

Cambodia Adventure Motorcycle Tour (M-ID: 2234)

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from €3,250.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

21 days

11/07/2021 - 11/27/2021 21 days

Ideal for a 250cc off-road machine, these motorcycles give us the opportunity to visit all the remote places in the country.

Due to the war years, there was almost no road network in Cambodia until some time ago. Most of the roads were heavily worn sand roads. Now they are working hard to improve the road network. However, we still discovered many narrow dirt roads on our tours. We follow narrow paths along the Mekong River to the north, where we take a tour through the jungle. Via paths that lead right through the jungle we arrive at the world famous Angkor Wat. We take a boat tour along floating villages and find our way south along narrow paths. Here we climb Bokor Mountain. It is a very diversified motorcycle trip, which lets us experience all remote corners and unknown routes in 3 weeks. Moreover, it is a great pleasure to meet the friendly inhabitants of this poor country.

Tour itinerary:

DAY 1: ARRIVAL PHNOM PENH.

During the day you will receive your motorbike and the tour guide will familiarize you with important rules for travelling by motorbike. The program of the whole tour will be discussed again. The following day we will take a sightseeing tour through Phnom Penh. This way you can get used to your motorcycle and the Cambodian traffic rules.

DAY 2: PHNOM PENH

We visit the Toul Sleng (S-21) Museum. Here, between 1975 and 1979, thousands of citizens were interrogated, accused of having counter-revolutionary thoughts. They were tortured and all but 7 were killed. Still the former school leaves an impression that makes affected.

Afterwards we ride to the "Killing Fields" of Choeung Ek. About 10 kilometers outside of the city the prisoners of S-21 were killed in the most brutal way to save bullets. There

are still scraps of clothing, teeth and bones strewn across the field. In memory of these events, a temple has been built on the site with the skulls unearthed so far. If time permits, we can also visit the atmospheric Wat Phnom temple afterwards. At the end of the first day we will relax in one of the many sidewalk cafes along the Mekong River in Phnom Penh.

DAY 3: PHNOM PENH - KRATIE

An early start to a lovely varied day. After only 1 km of riding we will be put across the Mekong by ferry. This way we avoid the traffic of Phnom Penh. We ride on small paths along the Mekong, and pass villages and many temples. On the way we will enjoy a local lunch in Kampong Cham. We will literally ride through the backyards of the locals. After a detour to the beautiful Han Chey Temple with its magnificent view over the Mekong, we continue our way along the river. We cross the Mekong once more and follow the path to Kratie. While enjoying a cool drink you can watch the sun go down, sitting in front of the hotel.

DAY 4: KRATIE - SEN MONORON

Today we head to Sen Monorom. This small former jungle town is the capital of Mondulkiri Province. The former jungle has been cleared for rubber plantations, paddy fields and other agricultural production. First we take the repaired NH7 towards Snoul, where we occasionally leave the road to ride through the rice fields. Then we ride on a tarred road through the beautiful Snoul Wildlife Sanctuary, it's a bit hillier, curvier and densely forested here. Afterwards we ride along the Vietnamese border to the northeast.

DAY 5: SEN MONOROM - BANG LUNG

Today we ride to Ratanakiri province, which is tucked away in a corner next to Laos and Vietnam. This is a sparsely populated forest area with mountains, waterfalls, crater

lakes and ethnic minorities (called "KhmerLoeu" or "Highland Khmer"). There are also many gemstone mines here. The road was recently renewed and on a good tarred road we ride north to the Tonle Srepok River. Then we ride over wider gravel roads, through small villages, forests and plantations to Ban Lung, where we can have our arrival drink overlooking a small lake.

DAY 6: BANG LUNG - TA VEAENG

Today we dive deeper into the province, leaving the tar road behind. Over narrow gravel roads and winding mountain paths and perhaps through mud we ride to the feet of Virachey National Park. In between we stop at Yeak Lam crater lake. This is a 4000 year old lake popular with local families for picnics. Ta Veaeng is a small village on the south side of the Tonle San River, and a base for Virachey Park. Ta Veaeng district was also the guerrilla base of the Khmer Rouge in the 60s. We sleep here with a local (brewing) family.

DAY 7: TA VEAENG - STUNG TRENG

As nature wakes us up, we prepare for another adventurous day. We leave on time to make our way through the mountains to Stung Treng. If the water level is low enough, we will ride to Siem Pang, cross the Tonle Kong and continue to the Laotian border. The alternative is to ride a bit further south on the recently paved Route 78, an area that was heavily bombed by the Americans during the Vietnam War. There were several "Ho Chi Minh" trails, routes used by the North Vietnamese to supply and manage the southern lines. Stung Treng is a distinctive place with its own atmosphere.

