

## Cambodia Highlights (M-ID: 3175)

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## from €1,875.00

Dates and duration (days) On request 9 days 12/09/2023 - 12/17/2023 9 days 01/13/2024 - 01/21/2024 9 days 04/16/2024 - 04/24/2024 9 days 11/16/2024 - 11/24/2024 9 days 12/07/2024 - 12/15/2024 9 days

# This is a short motorcycle tour, which consists mainly of very adventurous routes of our "classic" Cambodia Adventure Motorcycle Tour.

During this Cambodia motorbike tour, we ride mostly on dirt roads, through the jungle, between the rice fields, along the Mekong River, and over small trails, we reach the wonderful Angkor Wat.

We take a boat trip along drifting villages and find our way south along narrow paths. Maybe the highlight is the route through the Cardamon Mountains. Part of it is still unpaved and that can be quite a challenge, especially if it has rained a little bit.

Tour itinerary:

Arrival - Phnom Penh Phnom Penh - Kratie (235km) Kratie - Kompong Thom (225km) Kompong Thom - Siem Reap (155km) Siem Reap - Battambang (175 km) Battambang - Veal Veng (140 km) Veal Veng - Koh Kong (170 km) Koh Kong - Phnom Penh (300 km) Phnom Penh - departure or extension

Day to day:

Day 1: Arrival - Phnom Penh

During the day you will arrive in Phnom Penh. The hotel is located three quarters of an hour from the airport in the center of the city. The ride to the hotel gives you a first impression of the hustle and bustle, activities, and architectural style. You will meet the tour guide and other participants and will be informed about the local rules. Depending on the time, we will also have the opportunity to explore some of the city and at the end of the day we will sit down at one of the many sidewalk cafes along the Mekong River in Phnom Penh.

Day 2: Phnom Penh -Kratie

An early start for a nice 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 River 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 local people. After a detour to the beautiful Han Chey Temple with its magnificent view over the Mekong River, we continue our way along the river. We cross the Mekong once again and follow the road to Kratie. While enjoying a cool drink, you can watch the sun go down while sitting in front of the hotel.

Day 3: Kratie - Kompong Thom

We ride a bit along the Mekong River to cross it by ferry. Immediately after, we begin a challenging journey of 190 kilometers on dirt roads and off the main road. The route takes us straight through rubber and fruit plantations and rides through a landscape that makes you think you are in the African savannah. Take enough water with you for the ride, because there are not many places to drink. Once we arrive to civilization we will have a simple lunch. If we have time, ride to the overgrown temple ruins in Sambor Leek Kuk for a cool group photo that wouldn't be out of place in an Indiana Jones movie.

Day 4: Kompong Thom - Siem Reap - visit Ankor Wat

There is a major road to Siem Reap, but we will soon leave the road in search of small dirt roads. We will visit small villages and local markets. Before we reach Siem Reap we already get the first impressive temple complexes in sight. 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 treat yourself to a massage. It is also our starting point from which we will visit the temples of Angkor Wat this afternoon.

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. The imagination of most visitors is also stimulated here. 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 so. If you want to visit all temples on this gigantic area, one day is hardly enough for that. However, your tour guide will be able to advise you. This afternoon in Angkor Wat is certainly one of the highlights of your trip.

#### Day 5: Siem Reap - Battambang

After breakfast, we will leave the Angkor Wat area for Battambang. If circumstances allow, we will try to avoid the busy chaotic road as much as possible. Towards Sisophon, 100 km from Siem Reap, this part of highway No. 6 is still passable, but highway No. 5 from Sisophon to Battambang is being worked hard, so it is still a real challenge. Battambang is the second city in the country and along the river there are many UNESCO-protected French colonial houses.

#### Day 6: Battambang - Veal Veng

If it has been raining, today can be a busy day as we ride through the Cardamon Mountains. Although Cambodia has been receiving tourists for many years, the Cardamon Mountains have not yet been discovered by many foreigners. The mountains form the border between Cambodia and Thailand and have long been a stronghold of the Khmer Rouge. At first, the dirt 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. We need to order food and drinks in advance so that the guesthouse can take care of this in time.

#### Day 7: Veal Veng - Koh Kong

Today's route can also be difficult when rain turns the red surface into smooth clay. We will 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. If we have time, we will take a small refreshing swim break along the way. Koh Kong is located on the coast of the Gulf of Thailand, just a few kilometers from the neighboring country.

Day 8: Koh Kong - Phnom Penh

We leave the mountains on a freshly paved road toward Sre Ambel. This stretch is still quite quiet. After lunch, we ride on to Phnom Penh. We take a last look at country life and exchange it again with the hustle and bustle of the city of Phnom Penh. The city has much to offer in the evening, visit the "evening market" for the last souvenirs and look back on a wonderful adventure at the boulevard.

Day 9: Phnom Penh - Departure or extension

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

#### Extension:

You can extend your stay in Phnom Penh before or after the motorcycle tour.

During your extension, you can visit the famous "Killing Fields" of Chuoeng Eck. About ten kilometers outside the city, S-21 prisoners were killed in the most brutal way to save bullets. Remains of clothing, teeth, and bones are still scattered across the field. To commemorate the events, a temple was built on the site to house the skulls that have been unearthed so far.

You can also visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide (S-21) Museum. Between 1975 and 1979, thousands of citizens accused of counter-revolutionary ideas were interrogated, and tortured and all but seven were killed here. This former school still leaves a dark impression today.

Besides a glimpse into this dark side of Khmer history, however, Phnom Penh also has a lot of positive things to offer. The boulevard, the local markets, and the charming temples. You can enjoy one of the many cafes along the Mekong River.

Countries	Cambodia
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.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

### Pricing

per rider in shared/double room (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)	€1,875.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€1,675.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€230.00

## Included

Transfers airport Phnom Penh - hotel and back

All overnight stays

Rental motorcycle incl. insurance property damage to third parties

Multilingual travel companion on the motorcycle

Escort vehicle and luggage transport

Mechanic

Travel insurance certificate

Travel guide

## Not included

Scheduled flight - Phnom Penh and back

Visa

Petrol

Entrance fees

**Optional excursions** 

Wining and dining

Other insurances

Everything not listed under benefits

### More details

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" (seat height 800mm), please indicate this when booking.

Difficulty of the journey: The country is almost flat, except for some border areas. The difficulty of the journey therefore depends mainly on the unpaved roads. These unpaved roads vary from dirt roads along the Mekong to wide gravel roads through the jungle. Off-road experience is recommended, an off-road basic training could be very useful as preparation. It will teach you the best way to handle the bike and make riding more fun. In Cambodia, every year after the rainy season you have to wait and see how the dirt roads are doing. Big trucks use the roads even in the wet period and then often stop somewhere. So it happens that flat roads suddenly become a challenge. Nowadays most roads are bulldozed once a year with a bulldozer. Besides hard truck tracks, the rainy season also leaves gutters and pits in the road surface.

Clothing: A helmet, motorcycle protective clothing, good gloves and boots or other sturdy footwear are compulsory. Although the rainy season lasts until mid-October, it can still be very warm in November. Clothing should therefore not be too warm, but still protective. We recommend a full-face helmet or an off-road helmet.

Visa: At the airport in Phnom Penh you can buy a visa for 30 US dollars on arrival. All you need is a passport photo.

Minimum number of participants: 6

Maximum number of participants: 12

Maximum number of passengers: 2

Visa (Exclusive): Visa on arrival at the airport 30,- USD

Pocket money: 250 EUR (This amount is an indication of how much money you will need for this trip. It includes food, drinks, souvenirs, optional excursions and petrol).