



Smiling Albino's Siem Reap Adventures



Angkor Introduction



This afternoon we'll set out for a picturesque hilltop near Tonle Sap Lake for an overview of Angkor, one of the world's greatest civilisations. While exploring the 10th century Phnom Kraum temple, your host will fill you in on the fascinating story of how the ancient city spread over thousands of square kilometers during the reigns of various rulers. You'll also learn about the impressive water management systems built to manage the flood and drought seasons.

As the sun sinks over the Great Tonle Sap Lake, we'll pop open a bottle of sparkling wine on the summit of Phnom Kraum Hill and marvel at it all before heading back to town.

Note: sites to visit can be altered to temples in Angkor historical park if it is more appealing

Driving: 30 minutes each way, paved roads and rural roads

Hiking: 20 - 30 minutes up hills

Duration: approximately 3 hours (start at 3:30 pm)

Price of this private adventure: \$198 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: transport by private car, admission fees, English speaking host, drinking water, sodas, snacks and a bottle of sparkling wine

Angkor Uncovered



Today indulge in essential Angkor. With various transportation options to choose from, we'll explore Angkor's signature sites. A great way to explore the temples is to cycle along shady paths between the ruins which rise like islands from a sea of forests. We'll start with the ancient city of Angkor Thom and the multi-faced Bayon Temple carved in the likeness of the Great King Jayavarman VII. Back roads take us to the hidden temple of Ta Nei then the iconic Ta Prohm Temple draped with the twisted roots of Silk Cotton Trees. A picnic lunch is perfect when the weather is cool or we can retreat to an air-conditioned restaurant, before heading in the afternoon to Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world. However you choose to explore, we'll take the day at your methodical pace without suffering 'temple overload'.

Level of activeness: moderate

Driving: 15 - 20 minutes each way, paved roads

Cycling: 15 - 20 kilometers, paved roads, natural paths, can be extended for active cyclists

For non-cyclists, we will explore by tuk-tuk and car

Walking / climbing: there are uneven stone steps at each temple (with and without handrails)

Duration: approximately 7 hours (flexible, can start earlier or finish later)

Meals: L

Price of this private adventure: \$285 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: private transport, admission fees, English speaking host, well maintained bikes and support logistics, drinking water, sodas, snacks and picnic or local lunch

Tonle Sap Lake Kayaking Expedition



Today we'll head along the river through villages and rice fields to explore the lakeside village life on the Tonle Sap Lake. We'll gain an interesting look at floating villages, fishing communities, flooded forests and wildlife. Exploration by kayak allows you to see and experience things more intimately, naturally, and it's more fun! Our lunch will be on the wooden verandah of a stilted house overlooking the pagoda or drinks in the late afternoon as the fishing boats return to unload their catch.

Flexible touring means you can paddle as much or as little as you like. This is a great day off the main tourist path and is a truly intimate cultural experience.

Driving: approximately 45 minutes to one hour each way, depending on water levels

Kayaking: 1 - 2 hours paddling using inflatable kayaks

Duration: approximately 6 hours or longer

Meals: L

Price of this private adventure: \$245 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: private transport, English speaking guide, community contribution, support motorboat, kayaks & life jackets, water, sodas and lunch

Prek Toal Flooded Forest and Floating Village



After an early breakfast, we'll drive to the edge of Tonle Sap Lake and board a motorboat to the floating village of Prek Toal. The Tonle Sap Great Lake floods the flatlands creating a myriad of waterways populated by birds and fishermen. To truly experience this incredible ecosystem, paddle kayaks along the edges of the flooded forests down quiet channels and through the floating village. We'll lunch on the the Saray Platform, a community initiative program that gives the poorest women in the village employment weaving the stems of the invasive water hyacinth into handicrafts. In the afternoon, we'll use the kayaks to meet some of the villagers, visit their floating houses, crocodile cages and even floating gardens.

Note: this adventure is suitable for active people who really want to get away from it all and are interested in nature and indigenous cultures.