DAY 8: STUNG TRENG - REST DAY

After the wonderful but tiring days of last week, we take it easy today. We have plenty of time to look around, do the laundry (or have it done) and/ or take a boat ride (or kayak ride) into the flooded forest, possibly cycling back. If you like, we'll take a little tour of the surrounding area. Of course you can also choose to lie in the hammock with a book.

DAY 9: STUNG TRENG - TA SENG

We cross the Mekong River and head west. We quickly leave the tarmac and the route continues over a bumpy sandy track and through dense vegetation to Anlung Chrey, where we take a break. The support vehicle will most likely not be going with us, but we will meet him later in the day. From Anlung Chrey we will continue to follow the route in the countryside. In any case, it will be a beautiful and adventurous route that leads to our final destination: Ta Seng.

DAY 10: TA SENG - SRA'AEM

Today we head north. High on a ridge, on the border between Cambodia and Thailand, lies the temple complex of Preah Vihear. These 1000+ year old temples give us a taste of what awaits us at Angkor Wat. The difference is that we are among the few tourists who enjoy this breathtaking view of the complex from the top. Most people find the way there too far. For us all the more a reason to start it. This temple was the reason for Thailand and Cambodia to get into conflict with each other in the 1980s. Thailand claimed that the temple belonged to them.

DAY 11: SRA'AEM - SIEM REAP

We continue west on a beautiful road along the Dangrek Mountains. Then we turn and ride south towards Siem

Reap. We reach the Angkor Wat area and will try to penetrate the temple city of Angkor Thom and pass by the world famous Angkor Wat temple. Siem Reap is one of the liveliest cities in Cambodia. In the center you will find many good restaurants and many cozy bars. It is also a perfect place to buy souvenirs or get a massage. It is also our starting point from which we will visit the temples of Angkor Wat.

DAY 12: SIEM REAP - ANGKOR WAT EXCURSION

The visit of Angkor Wat is on our program. Angkor Wat is the largest sacred building in the world and the temples are a source of inspiration. They are the pride of every Cambodian. They also capture the imagination of most visitors. The period of the Angkor Empire lasted about 600 years. During this time, more than 70 temples, palaces, libraries and other buildings were built on an area of 350 square kilometers. Actually Angkor Wat is only one of these temples, but nowadays the whole area is called that. If you want to visit all temples on this gigantic area, one day is hardly enough. However, your guide will be able to advise you. This day in Angkor Wat is certainly one of the highlights of your trip.

DAY 13: SIEM REAP - POIPEY

Today we ride to the western border of Thailand. We try to avoid the chaotic Highway No. 6 as much as possible and ride through the agricultural lowlands of Northern Cambodia. The roads vary from asphalted to good gravel roads. We get a good impression of the activity in the countryside and the Cambodian friendliness. When we arrive in Poipet we visit the border with Thailand. Poipet has developed into a kind of Las Vegas in Cambodia in recent years under the influence of the Thai gambling ban.

DAY 14: POIPEY - PAILIN

We ride south along the Thai border and through the Roneam Daun Sam Wildlife Sanctuary to Pailin. Pailin province is known for gemstones, timber and housing Khmer Rouge retirees. The town of Pailin is a wild west town that once had a great "gold rush" or much more "gem rush" and is the northern gateway to the Cardamom Mountains. Here you can also see Thai and Burmese influences, both in the clothing and in the food and physical features of the local people.

DAY 15: PAILIN - VEAL VENG

It can be a busy day today, on the way to and through the Cardamom Mountains. Although Cambodia has been receiving a large number of tourists for several years, this mountain range is still one of the lesser known areas. It forms the border between Cambodia and Thailand and has long been a stronghold of the Khmer Rouge. At the beginning the gravel roads are wide and flat, but then they become bumpier and hillier. The agricultural plains turn into tropical rainforests. We spend the night in the small village of Veal Veng in a simple guesthouse.

DAY 16: VEAL VENG - KOH KONG

Today's route can be difficult as rain turns the red surface to smooth clay. We take our time for this adventurous trail through the green forest. The civilized world will be very far away for a while. On the way we will have a temporary lunch. After lunch we will look for the new Chinese road, a concrete block path that will lead us to Koh Kong. Koh Kong is located on the coast of the Gulf of Thailand, just a few kilometers from the neighboring country.

DAY 17 KOH KONG - REST DAY

We can take a rest from the strenuous mountain treks of the last few days. Take a walk along the boulevard and through the nearby Mangroves or optional day trip to the eponymous island of Koh Kong for swimming and/or snorkeling. A motorbike trip to the Thai border is also possible.

