chang boat pier  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Pattaya  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Koh Chang  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Rayong  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Chantaburi  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in Khao Yai  
Hotel, Airbnb and residence in South-Eastern of Thailand  
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### **Day I - Preah Vihear World Heritage Excursion and Khmer Rouge stronghold**

**Preah Vihear** – you will be met and welcomed by our English speaking guide at your preferred pick-up location and then transferred onward to visit Preah Vihear Temple. It is situated atop cliff in the Preah Vihear province of northern Cambodia (180 kilometers from Angkor Wat) and on the border of Kantharalak district (amphoe) in Sisaket province of eastern Thailand. In 1962, following a lengthy dispute between Thailand and Cambodia over ownership, a majority of the International Court of Justice in The Hague awarded the temple to Cambodia.

Affording a view for many kilometers across a plain, Prasat Preah Vihear has the most spectacular setting of all the temples built during the six-centuries-long Khmer Empire. As a key edifice of the empire's spiritual life, it was supported and modified by successive kings and so bears elements of several architectural styles. Preah Vihear is unusual among Khmer temples in being constructed along a long north-south axis, rather than having the conventional rectangular plan with orientation toward the east. The temple gives its name to Cambodia's Preah Vihear province, in which it is now located.

On July 7, 2008, Preah Vihear was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Construction of the first temple on the site began in the early 9th century; both then and in the following centuries it was dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva in his manifestations as the mountain gods Sikharesvara and Bhadresvara. The earliest surviving parts of the temple, however, date from the Koh Ker period in the early 10th century, when the empire's capital was at the city of that name.

Today, elements of the Banteay Srei style of the late 10th century can be seen, but most of the temple was constructed during the reigns of the Khmer kings Suryavarman I (1002 -1050) and Suryavarman II (1113 -1150). An inscription found at the temple provides a detailed account of Suryavarman II studying sacred rituals, celebrating religious festivals and making gifts, including white parasols, golden bowls and elephants, to his spiritual advisor, the aged Brahman Divakarapandita. The Brahman himself took an interest in the temple, according to the inscription, donating to it a golden statue of a dancing Shiva. In the wake of the decline of Hinduism in the region the site was converted to use by Buddhists.

Lunch at local restaurant (at your own costs)



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**Ta Mok** - continue driving through Ta Mok's house, born Chhit Choeun, 1926 – 21 July 2006) was a Cambodian military chief and soldier who was a senior figure in the Khmer Rouge and the leader of the national army of Democratic Kampuchea. He was best known as "Brother Number Five" or "the Butcher". He was captured along the Thailand-Cambodia border in March 1999 by Cambodian government forces while on the run with a small band of followers and was held in government custody all the way to his death in 2006 while awaiting his war crime trial.

He is believed to have been born into a prosperous country family from Takéo Province, and was of Chinese-Khmer descent. He became a Buddhist monk in the 1930s but left the order at the age of 16. Ta Mok took part in the resistance against French colonial rule and then the anti-Japanese resistance during the 1940s. He was training for the Buddhist priesthood in Pali when he joined the anti-French Khmer Issarak in 1952. He soon left Phnom Penh and joined the Khmer Rouge.

By the late 1960s he was a general and the Khmer Rouge's chief-of-staff. He was also a member of the Standing Committee of the Khmer Rouge's Central Committee ("Party Center") during its period in power. He became very powerful within the party, especially in the south-west zone. He was named by Pol Pot as leader of the national army of Democratic Kampuchea. He lost the lower part of one leg in fighting around 1970.

Ta Mok is believed to have orchestrated many massacres within the zone he controlled from 1973, beginning before the final, complete seizure of power by the Khmer Rouge on April 17, 1975. He was also responsible of directing the massive purges that characterised the short-lived Democratic Kampuchea (1975–1979), including the mass killing of 30,000 people in the Angkor Chey district, earning him the nickname Butcher.

After the regime was overthrown in 1979, Ta Mok remained a powerful figure, controlling the northern area of the Khmer Rouge's remaining territory from his base at Anlong Veng in the Dângrêk Mountains. It is estimated that some 3,000 to 5,000 combatants remained loyal to Pol Pot and were directed by Ta Mok.

In 1997, after a split in the party, Ta Mok seized control of one faction and named himself supreme commander. Pol Pot then fled the Khmer Rouge's northern stronghold but was later arrested and sentenced to lifelong house arrest. In April 1998, after a new government attack, Ta Mok fled into the forest and took Pol Pot with him. A few days later, on 15 April 1998, Pol Pot died in custody.

In 1998, after several key defections, Ta Mok was forced to flee to Anlong Veng. On 6 March 1999, the general was captured by the Cambodian army near the Thai border and brought to Phnom Penh, where he joined former comrade Khang Khék Ieu ("Duch") at the Military Prosecution Department Detention Facility. Ta Mok was the last leading member of the Khmer Rouge to remain at large in Cambodia; other senior figures had died or already made immunity deals with the government of Hun Sen, including Nuon Chea, Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary.

In prison his detention period was repeatedly extended without his being brought to trial. Under Cambodian law his trial should have begun within six months of his arrest. First charged with membership of an outlawed group and tax evasion, in February 2002 he was charged with crimes against humanity. In poor health, suffering especially from respiratory problems, Ta Mok's only releases from solitary confinement were for hospital visits. On 21 July 2006, due to heart complications caused by the stress of the upcoming trial, he died in a military hospital after falling into a coma.

During the night of your stay in Siem Reap, you can enjoy Siem Reap nightlife, night markets, foods and other fun activities in Siem Reap downtown, Pub Street areas and city formerly French colonial head quarter.

Return and drop you off at your preferred destination.

**Tour Ends**



### Price

- Available upon request

### Included

- Full tours and transfers by private luxury A/C vehicle
- Licensed local English speaking guide
- Preah Vihear ticket
- Transfer up and down Preah Vihear mountain by private 4WD.

### Excluded

- Meals not mentioned
- Accommodation
- Visa on Arrival fee \$30. Please bring one of your recent passport-size photos to visit your Cambodian Visa on Arrival. South-East Asian passport holders do not require a visa to enter Cambodian
- Drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips and expenditure of a personal nature
- Personal travel insurance
- Any services not mentioned in itinerary.

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