Level of activeness: active

Driving: approximately 45 minutes to one hour each way, depending on water levels

Duration: approximately 9 - 10 hours (leave Siem Reap at 7:00 and return by sunset)

Meals: B, L

Price of this private adventure: \$290 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: private transport, motorboat across the Tonle Sap Lake, entrance fees, community support, adventure guide, kayaks & life jackets, water, sodas, beer, light breakfast en route and lunch at the Saray Platform.

Buffalo Lake Adventure



As The Tonle Sap Lake recedes in the dry season it leaves behind the captivating Buffalo Lake. Surrounded by dense forest, this hidden stretch of water becomes a sanctuary for birds and fish (and the odd water buffalo). We'll start our adventure in a small village and cycle through the cool, shaded forest, that was recently underwater for several months of the wet season, to the shore of this enchanting lake.

Free from engine noise, with just the cry of birds above and croak of frogs below, we'll paddle our kayaks slowly through the pools until we arrive at a small island. Here, in the shade of ancient trees, we'll set up our picnic lunch and blend into the wildlife surrounding us. After lunch, we'll complete the loop back to the small village and by mid-afternoon, transfer back to Siem Reap town. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Note: this adventure is available March - August when water level in Tonle Sap Lake is low

Level of Activeness: moderate

Driving: approximately 30 minutes each way

Cycling: flexible, between 1 hour to 1.5 hours on rural village roads

Kayaking: flexible, between 40 minutes to 1.5 hours

Duration: approximately 6 hours

Meals: B, L

Price of this private adventure: \$275 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: transport, bicycles, kayaks, English speaking guides, support boat, community contribution, water, sodas, snacks and picnic lunch

Kulen Mountain Discovery Trek



Kulen is a magical and mysterious chain of hills 60 kilometers from Siem Reap. Hiking around the birthplace of the Angkorian Empire, you'll discover ancient stone carvings and temples as well as catch glimpses of forest wildlife. Enjoy a picnic lunch set-up on the rocky banks of the river followed by a visit to Cambodia's largest reclining Buddha. During the forest hike, you'll also come across stunning riverbed engravings of Shiva and Vishnu, and have an opportunity to swim in the Kulen waterfall pools when the temperature is right and currents are safe.

Depending on your interests and energy levels, not far from where we walk lies a nearly life-sized 9th Century elephant statue carved out of solid rock deep in the jungle, which provides for a great hiking or mountain biking excursion for the afternoon.

Level of activeness: active

Time: this is a full day trip, leaving not later than 8:00 and returning late afternoon

Driving: approximately 1.5 to two hours each way

Hiking: 3 - 7 kilometers through tall forests, diverse landscape and option to walk another 10 kilometers in the afternoon.

Duration: approximately 9 hours (leave no later than 8:00)

Meals: L (simple picnic)

Price of this private adventure: \$230 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: private transport, entrance fees, English speaking guide, community support and conservation contribution, water, sodas, beer, adventure bars and picnic.

Trails to Kbal Spean



We'll escape the crowds of town and drive north into the hills, passing several ruins and local villages on the way. From the foothills of the Kulen escarpment and Kbal Spean, we'll start our casual hike along a jungle trail leading up the hillside with cut out steps at the steepest bits. Our path climbs beside the river as it tumbles through the forest then levels out where it forms pools. Look closer and you can see 8th Century Hindu Gods carved into the rocks and Linga's or phallic symbols carved in the riverbed to ensure fertility and the extended reign of the King.

On the return trip to Siem Reap, we can stop at Banteay Srei Temple, also known as Citadel of the Women, and catch the afternoon sun as it glows on the pink sandstone wall. This is probably the prettiest of all the major Angkorian temples, set beneath tall trees, surrounded by it's own moat.

Level of activeness: moderate to active

Driving: approximately 1.5 hours each way

Hiking: approximately 2 - 3 hours through tall forests, some steep climbs (stairs with handrails)

Duration: approximately 9 hours (suggested start time at 8:00, but not later than 9:00)

Meals: L

Price of this private adventure: \$280 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: private transport, entrance fees, English speaking guide, water, sodas, beer, adventure bars and local lunch.

Countryside Exploration Cycle



This is an adventurous mountain bike adventure along off-road paths through the countryside of Angkor. We'll pass paddy fields and sugar palm trees, small villages of stilted wooden houses surrounded by fruit trees. Grinning children shriek goodbye, hello or goodbye in no particular order. There are clues to be glimpsed on either side as to how the Angkorians managed the water supply that was so vital to their civilisation. We'll enter thick patches of forest hiding temple ruins and finish with drinks or lunch inside a temple or beside an ancient Angkorian Reservoir.

Afternoon is at your leisure.

Note: this is a half day trip and usually starts at 8:00 and finishes in early afternoon

Level of activeness: moderate to active

Cycling: 15 - 20 kilometers (route varies depending on time of year, weather and your preferences). Options for a four hour shorter trip with refreshments and snacks or a longer route with a picnic lunch

Duration: approximately 4 - 6 hours

Meals: snacks or lunch

Price of this private adventure: \$245 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: transport, mountain bike, English speaking guides, local distribution, water, sodas, beer, snacks and or lunch

Secret Lake Cycle & Kayak Excursion



What feels like a million miles from the tourists at Angkor Wat and well off the beaten track lies the ancient man-made lake of Ta Neue. Our adventure begins beside the noodle stalls in a local market. We'll cycle along a 1,000 year-old road to a seldom visited pagoda and follow a path that runs along the banks of the East Baray Angkorian reservoir through small villages. Our kayaks will be waiting on the banks of the Secret Lake, ready for a serene experience as we meander along the ever-changing waterways. Hidden in the jungle is our lunch spot. A small 10th Century temple of three stone towers in the shade of wild fruit trees.

Note: this is a half day trip and usually starts at 8:00 and finishes in early afternoon

Level of activeness: moderate to active

Cycling: 15 kilometers on and off rural roads, laterite roads (Angkorian roads)

Kayaking: approximately one hour, flexible and adjustable to your preference

Duration: approximately 5 hours (flexible)

Meals: L

Price of this private adventure: \$280 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Included: transport, bicycles, kayaks, English speaking guides, local distribution, water, sodas, beer, snacks and picnic lunch

Phnom Bok Hike



This day excursions begins with a delightful walk on sandy paths along the banks of the East Baray, once a water source for the temples of Angkor and now a fertile plain of paddy fields and sugar palm trees. Our path passes through Pradark Pagoda and small villages of traditional wooden stilted houses shaded by coconut palms and great clumps of bamboo. There are clues all around as to how the Angkorians managed the water supply that was vital to their civilisation.

Towards the end, there's the option of refreshments beside a lake or a 200 step climb up a small hill to catch the sun sink over the Siem Reap plain with a well earned beer or glass of wine in hand.

Evening is at your leisure.

Note: this is a half day trip, usually starts at 14:00 and finishes around 18:00

Driving: 30 minutes each way

Hiking: 12 kilometers (2.5 hours)

Duration: approximately 3 - 4 hours (suggested for afternoon to catch the sunset)

Meals: -/-

Price of this private adventure: \$115 US /person, minimum 2 persons

Includes: transport, English speaking guide, water, sodas, beer and snacks

The Smiling Albino Service Difference



We understand implicitly that a perfect adventure is much more than nice hotels, great meals and hassle-free logistics. For a travel experience to be perfect, all pieces must work together like a symphony. It is the fine details which our guests appreciate most, like cold face towels after a hike, electrolyte beverages for your day cycling, and wine uncorked when the moment is right. From local maps to bottled water and colorful anecdotes on the areas we visit, a Smiling Albino adventure is a thorough, intimately hosted experience. You'll be treated with executive care during your Smiling Albino adventure.

We look forward to hosting you!

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