

Itinerary specially prepared for **USC EMBA Group** **Cambodia Post-program Extension** June 3rd – 6th 2023

Number of client(s): From 2 to 10 people
Type of trip: Culture, Local Life, Soft Adventure
Journey destination(s): Cambodia

** Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability, and we will confirm the pertinent accommodation and services immediately on receipt of your confirmation or payment. We recommend confirmation as early as possible to avoid space unavailability.*

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1 – 03 June. 2023	Flight Bangkok/Siem Reap
Day 2 – 04 June. 2023	Siem Reap
Day 3 – 05 June. 2023	Siem Reap
Day 4 – 06 June. 2023	Siem Reap Departure

ITINERARY IN DETAIL

Day 1 – Sat, Jun 03: Flight Bangkok/Siem Reap (Flight: TBA, Economy Class)

Your time will be your own until you'll be met and transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap.

Upon arrival at Siem Reap international airport, after completing immigration and customs formalities with **FastTrack Service & Your Own Cambodia E-visa**, meet with your guide and be transferred to hotel for check-in (15min). Your guide will be holding a sign marked your name on it. *Lunch and dinner are on your own today.*



Destination Info: *The ruins of the ancient city of Angkor, capital of the Khmer kingdom from 802 until 1295 AD, are among the world's great marvels. The "City of Kings," Angkor boasts some of the largest religious monuments ever constructed. It is a vast and mysterious complex of great laterite and sandstone blocks. Unknown to the world until French naturalist Henri Mouhot literally stumbled onto it in 1861, the area of Angkor existed for centuries only as a myth -- a wondrous city (or cities, to be precise), its exact location in the Cambodian jungle unknown. After Mahout in 1861, archaeologists flocked here, only to be foiled by years of conflict that left the temples in the hands of the Khmer Rouge. Many temples were damaged and pillaged. Tourists were the subsequent invaders, from the late 1990's. Fortunately we can still find those quiet moments in communion with this amazing man-made wonder despite the influx of visitors.*

Meals: None

Day 2- Sun, Jun 04: Full Day Tour Siem Reap

At **around 4:45am**, wake up early and set out for **Angkor Wat**, in front of the water lily pond, enjoying the temple's reflection and the sunrise over the complex. We start to explore the intricately carved remains of **Angkor Wat**, one of the world's most impressive temple sites (about 10 min drive). The temple still displays hundreds of fine carvings of Apsara and scenes from Hindu mythology. The Khmer constructed the temple between the 9th and 13th Centuries. Strolling around the massive hallways, you will find many small shrines still in use by the Cambodians. Then, back to the hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, do an approx. **90-min quad bike** private excursion to the countryside of Siem Reap. You'll ride off-the-main-road into rural villages and communities and along the way, you'll have opportunities to see water buffalos, visit a Cambodian Buddhism Monastery and the smiling of Cambodian children along the way. You can have a break for local fresh coconut or cool drinks on the way before driving back to Siem Reap.

In the afternoon, drive 48 km east of Siem Reap town to pay a visit to **Kompong Khleang floating village** (~ 50 min) at Tonle Sap Lake. Visitors to Kampong Khleang during the dry season (Mar - Aug) are universally awestruck by the forest of stilted houses rising up to 10 meters in the air. In the wet season (Sep - Feb), the waters rise to within one or two meters of the buildings. Kampong Khleang is a permanent community within the flood plain of the lake, with an economy based on fishing and surrounded by flooded forest. But Kampong Khleang is significantly larger with near 10 times the population of Kampong Phluk, making it the largest community on the lake.



Meals: Lunch

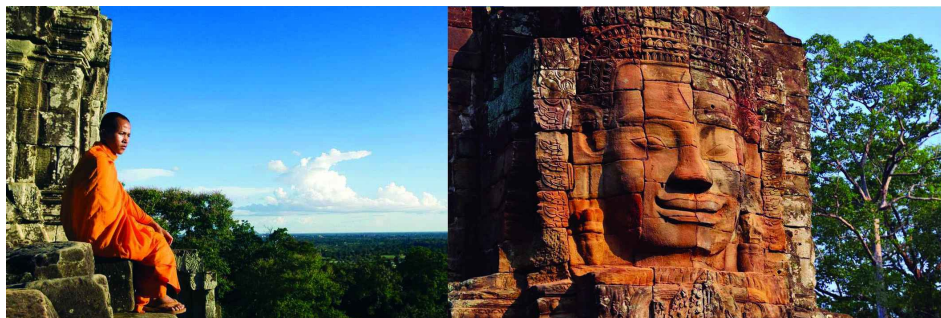
Day 3- Mon, Jun 05: Full Day Tour Siem Reap

After breakfast, at around **09:00am**, we drive (about 15 mins) to the walled city of **Angkor Thom**, the royal city itself, covering four square miles and located in the complex's geographic center. **The Bayon**, is an awesome sight. At first glance, the complex seems a shapeless mass of stone. Suddenly, further scrutiny reveals a face, enigmatic and silent, watching with half-closed eyes. Soon, another face is made out, and another, and still yet another, until they are all around – silent, heavy, and impressive, staring from a primitive remote past. *If interested & time permits*, we then go on to the surroundings of the complex including the **Baphou, Elephant Terraces, King's Terrace and Royal Palace area**.

Continue to explore the picturesque **Ta Prohm**, which has nearly disappeared into the jungle and remains overgrown, an oddly haunting and exotic scene. The magnificent roots of a tree, pushing between the huge stone blocks of the temple in a sort of embrace, evoke feelings that you will remember forever. **Lunch is at a local restaurant.**

In the afternoon, you head 35km north to visit the captivating and beautiful temple of **Banteay Srei** or 'Fortress of the Women' (~ 40 min drive). The journey allows you to experience the beautiful Cambodian countryside as you pass through small typical villages. Banteay Srei is the birthplace of Khmer classical style architecture. One of the smallest temples in the region, Banteay Srei is also one of the most beautiful, showcasing the most exquisite, deep and complex carvings in all Khmer architecture.

Early in the evening, you will be taken by **Tuk Tuk** (the local mean of transportation) on an open aired tour through the suburban streets of Siem Reap, and afterwards, attend **blissing ceremony** by Buddhist monks for happiness, prosperity and safety for your journey. Then, we continue in our tuk-tuk to a local restaurant for dinner – *your own arrangement*.



Meals: Lunch

Day 4- Tue, Jun 06: Siem Reap Departure (Flight: Clients' own tickets)

Your time will be your own until you'll be met to transfer to the airport for the international departure flight.

Accommodation: None

END OF SERVICES

Inclusive of	Non-inclusive of
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport transfer service • FastTrack services for international arrival in Cambodia • Private English-Speaking tour guides in each city of visit • All entrance fees • Meals as specified without drinks • Bottled water & cold towels on sightseeing days • Economy Class Ticket: Bangkok/Siem Reap • Special visits & arrangements as indicated • All operation service charge and government tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other flight tickets • PCR Tests (if required) • Cambodia E-Visa • Hotel early check in /Late check out • Overweight luggage • Personal expenses • Travel insurance • Tips & gratuities • Other services not listed in inclusive column

Note: Regular check-in time at hotels is 14:00 and check-out time is 12:00.