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SECRETS OF SIEM REAP

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Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

Watch the day dawn over the legendary Angkor Wat temple

Indulge in Cambodia's finest culinary creations by tuk tuk

See where tradition meets modern craftsmanship in a private tour of Siem Reap's best boutiques, ateliers and galleries

Witness the best of Cambodian dance and acrobatics



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Siem Reap.

Welcome to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor and a lively hub of creativity. Transfer to your hotel in the heart of the town. This evening, treat your tastebuds to a culinary adventure on your private tuk tuk tour. Sample fine dining at three restaurants led by the country's best chefs.

Phum Baitang (Pool Villa) | Meals: D

Day 2: Siem Reap.

Rise early for the short journey into the land of temples. Watch the sky explode with colour over the legendary Angkor Wat – one of the final vestiges of the Khmer Empire and a worthy UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, join your guide to uncover the stories behind one of the largest religious monuments in the world and its intricate artwork. Next, climb through snake-like roots that engulf the temple of Ta Prohm to discover an intriguing history hidden amongst strangler figs and kapok trees. Marvel at towers etched with bodhisattva faces and bas-reliefs revealing ordinary Khmer life. Return to your hotel for a late breakfast and afternoon at leisure. This evening, watch in awe as theatre, dance, music, storytelling and circus arts come together at Phare Ponleu Selpak, Cambodia's leading circus, theatre and performing arts organisation. All proceeds from the high-energy hourlong performance are reinvested into the social enterprise, which provides free arts education to economically and socially challenged Cambodian youth.

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Day 3: Siem Reap.

Take a morning trip to the former capital of the great Khmer Empire, Angkor Thom. Embark on your guided discovery at the glorious Bayon in the heart of the ancient city. Take in the 37 stone faces of this intricate temple built by and for King Jayavarman VII. Wander through the perfectly square, walled city and stop awhile at the sanctuary of Baphuon. See where kings once worshipped at Phimeanakas Temple. Imagine life in the Royal Palace and picture the performances that once regaled royal crowds on the impressive Terrace of the Elephants. The Terrace of the Leper King, with its fascinating bas-reliefs, promises the perfect finale. Return to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

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Day 4: Siem Reap.

Discover Siem Reap's creative vibe with your local guide and arts curator, Robina Hanley. Visit the Golden Silk Farm to witness the time-honoured process of cultivating silk worms to create delicate fabrics. Continue to Theam's House and Gallery where Cambodia's rich artistic heritage comes to life through a collection of recovered artefacts and handmade pieces. Step inside the studio of internationally acclaimed fashion designer Eric Raisina, whose modern designs are heavily inspired by Cambodia's ancient culture and crafts. Recharge with coffee in the peaceful city-centre enclave of Kandal Village, where colonial buildings now house upscale interior design shops and art galleries. Then, head to One Eleven Gallery to peruse contemporary works by international artists. Return to your hotel to relax and explore the city, your way.

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Day 5: Depart Siem Reap.

Transfer to the airport for your outbound flight.

Meals: B

Accommodation

Phum Baitang Siem Reap



The charming Phum Baitang – which means ‘the green village’ – is a 5-star luxury resort spectacularly located within eight acres of lush gardens, lemongrass meadows and rice paddies near Siem Reap, Cambodia. The second property from Zannier Hotels, this elegant retreat is a gateway to the Angkor World Heritage Site and numerous natural and cultural wonders.

As its name suggests, Phum Baitang is modelled on a Cambodian village, featuring wooden villas reminiscent of local farm houses. There are 25 villas and 20 pool villas, all superbly designed with elegant, handmade wooden furniture, stone sinks and bathtubs, and antique carved headboards.

While away your afternoon on a day-bed and enjoy the serenity of your private terrace in the shade of a frangipani tree. Later, take your seat at one of the two bars – one is located in the original 100-year-old farmhouse. Here, you can lounge on a rattan wing chair as you sip your aperitif. There are two restaurants, one located beside a sensational 50-metre infinity pool. On the menu, discover the best of Southeast Asian cuisine, such as Khmer curries, Thai *tom yum* soup and fresh Vietnamese spring rolls, complimented by an extensive wine list including Roger Zannier's own vintages from his estates in the South of France and Portugal's Douro Valley. The hotel also features a beautiful spa, designed as a tribute to Angkor's temples, and the perfect antidote to the hustle of Siem Reap.

Why we like it

- Ideally located for those seeking rural tranquillity just 15 minutes from the Angkor ruins
- The hotel has its own fleet of tuk-tuks and cars
- A perfect balance of rustic experience, privacy and genuine luxury
- Angkor-era design elements in the beautiful spa

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