



CAMBODIA SERVICE TRIP – 2016

DAY 01 | New York to Siem Reap, Cambodia

DAY 02 | Arrive Siem Reap

Overnight: Khemara Angkor Hotel or similar

DAY 03 | Siem Reap (BLD)

Bicycle to Angkor Wat (72 kms) & Cooking class at Champey with market visit (3.5 hrs.)

Early morning, you will bicycle to Angkor Wat. The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. The largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples, Angkor impresses visitors both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings. To approach the temple, first cross the vast moat, continuing along a broad causeway lined with naga balustrades. As you enter the main building, ascend through a series of galleries and courtyard before reaching the central sanctuary, which offers beautiful views back over the causeway and across the surrounding countryside. On the way, you will stop to enjoy the intricate stone carvings that adorn nearly every surface, with some 1,700 Apsaras, or celestial dancers, sculpted into the walls. Along the outer gallery walls run the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which narrates stories from Hindu mythology, including the famous Churning of the Ocean of Milk. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day, but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. Join the cooking class at Champey with market visit. Start by visiting an authentic Khmer market to see the produce that is on offer and to select the ingredients. Back at the cooking school enjoy an interactive and hands-on cooking lesson. Assisted by the Khmer chef, learn how to prepare, cook and present the traditional Cambodian dishes; then sit down to enjoy the cuisine you have just cooked. Continue drive to local village for home stay.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 04 | Siem Reap - Experience volunteering work at HVTO (Bridge building)

Cambodian life starts early in the morning. People in the countryside normally get up between 4 am and 5 am. However don't worry you will be able to sleep a little bit longer. Get up around 6.45am. Our project is located around 25km away from Siem Reap. The Kontreang Commune consists of 5 villages. Around 9500 people live there. You will help local workers from the village to build a concrete bridge. So far a basic wooden bridge over a small river is used to give children from another village better access to attend school. Start the project in the morning by visiting HTVO (Home stay Volunteer Teachers Organization) where you will meet with local students and teach them an English class. Afterwards we will start the building project. To make sure that you can communicate with the local workers, there will be local guides around who speak English as they have learned it at the local school.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 05 | Siem Reap - Experience volunteering work at HVTO (Bridge building) (BLD)

Continue doing volunteer program in local village.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 06 | Siem Reap - Experience volunteering work at HVTO (Bridge building) (BLD)

Continue doing volunteer program in local village.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 07 | Siem Reap - Experience volunteering work at HVTO (Bridge building) (BLD)

Continue doing volunteer program in local village.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 08 | Siem Reap - Experience volunteering work at HVTO (Bridge building) (BLD)

In the morning, visit a local school, where you will meet with local students and teach them an English class. Experience volunteering work at HVTO (Bridge building), and then continue doing volunteer program in local village.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 09 | Siem Reap - Experience volunteering work at HVTO (Bridge building) (BLD)

Continue doing volunteer program in local village.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 10 | Siem Reap – Local Village (BLD)

Home stay experience in Mahendra Pura Village/Phnom Kulen (8 Hours)

Today, head to mighty Phnom Kulen and take a trek to the summit. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the lush waterfall here. In the afternoon, view the impressive riverbed carvings and the reclining Buddha before spending the night in the local village of Anlong Thom or Chhouk Srang.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 11 | Local Village – Siem Reap – New York (BL)

Homestay Experience in Mahendra Pura Village/Phnom Kulen (4 Hours)

Trek to the east of Kulen Mountain to visit an early 9th century temple and the huge guardian animals. Continue to Beng Mealea to visit the 12th century temple, and after that head back to Siem Reap at 16:00. Arrive in Siem Reap at 17:30 in the evening. Transfer to airport for your flight back to New York.

Overnight: Home Stay at local village

Day 12 | Arrive New York

You will arrive in New York on day 12.

