

TOURS ESCAPE FROM SIEM REAP

1. OVERVIEW:

Siem Reap is the capital city of Siem Reap province Northwest of Cambodia. The city serves as the gateway to the millennium-old temple ruins of the Khmer Empire, the renowned Angkor Wat which is only 6km away. Located between rice paddies, Siem Reap boasts colonial and Chinese architectures in the Old French Quarter and around the Old Market. Being a popular tourist destination, the present-day Siem Reap enjoys a large number of accommodations, ranging from simple guesthouses to high-end hotel and resorts, restaurants and a healthy nightlife. Visitors can also see museums, traditional Apsara dancing performances, souvenir and handicraft shops, fishing villages and the rural countryside when in town.

FULL DAY TOUR

SIEM REAP – FULL DAY SAMBOR PREI KUK TEMPLES WITH LUNCH

<u>Tour code:</u>	REP-R12
<u>Tour type:</u>	Historical & Cultural
<u>City:</u>	Siem Reap City
<u>Time:</u>	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Overview:

Sambor Prei Kuk, one of the most important pre-Angkorian sites in the country that is enlisted to potentially become Cambodia's next UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a collection of 7th century ruins of the Isanapura city – the capital of the pre-angkorian Khmer kingdom. These temple ruins were built with perfectly laid bricks, intricate carvings and lintels. Set amidst mature sub-tropical forests, this is an area rich in history and traditional crafts. Still today local men practice the age-old traditions of making craft using bamboo and rattan. In this day trip from Siem Reap, you will visit some of the best sites within the temple group with knowledge local guide knowing well about the history. Then head towards several traditional handicraft villages.

Itinerary:

Early morning, your private guide will pick you up at hotel and depart Siem Reap for Kampong Thom, a small town located between Siem Reap and Phnom Penh along National Road 6. The driving time is approximately 2.5 hours.

The temples of Sambor Prei Kuk are just 28km from the city Centre, tucked away deep in the jungle. Dozens of 6th and 7th century ruins fill the area, built in the pre-Angkorian Khmer Kingdom known as Chenla. Many of the prasats or towers are in good condition despite the fact that tree roots and vines have grown over the structures. The temples are divided into three main sections and interconnected by dirt paths best explored on foot or by bicycle. The tour is accompanied by a guide who will explain the history and religious significance of the buildings. Along the way, stop for lunch - either at the temples or at a picnic spot near the river. Afterward, enjoy an ox-cart ride through the countryside. After the temple tour, stop at the Isanborei Craft Hut a community-run shop established to help preserve traditional crafts made of bamboo and rattan. In addition to learning about these crafts, the

Hut provides information about the Sambor Prei Kuk temples. You then continue to the Santuk Silk Farm where you can gain further insight in the process of silk weaving and relax in the garden. Afternoon, drive to Phnom Penh (2.5 hours). This tour can be done from Siem Reap and finish in Phnom Penh or as a day return trip from Siem Reap (2.5 hour drive each direction) as well.

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
Price	343	179	172	155	146	132	128

Included: Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Entrance fee & mineral water/
Lunch