



## SECRETS OF SIEM REAP

Immerse yourself in the captivating culture and impossibly beautiful temples of Cambodia. Seek out the ruins of the mighty Khmer Empire. Explore the fabled temple of Angkor Wat.

---

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



Cambodia, Asia



5 days from AU\$3,495 pp



Private

## Journey Overview

Immerse yourself in the captivating culture and impossibly beautiful temples of Cambodia. Seek out the ruins of the mighty Khmer Empire. Explore the fabled temple of Angkor Wat. Discover a new wave of Cambodian craftsmanship in the artisan studios and galleries of dynamic Siem Reap. And savour the country's finest culinary creations on a tuk tuk tour.

### 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
- Witness the positive impact of the gift of clean water, visiting AKP's Clean Water Project



## 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 / 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.

If you so choose, you can embark on an afternoon excursion to Siem Reap's outer villages and visit the exquisitely preserved Banteay Srei temple, nicknamed the 'Citadel of Women' due to its pink sandstone façade. Continue to a local family home to learn about the Cambodia Clean Water Project, an Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) initiative installing wells in rural areas to provide much-needed clean water. Meet one of the recipient families to see firsthand how this project is changing lives, one well at a time. If you would like to find out more, or to get involved, visit [www.akphilanthropy.org](http://www.akphilanthropy.org).

***Phum Baitang / Meals: B***

---

### Day 3: Siem Reap

Today's exploration takes you to the former capital of the great Khmer Empire, Angkor Thom, travelling by your choice of vehicle or bicycle. Embark on your guided discovery at the glorious Bayon in the heart of the ancient city. Take in the 37 stone faces of this elaborate 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 sculptures, promises the perfect finale. Return to your hotel for an 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 creative arts organisation. All proceeds from the high-energy performance are reinvested into the social enterprise, providing free arts education to economically and socially challenged Cambodian youth.

***Phum Baitang / Meals: B***

### 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 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.

***Phum Baitang / Meals: B***

### Day 5: Depart Siem Reap

Transfer to the airport for your outbound flight.

**Meals: B**

## Map





## 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

# Abercrombie & Kent

**Call Us Now on  
1300 851 924  
within Australia**

## Melbourne Office:

T: +61 (0)3 9536 1800

F: +61 (0) 3 9536 1805

E: [contact@abercrombiekent.com.au](mailto:contact@abercrombiekent.com.au)

## Address

Level 26 (North Tower)

80 Collins St

Melbourne, VIC, 3000

## International:

New Zealand Call: 0800 441 638

Asia Call: 800 4747 7700