

# Cambodia & Laos

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A journey through culture,  
history, and tranquility

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## About your trip

Step into a world where history whispers through ancient temples, serene rivers mirror the skies, and vibrant cultures create unforgettable memories. This exclusive 7-night, 8-day journey to Cambodia and Laos, designed for a small group, offers a perfect blend of adventure, heritage, and indulgence. From the grandeur of Angkor Wat to the tranquil charm of Luang Prabang, every experience is crafted to immerse you in the soul of Southeast Asia.

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# DAY 01

## Welcome to Phnom Penh – The Pearl of Asia

Arrive in Cambodia's bustling capital, where the Mekong River meets a city steeped in history and charm. Your tour director will greet you at the airport and accompany you to your hotel. Take the afternoon to unwind or explore the city's lively streets. In the evening, gather for a welcome dinner, a delightful three-course meal paired with refreshing drinks, served in a refined setting. This is your introduction to Cambodia's famed hospitality and flavors, setting the tone for the days ahead.

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## DAY 02

### Historical Highlights and Sunset Serenity

Explore Phnom Penh's rich history, beginning with a visit to Wat Phnom, the city's founding temple perched atop a hill. Continue to the Royal Palace, an architectural marvel that houses the glittering Silver Pagoda, with its floor made of over 5,000 silver tiles. After a local lunch, delve into Cambodia's darker past at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek, where haunting stories of resilience emerge from tragedy. Conclude your day with a private sunset boat cruise on the Mekong River. As the city lights reflect on the water, relax with a drink in hand and watch the sun dip below the horizon, painting the sky in hues of orange and pink.



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## DAY 03

### From Phnom Penh to Siem Reap – The Gateway to Angkor

Fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the legendary Angkor temples. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel for check-in. In the evening, embark on the unique Khmer Dine Around Tour by Remork. A remork, Cambodia's iconic open-air tuk-tuk, will take you through the lively streets of Siem Reap. Discover the city's culinary scene with curated stops at local eateries and cultural venues, sampling everything from fusion delights to the finest Khmer dishes. Each stop offers a taste of Siem Reap's vibrant dining culture, enhanced by its artistic and community spirit.



# DAY 04

## The Majestic Angkor Temples

Begin your exploration of the Angkor Archaeological Park with a sunrise visit to Ta Prohm, where giant tree roots entwine ancient ruins in a scene straight out of a fantasy. Enjoy breakfast near Srah Srang, the “pool of ablutions,” before continuing to Angkor Thom, the former royal city of the Khmer Empire. At its heart lies the Bayon Temple, with its enigmatic stone faces and intricate carvings. After lunch, visit the iconic Angkor Wat, a symbol of Cambodia and a masterpiece of classical Khmer architecture. Marvel at its intricate bas-reliefs and towering spires that symbolize Mount Meru, the center of the universe in Hindu mythology. The day concludes with a Dinner at the Angkor Village Theater, where you'll enjoy a traditional Apsara dance performance. This captivating dance, performed in elaborate costumes, narrates ancient Khmer stories and folklore, offering a glimpse into the region's artistic heritage.



## DAY 05

### From Temples to Tranquility – Welcome to Luang Prabang

Begin your morning with a visit to Siem Reap's Old Market, where vibrant stalls brim with local crafts and souvenirs. Then, head to Artisans Angkor, a social enterprise empowering local artisans to preserve traditional crafts. Late afternoon board your flight to flight to Luang Prabang, Laos' charming UNESCO World Heritage City. Upon arrival, you'll settle into your boutique hotel. Surrounded by lush greenery and French-colonial architecture, this tranquil town feels like a step back in time. The evening is reserved for a Laotian tasting experience, where traditional dishes are paired with refreshing drinks, introducing you to the flavors of Laos.



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## DAY 06

### Spiritual Encounters in Luang Prabang

Rise early to witness the sacred Tak Bat ceremony, where saffron-robed monks silently collect alms from locals in an act of humility and spirituality. After breakfast, visit iconic temples such as Wat Xieng Thong, with its ornate mosaics and sweeping roofs, and participate in a monk blessing ceremony, a deeply personal and spiritual experience. In the evening, immerse yourself in Lao culture with a cooking class in a local family's home. Prepare traditional dishes using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, learning about the culinary traditions and customs that form the heart of Lao life. End the day by enjoying the meal you prepared, accompanied by homemade drinks and heartwarming hospitality.

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## DAY 07

### Mystical Caves and Mekong Magic

Cruise along the Mekong River to the enchanting Pak Ou Buddha Caves, where thousands of Buddha statues have been placed by pilgrims over centuries. Visit a nearby weaving village to interact with locals and gain insight into traditional Lao craftsmanship. After the rural explorations embark on your cruiseboat making a descent aboard the Mekong River to Luang Prabang. Indulge in unique Lao refreshments and canapés on board along with your choices of soft drinks. In the evening, embark on a Lao foodie and cocktail adventure, sampling street food, discovering hidden venues, and enjoying creative cocktails. This journey through Luang Prabang's culinary and nightlife scene showcases the town's vibrant yet laid-back charm.



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# DAY 08

## Farewell to Laos

Your final day begins with a scenic high-speed train journey from Luang Prabang to Vientiane aboard Train #C97, traveling in Business or First Class. Relax in the comfort of your modern carriage as you journey through lush landscapes, arriving in the heart of Laos' tranquil capital by late morning. Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional Lao lunch in a charming restaurant housed in a beautifully preserved French colonial building. Savor the authentic flavors of Laos while soaking in the nostalgic ambiance that bridges past and present. The afternoon is dedicated to exploring Vientiane's historic landmarks. Begin with a visit to Vat Sisaket, the city's oldest surviving temple, adorned with thousands of Buddha images and intricate frescoes. Nearby, discover Haw Phra Kaew, once the home of the Emerald Buddha and now a treasure trove of Buddhist sculptures and artifacts. No visit to Vientiane would be complete without stopping at the iconic Phra That Luang Stupa, a golden monument and symbol of Laos' Buddhist heritage. End your exploration at Wat Si Muang, a revered city-pillar temple where locals come to seek blessings and good fortune. After freshening up at a hotel, conclude your journey with a transfer to the airport for your evening flight to Bangkok. Reflect on the memories of this enchanting adventure as you bid farewell to the serenity and culture of Laos.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow sarong and a yellow bikini top, is sitting on a large, dark rock in the foreground. She is looking towards a large, powerful waterfall that cascades down a rocky cliff face. The water is white and foamy as it falls, creating a misty atmosphere. The background is filled with lush green foliage and trees. The overall scene is serene and tropical.

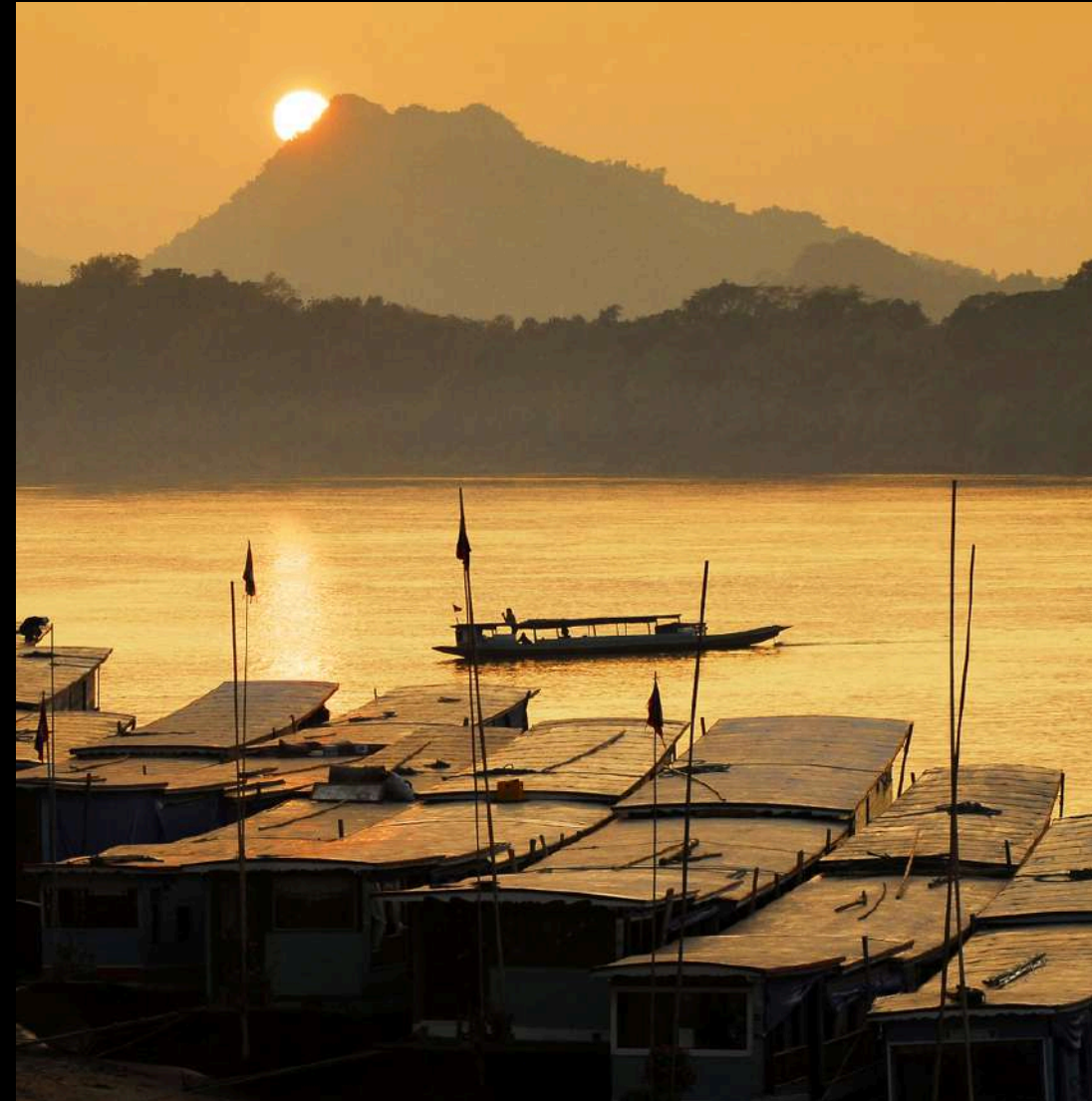
What's **Included** in Your Cambodian &  
Laotian Exotic Journey

# Highlights of the Journey



## Explore Phnom Penh's legacy

Discover the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and the poignant history of the Khmer Rouge era.



## Cruise the Mekong River

A private sunset cruise in Phnom Penh with breathtaking views.



## Unveil the grandeur of Angkor

Stand in awe of Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm, and Angkor Thom's Bayon Temple.



## Culinary adventures

Experience Khmer and Lao flavors through curated dine-around tours, family cooking classes, and street food explorations.



## Spiritual encounters in Luang Prabang

Witness the sacred Tak Bat, receive a personal monk blessing, and explore UNESCO-listed temples.



## Pak Ou Buddha Caves & village life

Discover rural Laos, partake in a traditional Baci ceremony, and cruise the Mekong in style.

## End your journey in Vientiane

Laos tranquil capital welcomes you with colonial charm and centuries-old temples.





Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra in Superior Rooms, offering a blend of French elegance and Khmer heritage.



Shinta Mani Angkor in Boyan Rooms, a boutique retreat inspired by Angkorian design.



Satri House Boutique Hotel in Deluxe Rooms, an oasis of tranquility in Luang Prabang.

AUTHENTIC ACCOMODATIONS





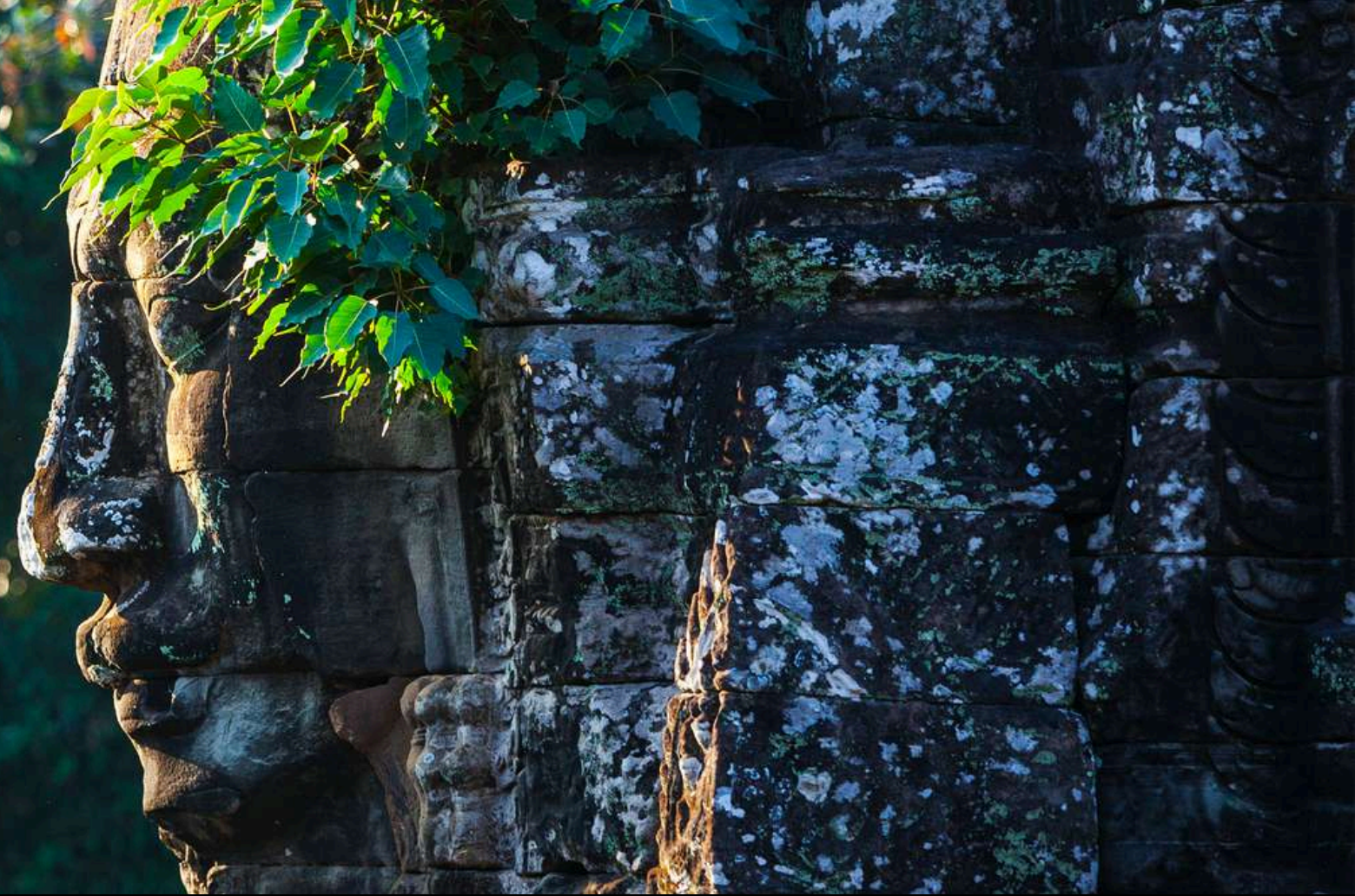
# Culinary Highlights

Relish a selection of curated dining experiences that showcase the unique flavors of Cambodia and Laos.

- Daily breakfasts at your accommodations.
- A welcome dinner at Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra, featuring a three-course set menu with drinks.
- Local dining experiences, including lunch at a celebrated restaurant in Phnom Penh and a Khmer Discovery Dine Around Tour by Remork in Siem Reap.
- A farewell dinner with Apsara performance at Angkor Village Theater, a blend of culinary and cultural artistry.
- A Laotian tasting experience with drinks at a hotel in Luang Prabang.
- A light lunch with Lao refreshments during the Mekong River Cruise.
- A hands-on dinner at a family home cooking class, where you'll prepare a traditional three-course meal.
- A Lao foodie and cocktail adventure, exploring street markets and fusion dining with creative cocktails.

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# Signature Activities & Sightseeing