DAY 18: KOH KONG - CHI PHAT

We leave Koh Kong and take another narrow road through the jungle to Chi Phat. We don't see the escort car again until this afternoon because this road is not regularly used by cars. We ride through the dense forest, past waterfalls, and continue our way to Chi Phat. This is a small and very remote village. Here we enjoy a cold drink and a beautiful sunset.

DAY 19: CHI PHAT - KAMPOT

Today we ride through the jungle again, and then we slowly return to civilization. We see more villages and farmland and more life around us with people busy. We arrive in the town of Kampot. Kampot is famous for its pepper and for the French colonial architecture. It is nice to take a walk, dive in the river or enjoy the sunset during a boat trip and discover firefly nests.

DAY 20: KAMPOT - PHNOM PENH

On our last day of riding we ride through rice fields, on dusty roads and mostly paved roads to the capital. We do this with a detour, first east to visit the Vietnamese border and then north towards Phnom Penh. The variety of roads in Cambodia is again clearly visible. We take another look at life in the countryside and exchange it again with the hustle and bustle of the city of Phnom Penh.

DAY 21: DEPARTURE PHNOM PENH

You get a transfer to the airport and fly back to Germany with endless impressions.

- Changes of the route can be adapted to the current conditions on the spot -

Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	€3,250.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room	€2,750.00
per person single room (surcharge)	€375.00

Features

Transfers Airport Phnom Penh - Hotel and back
 All overnight stays
 Rental motorcycle incl. insurance Property damage to third parties
 Multilingual tour guide on the motorcycle
 Escort vehicle and luggage transport
 mechanic
 travel security note
 travel guide

Not included features

Visa (Visa on arrival at airport 30,- USD)
 gas
 entrance fees
 Optional excursions

food and drink

Other insurances

Pocket money - 500 Euro (This amount is an indication of how much money you will need for this trip. It includes food, drink, souvenirs, optional excursions and gasoline.)

Scheduled flight - Phnom Penh and back

More details

Minimum number of participants: 8

Maximum number of participants: 12

Maximum number of passengers: 2

Motorcycles:

On the Cambodia motorcycle trip we are on a Honda Baja (250 ccm) or equivalent motorcycles on the way. If you prefer a lower "Honda Degree", please indicate this when booking. This has a seat height of 860 mm, but can perhaps be made a little lower).

Adventure trip:

The name "Cambodia Adventure" comes from the time of our first motorcycle trip through this country in 2001. The roads of that time were often no more than gravel roads, littered with bomb craters. Not a single bridge was intact, in the jungle was warned of robbers and because of the many minefields there were official travel warnings. In the meantime, the country has been stable for a long time and hard work is being put into reconstruction. Roads are repaired at high speed and even asphalted. Mine service has now cleared most of the country of mines and the government has once and for all put a stop to the rebels and the remaining Khmer Rouge fighters. For this reason, the name "Cambodia Adventure" may no longer be so appropriate. The adventurous routes of the past were made into paved roads or repaired so well that we can cover distances within hours, which used to take us a whole day. However, we have decided to keep the name, because every time we go on a journey, we go in search of new, adventurous routes. Besides, riding a motorcycle in Cambodia, no matter how, is always a great adventure.

Level of difficulty of the journey:

The country is, except for some border areas, almost flat. The difficulty of the journey therefore depends mainly on the unpaved roads. Our goal is not to offer a complete off-road trip. We strive to plan for about a third of off-road routes. These unpaved road sections vary from dirt roads along the Mekong River to wide gravel roads through the jungle. The unpaved climb to Bokorhill is a strenuous one for most participants. Offroad experience is recommended, an offroad basic training could be very useful as preparation. You learn how best to handle the bike and it makes riding more fun. In Cambodia, every year after the rainy season, you have to wait and see how the unpaved roads are doing. Large trucks use the routes even in the wet period and then often stop somewhere. This means that flat paths suddenly become a challenge. Most roads today are flattened once a year with a bulldozer. In addition to hard truck tracks, the rainy season also leaves behind rain gutters and pits in the road surface.

Clothes:

A helmet, motorcycle protective clothing, good gloves and boots or other sturdy footwear are mandatory. Although the rainy season lasts until mid-October, it can still be very warm in November. The clothes should therefore not be too warm, but nevertheless protective. We recommend an integral helmet or an offroad helmet.

Visas and insurance:

At the airport in Phnom Penh you can buy a visa for 20 US dollars on arrival. All you need is a passport photo. The tour price includes insurance for damage to third parties, but does not cover any damage to the motorcycle itself. The insurance can only be taken out locally in Phnom Penh. You'll need an international rider's license for this.

More details about the trip and what to take with you can be found in the manual that you will receive about 1 month before departure.