

STONE ARCH TRAVEL
PHNOM PENH - 4 Days/3 Nights
13 - 16 JAN 23

Day1: Phnom Penh, arrival
Day2: Phnom Penh
Day3: Phnom Penh
Day4: Phnom Penh, departure

13 JAN 23: Phnom Penh Arrival (D)

Upon arrival in Phnom Penh International Airport, you will be welcomed by your local English speaking guide, who will accompany you to Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra hotel for check in to your Superior room.

Phnom Penh was once considered as one of the most beautiful cities in the Orient, and despite its recent turbulent history, it still retains a colonial charm. Cambodia's capital is a bustling city, majestically located at the confluence of the mighty rivers of the Mekong and Tonlé Sap. Wide tree-lined boulevards and many colonial-era buildings reflect the glorious days and add to the allure of the city, where Asian and Western traditions meet in a fascinating way.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Distances and journey time:

Phnom Penh Airport - Hotel (11 km): 20 mins

14 JAN 23: Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

08h00 - After breakfast, you will be greeted by a driver who will take you on a tour to the most remarkable sights of Phnom Penh in a Cyclo, an original Phnom Penh means of transportation and a fun way to explore this lively city.

First, head to **Wat Phnom** temple, the founding place of the city on a small hilltop.

Your next stop is the **National Museum**, built in traditional Khmer style. It houses the world's foremost collection of ancient Khmer artistic, archaeological, and religious artifacts from the 4th to the 13th centuries. Over 5,000 pieces are on display, constituting the repository of the Kingdom's cultural wealth. In addition, the roof space is home to a large bat colony!

12h00 - Lunch at Bopha Phnom Penh restaurant.

14h00 - This afternoon, gain insight into Cambodia's recent dark history on a visit to the remarkable **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum**, housed in the former school that was taken over by the Khmer Rouge and used as its main detention and torture center named 'S-21'. Also visit the **Killing Fields of Choeng Ek**. A moving, but important visit that will allow you to dig below the surface and understand Cambodia better.

19h00 - Dinner at Mealea restaurant.
Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Distances and journey time:

Phnom Penh – Choeung Ek (13 km): 30 mins

15 JAN 23: Phnom Penh – Oudong – Phnom Penh

(B/L/D)

0700 Escape from the busy city of Phnom Penh with a trip to **Oudong Mountain**. Just a short distance from the city, the buzz of the modern world disappears and small villages and farms come in to view. If we are lucky, we will meet with a local family at their farm and see how they collect and process the juice of the toddy palm tree.

Then visit the Vipassana Dhura Buddhist Meditation Center, also located in Oudong. Learn about this form of meditation with a short tour of the centre and stop to admire its impressive Jade Buddha.

Continue on to Oudong and climb 509 steps to the top of Oudong Mountain for magnificent views over the plains below. From this vantage point it is easy to understand why the Cambodians built their capital on this strategic hilltop. Learn more about its history and the local culture before descending down a different path to the base of Oudong mountain.

Afterward, you enjoy a meal of local dishes served at a popular picnic site. There are hammocks strung around the site so there is the option to be truly Khmer and enjoy a post-meal nap!

Back to Phnom Penh after lunch.

If time permits, you can spend the rest of the afternoon browsing through the colorful markets of Phnom Penh. Visit the **Central Market**, an art deco landmark and one of the largest markets in the city, if not all of Cambodia. You can find clothes, souvenirs, jewelry, and food. Also visit the Russian Market, the best place in the city for wood and stone carvings, jewelry, clothes and Cambodian silk souvenirs.

16h30 - Late afternoon, enjoy an atmospheric **sunset river cruise** and watch how Phnom Penh's popular riverfront comes to life in the early evening, with a coconut juice degustation on board.

Farewell dinner at Khema La Poste restaurant.
Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Distances and journey time:

Phnom Penh – Oudong Hill (37 km): 01 hour

16 JAN 23: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap

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Breakfast at the hotel.

07h00 - Be ready for a transfer to Phnom Penh International airport for your included flight to Siem Reap via K6 105T 16JAN 1 PNHREP SS1 1000 1055.

*****END OF SERVICES*****

The itinerary includes:

- Accommodation in a shared twin/double room in selected hotels
- Meals as mentioned (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)
- English speaking local guide
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by private air conditioned vehicle unless stated otherwise
- Entrance fees for mentioned visits
- Daily drinking water during the tour

The itinerary does not include:

- Visa for Cambodia (Visa issued on arrival for most nationalities, USD 30/pax, please bring 1 passport photo).
- Other meals than mentioned
- International and domestic flights (quoted separately)
- Camera/video entrance fees if applicable
- Personal expenses (drinks, laundry, telephone, tips etc)
- Travel insurance including recommended helicopter evacuation for Cambodia
- Other services not clearly indicated in the package inclusions above

Pricing: \$841 per person, double occupancy includes all items as noted, and one-way flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap.