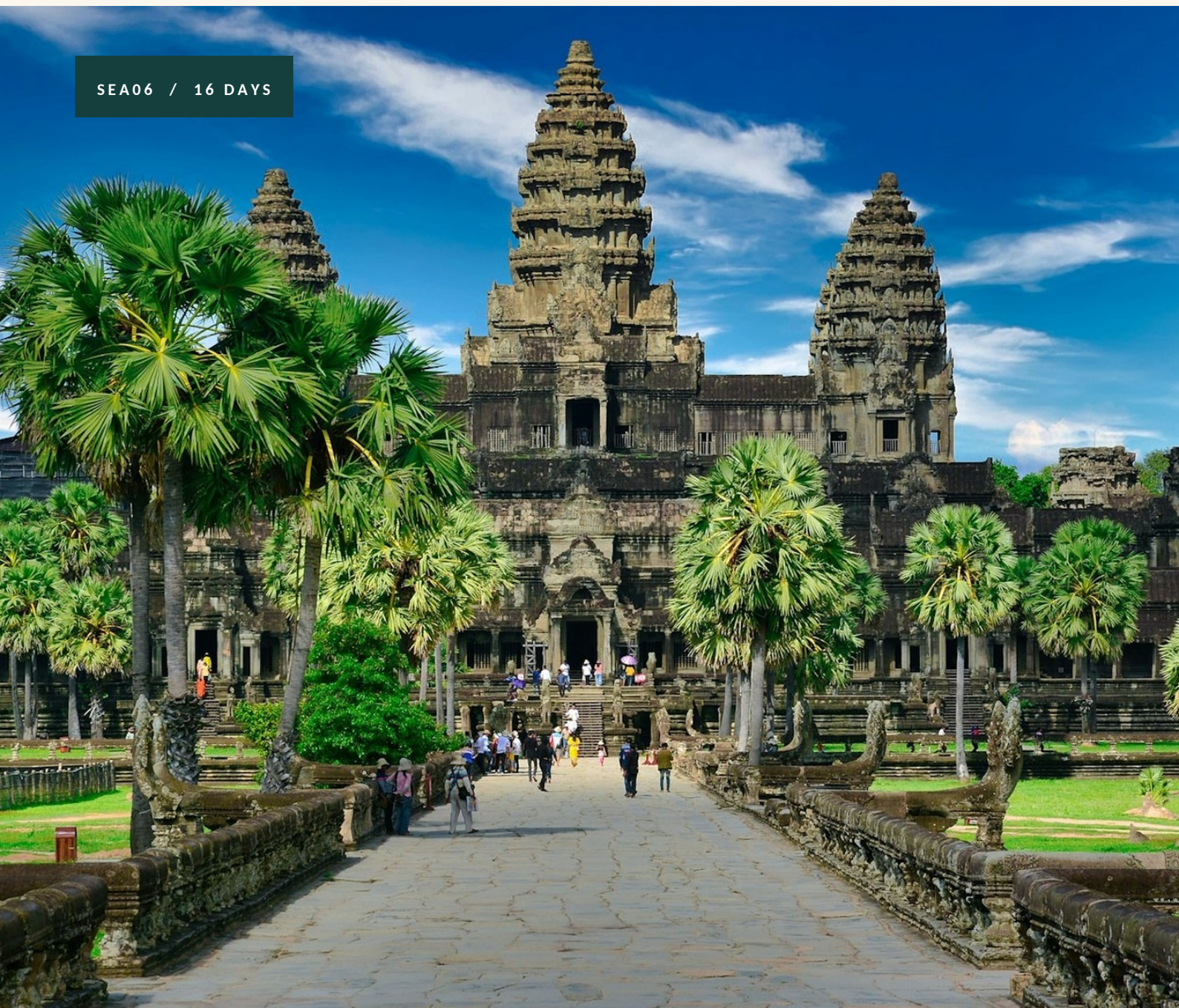


SEA06 / 16 DAYS



VIETNAM + CAMBODIA

# From Dragon Bay to Angkor

Two remarkable countries, one carefully connected private journey.

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16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS / PRIVATE

Travel in February–March • Tailored to your party

## THE JOURNEY

# Some places stay with you.



This is a journey of changing perspectives: a quiet rowboat beneath limestone cliffs, your own overnight boat in the bay, herbs gathered in Hoi An and the first view of Angkor's towers. Northern and central Vietnam provide a rich opening before Cambodia adds monumental art, living craft and the seasonal world of Tonle Sap. A specialist-led birding excursion brings wildlife into the programme, while Phnom Penh connects royal heritage with the country's more recent story. The days are active and varied, with private guiding, comfortable stays and carefully planned transfers. The crossing from Da Nang is built around a practical connection rather than a presumed daily direct flight. Every element can be reshaped around your family, friends or solo interests.

## SEVEN MOMENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Hanoi heritage, Trang An and Cuc Phuong conservation
- A privately chartered two-night Bai Tu Long cruise
- Hoi An's trading history, gardens and lantern craft
- My Son followed by Angkor's great temple landscapes
- Banteay Srei, APOPO and Cambodian creative work
- Specialist Tonle Sap birding and community encounters
- Phnom Penh's royal heritage and a private river sunset

DESIGNED TO CONNECT BEAUTIFULLY

# The shape of your journey

Hanoi • Ninh Binh • Bai Tu Long Bay • Hoi An • Siem Reap • Angkor • Tonle Sap • Phnom Penh

YOUR NIGHTS, IN ORDER

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| DAYS 01–02 | Hanoi              |
| DAYS 03–04 | Ninh Binh          |
| DAYS 05–06 | Private bay cruise |
| DAY 07     | Hanoi              |
| DAYS 08–09 | Hoi An             |
| DAYS 10–13 | Siem Reap          |
| DAYS 14–15 | Phnom Penh         |
| DAY 16     | Departure          |

BEST TRAVEL MONTHS

## February–March

February is the first choice for a useful regional balance; March is warmer in Cambodia. Northern Vietnam may be cool or misty. Prek Toal is best planned within its specialist-operated winter birding season.

MADE FOR

First-time visitors, couples, families, friends & solo travelers

*Your own travel dates. Your own companions.  
Private guides and vehicles, with walks, rooming  
and dining adapted to you.*

CONNECTIONS THAT RESPECT YOUR TIME

- Arrive Hanoi; depart Phnom Penh through Techo International Airport.
- Flights: Hanoi–Da Nang and Da Nang–Siem Reap via Ho Chi Minh City unless a suitable direct service is verified.
- Travel Siem Reap–Phnom Penh by private vehicle with appropriate stops.
- Specialist Tonle Sap access and wildlife activity depend on water levels and season.



Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hanoi, Vietnam

## DAY 01

## Your private welcome to Hanoi

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, where your Midasia Routes representative meets you in the arrivals area after immigration and baggage collection. A private vehicle, chilled drinking water and assistance with your luggage make the transition to your hotel easy. Airport fast-track assistance can be requested where the airport permits it.

After settling in, meet your local guide for a personal introduction to Hanoi. Depending on your landing time and energy, enjoy a short neighbourhood walk, a riverside pause or a first taste of the city in a relaxed café. Your guide confirms food preferences, walking comfort and the experiences that matter most to you.

A thoughtfully chosen welcome dinner introduces regional flavours. The evening remains gentle after your international journey; a late arrival means dinner and orientation are adjusted to your flight. Your first night is a comfortable beginning, with the details of tomorrow already taken care of.

Overnight: Hanoi | Meals: Welcome dinner, arrival time permitting

## DAY 02

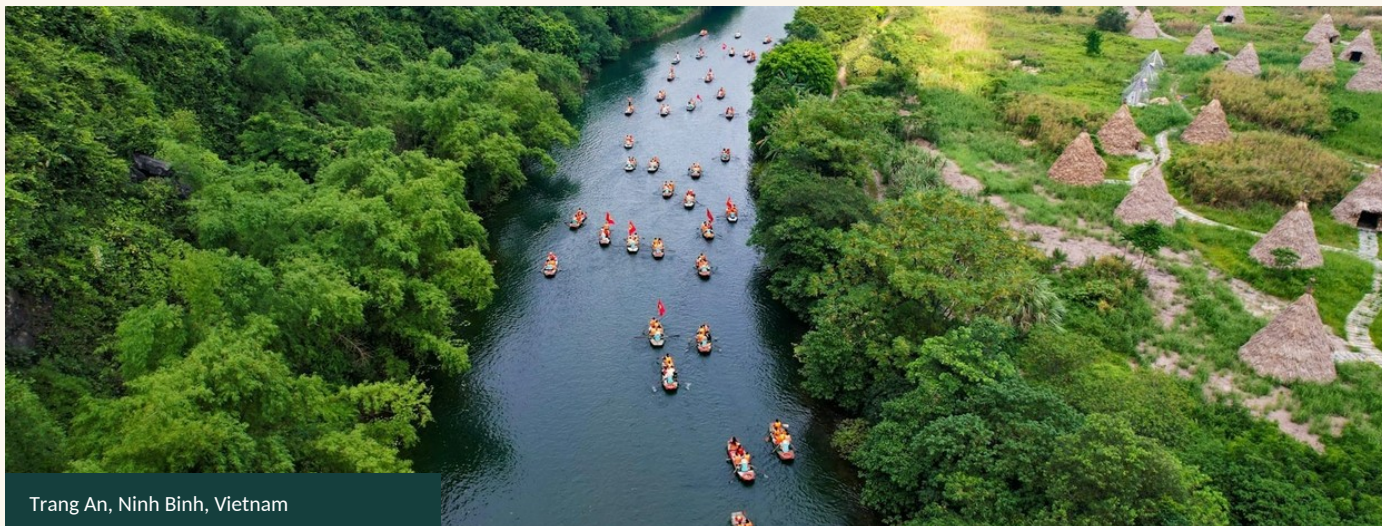
## Hanoi: a city revealed in layers

Begin beside Hoan Kiem Lake as the city wakes, then explore the Old Quarter with a guide who can explain the street trades, communal houses and everyday etiquette. Pause for Vietnamese coffee before entering the Temple of Literature, where courtyards, stone stelae and shaded gardens introduce the country's scholarly traditions.

After lunch, visit the Thang Long Imperial Citadel and follow the story of Vietnam's successive capitals. Continue through the French Quarter, stopping for architectural details and street scenes rather than a hurried checklist. Museum and monument visits are reordered around their weekly closures.

An early evening water-puppet performance brings rural legends to life. Finish with a guided tasting of carefully selected Hanoi dishes, with seated alternatives for travelers who prefer a restaurant to street-side dining. Your private vehicle is available between the walking sections.

Overnight: Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Trang An, Ninh Binh, Vietnam

## DAY 03

## Ninh Binh: temples, waterways and limestone towers

Leave Hanoi after breakfast in your private vehicle, reaching the countryside in time to explore the temples of Hoa Lu, Vietnam's early capital. Your guide connects the stone gateways and surviving shrines with the rise of an independent Vietnamese kingdom, then introduces the surrounding village landscape on a gentle walk.

After a local lunch, board a rowboat at Trang An for a scenic route through limestone scenery, low caves and quiet stretches of water. The boat route is chosen according to water levels and visitor access. Life jackets are provided, and the boat is reserved for your party where the local operating rules permit.

Settle into a countryside retreat. Before dinner, a short village-lane walk offers a closer look at gardens, rice cultivation and daily routines. Enjoy regional dishes and views of the surrounding karst landscape; the steeper viewpoints are optional, not required to enjoy the day.

Overnight: Ninh Binh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 04

## Cuc Phuong: a living forest and a conservation story

Drive to Cuc Phuong National Park for a prearranged conservation visit. At the Endangered Primate Rescue Center, a centre guide explains the care of rescued langurs and other primates and the pressures facing them in the wild. Viewing follows the centre's welfare rules; this is a rescue setting, not a promise of wild-animal sightings.

After lunch, explore a suitable forest trail with a nature guide. Look for butterflies, birdlife and the changing textures of the forest, keeping to a moderate route selected for the season and your fitness. A visit to the turtle conservation area can be added when staff and access are available.

Return to Ninh Binh for dinner. Families can shorten the forest section and spend more time on the interpretation activities. The guide carries the day's timings so there is room to ask questions, take photographs and enjoy the forest without racing from one stop to another.

Overnight: Ninh Binh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Ha Long Bay region, Vietnam

## DAY 05

## Your private voyage into Bai Tu Long Bay

Depart Ninh Binh after breakfast for the coast, travelling by private vehicle with a comfort stop before boarding. Meet the crew of your exclusively chartered small boat and settle into your cabin. A safety briefing covers the tender, kayaking and the day's permitted anchorage before lunch is served.

Cruise into Bai Tu Long's limestone seascape. The planned charter follows an authorised three-day route, with an afternoon excursion around the Cong Do area or an equivalent approved location. Depending on conditions, take a guided kayak outing or use a tender to enjoy the scenery without paddling.

Return for a Vietnamese cooking demonstration and sunset on deck, then enjoy dinner prepared aboard. Your boat is private to your party, while the protected bay and visitor sites remain public. The captain may change the precise stop sequence for weather, permissions and harbour instructions.

Overnight: Private bay cruise | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 06

## A full day among islands, caves and floating homes

Enjoy breakfast with the limestone islands close to your boat, then set out with the crew for a cave visit such as Thien Canh Son when included in the authorised sailing plan. Your guide explains the rock formations and the changing relationship between fishing communities, tourism and the protected bay.

Lunch is followed by a guided visit around Vung Vieng or the charter's approved floating-village area. A tender or local rowing boat brings you closer to the water. There is also time for a sheltered kayak excursion; less active travelers can remain aboard or join the scenic tender alternative.

As the boat reaches its overnight anchorage, enjoy the changing light from the deck. Dinner is served at a pace that suits your party. Two nights aboard allow a richer exploration than a single-night visit, without turning every hour into an organised activity. Swimming, if offered, depends on authorised locations and conditions.

Overnight: Private bay cruise | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Hoi An, Vietnam

## DAY 07

## Back to Hanoi, with time to look closer

Wake to the bay and enjoy breakfast as your boat returns towards its authorised harbour. A final short excursion may be offered by the captain before brunch and disembarkation. Your driver meets you for the private transfer to Hanoi; lunch timing is coordinated with the cruise service.

Check into your hotel and refresh before a gentle late-afternoon encounter with contemporary Vietnamese craft. Depending on opening hours, meet a lacquer specialist or a small independent gallery team, learning how traditional materials are used in modern work. This is also valuable breathing space between the water and tomorrow's flight.

Dinner is arranged in Hanoi, with time to discuss the next stage with your guide. The city overnight intentionally protects the onward connection: no international flight is booked immediately after a weather-dependent bay cruise.

Overnight: Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 08

## A flight to Da Nang, an evening in Hoi An

Transfer from your hotel in Hanoi to the airport for a scheduled flight to Da Nang. Your Midasia team meets you on arrival and continues privately to Hoi An. Flight times are selected to protect a worthwhile afternoon wherever practical, with lunch fitted around the journey.

After checking in, walk through Hoi An's historic trading quarter with your guide. Visit a merchant house and an assembly hall, then explore the Japanese Covered Bridge area and riverside streets. Exact interiors depend on opening hours; the town's story is brought alive through people, architecture and trade.

Enjoy a lantern-making session when the flight schedule allows, or move it to the next Hoi An day. Dinner introduces regional specialities such as cao lau and white-rose dumplings. A relaxed riverfront walk rounds off the evening without a late return to the hotel.

Overnight: Hoi An | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Cam Thanh, Hoi An, Vietnam

## DAY 09

## Sacred towers, herb gardens and an evening glow

Start early with a private excursion to My Son. Your guide explains the Cham civilisation and the sanctuary's Hindu symbolism as you walk between the surviving tower groups. A shorter circuit is available for families and for anyone who finds the heat or uneven paths tiring.

Return to Hoi An for a late lunch and a rest, then meet a local farming host at Tra Que. Learn about the herbs used in the local kitchen and join a light garden activity, followed by a focused cooking demonstration or tasting rather than a second large meal.

Finish with lantern-making and a walk along the historic riverfront before dinner. The programme combines the countryside and the old town without requiring a long late-evening excursion. If your interests lean strongly towards cooking, we can give the garden session more time and shorten the craft activity.

Overnight: Hoi An | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 10

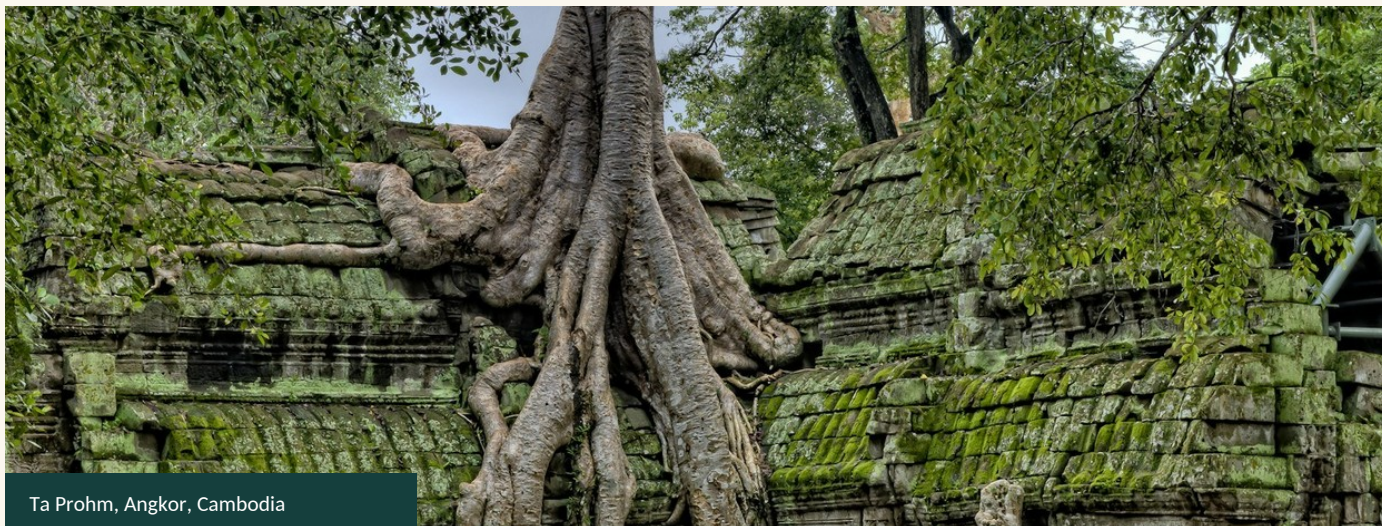
## A new kingdom: welcome to Cambodia

After breakfast, transfer privately to the airport in Da Nang. Fly via Ho Chi Minh City on a sensible connecting itinerary; a direct service is used only when its operation is verified for your dates. Flight days are planned around published operation, and the final proposal confirms the actual service and baggage arrangements before payment. The journey does not rely on an unverified daily direct flight.

Meet your Cambodian guide at Siem Reap Angkor airport after immigration and baggage collection. Continue privately to your hotel, with lunch or refreshments coordinated around arrival. A gentle orientation introduces the city and gives time to discuss the Angkor visits, walking comfort and food preferences.

Enjoy dinner and, when arrival time permits, a relaxed browse of local design shops or a café stop. Temple visits begin the following morning. The emphasis today is a smooth country-to-country handover, leaving you ready to enjoy Cambodia rather than arriving straight into a demanding sightseeing circuit.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Ta Prohm, Angkor, Cambodia

## DAY 11

### Angkor: a day worthy of the journey

Leave before dawn if you would like to see Angkor Wat as the light changes, then explore the galleries and courtyards with your private guide. The visit goes beyond a photograph: read the bas-reliefs, understand the temple's symbolism and follow its changing religious life. A later start is possible for families.

After breakfast or a substantial refreshment stop, continue to the great faces of Bayon and selected terraces of Angkor Thom. Lunch and a proper hotel break divide the day. Your guide works around permitted access, heat and conservation restrictions rather than promising empty monuments or closed areas.

Visit Ta Prohm in the later afternoon, when roots and stone create a different atmosphere, then return for dinner. This is a full temple day with uneven paths and steps, but the private vehicle and guide allow shorter walking circuits without losing the essential story.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 12

### Fine stone, living craft and a Cambodian evening

Travel to Banteay Srei in the cooler morning, taking time to appreciate its intricate carvings and intimate scale. Your guide helps identify the stories in the stone. A countryside stop introduces local produce or palm-based livelihoods when a host is available and the activity is genuinely taking place.

After lunch, return towards Siem Reap for a prebooked APOPO visitor experience, where the team explains its mine-detection work and the role of trained rats. Continue to a reputable artisan studio for a hands-on or hosted craft encounter. Animal demonstrations follow the centre's welfare procedures and available programme.

Enjoy dinner, then attend a Phare performance when the scheduled show fits your date. Its contemporary storytelling adds another dimension to Cambodia after the ancient temples. If no suitable performance runs, replace it with a longer private dinner or a different locally produced cultural evening.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



National Museum, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## DAY 13

## Tonle Sap: birdlife and life on the water

Leave early with a specialist birding guide for a prearranged Tonle Sap excursion. Travel to the appropriate pier and continue by private local motorboat towards the Prek Toal area when reserve access and water levels permit. Watch for waterbirds while learning about the lake's seasonal transformation.

Explore permitted channels and viewing locations with local conservation support, then enjoy lunch in a suitable community setting. A respectful floating-village encounter focuses on homes, livelihoods and changing water levels; no school or orphanage stop is included. Species and nesting activity vary, and the day is never sold as a guaranteed wildlife spectacle.

Return to Siem Reap for dinner after a full day on the water. December to February is the preferred core season. If reserve access is unsuitable, your specialist selects an alternative wetland-and-community programme, with the revised route confirmed before departure.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 14

## Across Cambodia to its riverside capital

Leave Siem Reap after breakfast in your private vehicle. Break the cross-country journey at the historic Kampong Kdei bridge when access permits, where your guide explains the engineering and trade routes of the Khmer world. Refreshment stops are planned before lunch.

Continue to Phnom Penh, arriving with time to check in and recover from the road. Depending on traffic and daylight, take a gentle riverside orientation or visit Wat Phnom. This is a genuine transfer day; major museum visits are kept for tomorrow rather than added to an already full journey.

Dinner is arranged in a refined but relaxed city restaurant. Your guide introduces the capital's royal, colonial and contemporary layers, and confirms your preferences for tomorrow's history programme. The private vehicle allows comfortable stops without relying on a rushed intercity schedule.

Overnight: Phnom Penh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## DAY 15

## Phnom Penh: royal heritage and a private river sunset

Explore the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda when official functions allow access, then visit the National Museum's Khmer art collection. Your private guide helps connect the objects with the temples already seen. Walk between selected central stops or use the car according to the weather and your comfort.

After lunch, choose a deeper city experience: contemporary Cambodian art and a market visit, or Tuol Sleng for adults who want to understand the Khmer Rouge period. The latter is emotionally demanding and is discussed in advance; families receive an appropriate alternative.

Board a private boat for a sunset outing on the rivers around the city when conditions permit, then enjoy a farewell dinner. The day brings together artistic achievement, difficult history and the energy of modern Cambodia, with space to reflect rather than hurry through the final chapter.

Overnight: Phnom Penh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 16

## A thoughtful farewell

Enjoy breakfast and a final quiet moment in Phnom Penh. If your flight allows, your guide can arrange a short market visit or a stop for last-minute locally made gifts; this is fitted around check-out and airport formalities, never around an optimistic connection.

Your private driver transfers you to Techo International Airport. The team assists with luggage and check-in orientation within the areas open to local representatives. Your international flight, onward baggage arrangements and any airport assistance are reconfirmed before departure.

Leave with the memories of people met, food shared and landscapes explored. A beach extension, a different onward destination or extra nights can be arranged when we customise the journey. International flights are quoted separately unless your personal proposal expressly includes them.

Overnight: Departure | Meals: Breakfast, flight time permitting

PRIVATE TRAVEL, PERSONAL CARE

# Make this journey yours.

Travel as a couple, with family or friends, or on your own with a private guide. We begin with the experiences you care about, then shape the room choices, dining, walking and daily pace around you. A birthday, a photography interest, a quieter village stay or a few extra beach nights can become part of your personal proposal.

**Your welcome & support** · Personal arrivals-area meet and greet; private airport transfers; luggage assistance; coordinated local handovers and a named planning contact. Fast-track services are requested only where permitted and available.

**Your comfort & experiences** · Well-chosen luxury or boutique accommodation, private vehicles and local guides, meals shown in the programme, site entries and the described private boat and activity arrangements are included in the bespoke quotation.

**Your flights & thoughtful extras** · The quotation itemises scheduled domestic and regional flights, baggage, rail travel and private charters. International flights to and from the journey, visas, insurance, personal purchases, gratuities and unlisted extras are separate unless expressly included.

**Your confirmed proposal** · Route planning was reviewed in September 2026. Your final dated proposal confirms the hotels, flights, boats, rail seats, host visits, activity suitability and any seasonal substitutions before you commit.

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