- **Phnom Penh Highlights:** Visit Wat Phnom, the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda, **the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum**, and the Killing Fields.
- A private sunset cruise on the **Mekong River**, offering stunning views of Phnom Penh's skyline.
- **Angkor Temples Exploration:** Witness the magnificence of Ta Prohm, Angkor Thom, Angkor Wat, and the Terrace of the Elephants.
- **Siem Reap City Exploration:** Stroll through the Old Market and visit
- **Artisans Angkor**, a social enterprise preserving traditional craftsmanship.
- **Luang Prabang's Sacred Rituals:** Participate in the Tak Bat ceremony and explore vibrant local markets.
- A **monk blessing ceremony** and visits to iconic temples such as Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Mano, and Phou Sii Hill.
- A **private cooking class** in a local Lao family's home, immersing you in authentic culinary traditions.
- A **serene Mekong Riverboat cruise** to Pak Ou Buddha Caves and Ban Thin Hong village, with an intimate Baci ceremony welcoming you to local culture.

What's **Not Included** in Your Cambodian  
& Laotian Journey



To provide clarity and transparency, here's a list of exclusions for your adventure:

- Taxes and Government Fees: Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Tax.
- 20% TCS Collected at Source as per Indian government regulations.
- Visa Requirements: Visa fees for Cambodia (Visa on Arrival or e-visa) and Laos, including processing and issuance costs.
- International Travel: Flights to and from Cambodia and Laos.
- Personal Expenses: Mini-bar usage, laundry, phone calls, and other personal expenditures.
- Gratuities: Tips for guides, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and restaurant or boat crew.
- Additional Meals and Drinks: Meals and beverages beyond those listed in the inclusions, as well as drinks during meals unless specified.
- Optional Activities: Entrance fees or participation costs for sightseeing or excursions not outlined in the itinerary.
- Baggage Fees: Charges for excess baggage as levied by airlines.
- Special Requests: Early hotel check-ins (before 14:00 hours) or late check-outs (after 12:00 hours) are not included.
- Force Majeure: Any expenses resulting from flight cancellations, delays, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control.
- Unmentioned Services: Anything not specifically outlined in the itinerary or inclusions.



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