

ANGKOR WAT

DETAILED ITINERARY

ANCIENT CAPITAL OF THE KHMERS

Feb 21/23



Stone faces of Bayon Temple

Leave the outside world behind...travel through the world of Hindu mythology and arrive at the doorstep of the gods. Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument ever built, covering an area of 200 acres with its towers, terraces and causeways. The Khmer Empire reached its zenith of artistic expression and architecture with the building of Angkor Wat.

Built in the 12th century and abandoned in 1431, Angkor Wat succumbed to the encroaching jungle until the great temple complex was rediscovered in 1860 by French botanist Henri Mahout. Mahout was stunned by its colossal size, detailed carvings, courtyards and avenues, and began the process of restoration. After years of work interrupted by war and civil strife, Angkor Wat is fully restored and ready for discovery.

Combines with...

Vietnam, Laos, Burma, Yunnan and all programs that transit through Bangkok, such as Tibet (Myanmar) and Bhutan.

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 land days • Start and finish in Siem Reap
- Includes 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Includes all entrance fees • Includes all transfers
- Explore Bantai Srei • Visit the Elephant Terrace
- Angkor Wat Temple

DEPARTURE DATES

Angkor Wat adventure is run as an extension, and is not a scheduled departure. Extension runs throughout the year.

Please Note: Extensions may not have an ElderTreks tour leader. Not all members from the main trip will be participating.

Price: from \$995 USD

Based on double-occupancy.

Single Supplement: \$495 USD

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 USD is required at time of booking.

Activity Level: 2

Moderately easy. Individual walks up to 2 hours.

Comfort Level: Individual excursions chosen by you in consultation with your guide.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Comfortable, well-located accommodations, with private bathrooms.

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EXOTIC ADVENTURES
FOR TRAVELERS 50 PLUS

Extensions may not be exclusive to ElderTreks participants only. In a few cases, these extensions may not adhere to ElderTreks' maximum size restrictions of our tours.



DAY 1 • ARRIVE IN SIEM REAP

You are met upon arrival in Siem Reap and will be transferred to your hotel. The day is yours to explore on your own.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 2 • EXPLORE THE GRAND CIRCUIT OF ANGKOR WAT

Following breakfast, we explore one of man's most magnificent creations, Angkor Wat, the largest and most breathtaking monument of Angkor. It was built as the funerary temple for Suryavarman II, who ruled from 1112 to 1152. Angkor never fails to reward the first time or repeat visitor with its grand scale, surreal bas-reliefs and unbelievable attention to detail.

After lunch, we explore the fortified city of Angkor Thom, built by Angkor's greatest king, Jayavarman VII, who ruled from 1181 to 1201. We spend the afternoon exploring the Bayon, Baphuon, Phimeanakas, the Terraces of Elephants, and Leper King. We finish our exciting day enjoying breathtaking sunset views at the Pre Rup Temple followed by a dinner performance of classical Cambodian dance at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 3 • SRAH SRANG, BANTEAY KDEI AND EASTERN MEBON TEMPLES

This morning visit Kravan, Srah Srang, Banteay Kdei and Eastern Mebon temples. In the afternoon explore Ta Prohm. Built in 1186, it was dedicated to the mother of Jayavarman VII. Its atmospheric dark-grey sandstone towers and courtyards exude an aura of reverence and mystery. We also enjoy the Preah Khan Temple. Enjoy your dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 4 • THE CITADEL OF WOMEN, BOAT TRIP TO TONLE SAP LAKE

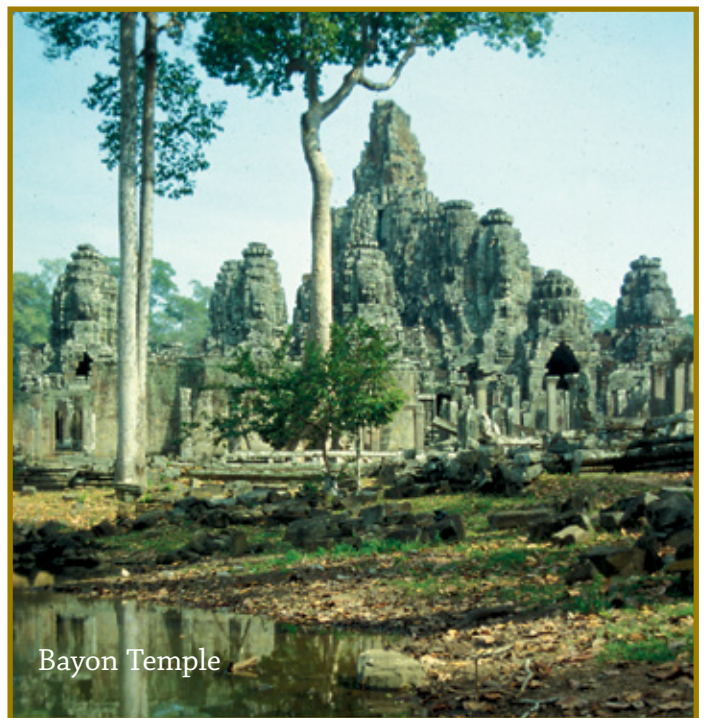
This morning we visit Banteay Srei, "The Citadel of Women". Tucked away in the countryside, sandstone carvings are better preserved here than most temples at Angkor. We then explore the Landmine Museum before lunch in a local restaurant.

After lunch, we drive to Mechrey village on Tonle Sap Lake. Enroute we stop at Ampil Peam and stroll through this traditional village where the locals live much as they have for centuries. We continue to Mechrey, a small community on Tonle Sap Lake and board a local style boat to explore this beautiful area.

Note: From February to August/September the water level of the Tonle lake is very low. It's muddy and the boat can get stuck, so we'll change to Chong Kneas floating village instead of Mechrey where the conditions are better for the boat.

Dinner and overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 5 • SIEM REAP, DEPARTURE



Bayon Temple

