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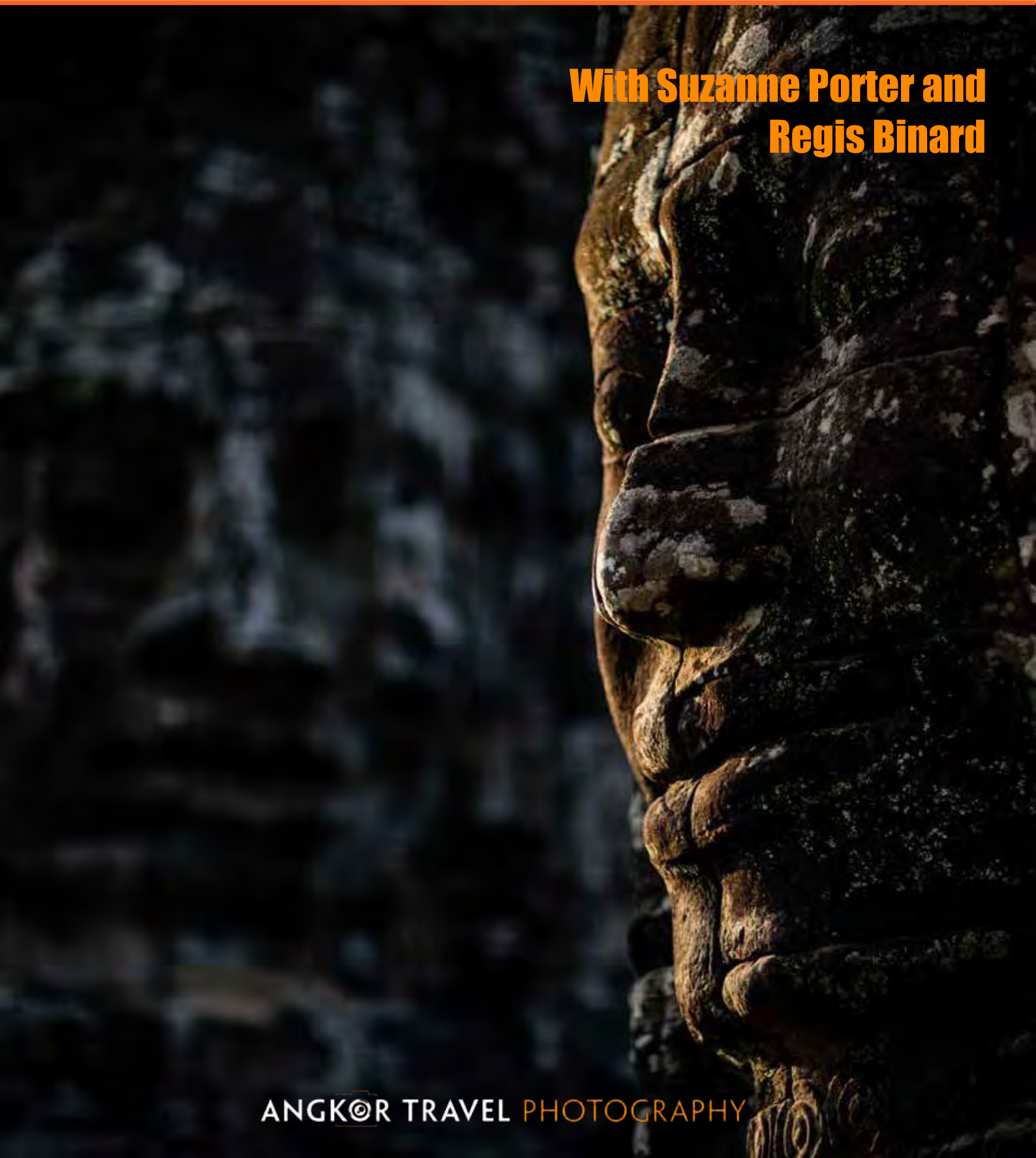
"The Kingdom of Wonder"

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

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ANGKOR TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY





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"The Kingdom of Wonder"

Our 12-day photography expedition takes in **the very best of contemporary Cambodia**. Marvel at wondrous **Angkor**, from the most supreme of the temples to her best-kept secrets tucked away in all corners of the rain forest. Lose yourself in a **sea of smiles** in the sprawling local markets and remote villages in the countryside and on the Tonle Sap lake. Bask in the luxuriant green of the rice paddies in planting season. Stand in awe beneath towering jungle waterfalls. And gain privileged access to modern Khmer performing artists from daredevil acrobats to mystical apsara dancers. Better yet, we do all this in the best light and with crowd avoidance at the forefront of our priorities. Simply put: **There is no better way to travel as a passionate photographer.**

THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR
AND ALL THEIR SECRETS



REAL CAMBODIAN PEOPLE GOING ABOUT THEIR DAILY
ACTIVITIES: MARKETS, COUNTRYSIDE, AND MORE



THE DAILY LIFE OF BUDDHIST MONKS
IN TRANQUIL MONASTERIES



FISHING COMMUNITIES AND "FLOATING
VILLAGES" OF THE TONLE SAP LAKE



PHOTOGRAPHIC THEMES

CAMBODIA - 12 DAYS

ARCHITECTURE / TEMPLES ●●●●●

Explore the majestic ruins of Angkor under expert guidance, and at the optimum times of day for the most beautiful light and fewest regular tourists.

We'll take in not only the most iconic sites in Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm, and Bayon, but also lesser-known but no-less-photogenic gems, hidden away in some of the Archaeological Park's most remote corners.

Experiment with the interplay of light and shadow to create powerful images of one of the world's most mysterious lost cities.



DAILY LIFE / PORTRAITS ●●●●●

Practice reportage photography as we document the lives of normal Cambodian people many kilometres from the tourist hotspots. You'll meet an assortment of incredibly warm people who've kindly invited us into their lives.

With our help, you'll be able to interact with the people we meet as they go about their daily lives, getting close to your subjects like nowhere else. We'll have the chance to make truly unique photographs of a side to Cambodia that very few experience.



LANDSCAPES ●●●

While landscape photography is not the main focus of our Cambodia trip (besides the temples, of course), we still have the opportunity to photograph the cascading jungle waterfalls of the Kulen National Park, as well as the verdant green of the rice paddies. Add in the most dramatic skies of the year, and there are still plenty of opportunities to capture the natural beauty of Cambodia.



ITINERARY

CAMBODIA - 12 DAYS

Day 1: Arrival in Siem Reap

Day 2: Angkor, ancient temples and buddhist pagodas

Day 3: Pagodas, countryside life and floating village

Day 4: Phnom Kulen, waterfalls and buddhist pagoda

Day 5: Market and Rural Province of Cambodia

Day 6: Rural Province in depth

Day 7: Rural Province, Beng Mealea and back in Siem Reap

Day 8: Further temples and Tonle Sap

Day 9: Sunrise over Angkor Wat and Phare The Cambodian Circus

Day 10: Countryside of Siem Reap and monasteries

Day 11: Lotus farm and other surprises

Day 12: Freetime and departure



Day 1 - Arrival in Siem Reap

You'll arrive in the quaint town of Siem Reap, gateway to the fabulous temples of Angkor. A member of the Angkor Travel Photography team will be waiting to greet you at the airport and transfer you to your relaxing riverside hotel. After check-in and some time to rest, we'll gather on the rooftop bar (weather permitting) to enjoy welcome drinks, get to know each other a little better, and set the scene for the adventures to come over the course of the tour.

*Overnight in Siem Reap
Welcome drinks/briefing
Airport transfer*

Day 2 - Angkor, Ancient Temples and Buddhist Pagodas

Day two begins with a bang: The mysterious **Ta Prohm temple**, packed with monstrous forest growth, at her quietest time of day and when the light is at its softest. The afternoon will be devoted to the colossal walled city of Angkor Thom, home to the iconic **Bayon** with her 200+ smiling faces. We'll also have the unique chance to observe orange-robed monks and their unique buddhist rituals at one of the least-known pagodas within Angkor.

*Overnight in Siem Reap
Angkor temples
Daily Life in a monastery*



Day 3 - Pagodas, countryside life and floating village

Our day begins early in the morning with a visit to a monastery in a village a few kilometers from Siem Reap where you will have the opportunity to interact with and photograph *Buddhist monks and their daily lives in the pagoda*. In the afternoon, we will visit a *floating village on the glassy waters of the Tonlé Sap lake*. Here you will have the chance to photograph local life on the lake in an incredibly intimate manner as we travel by small rowing boat most of the year. Sunset will be enjoyed over the rice fields.

*Overnight in Siem Reap
Daily Life in a monastery and floating Village of the Tonle Sap Lake*

Day 4 - Phnom Kulen, waterfalls and buddhist pagoda

Day four will be spent among the pre-Angkorian findings at Mount Kulen; here we'll marvel at the towering waterfall, the ancient reclining Buddha at the pagoda at the mountain top, and enjoy a picnic by the river of 1,000 linga.

*Overnight in Siem Reap
Daily Life in a monastery
Long exposure pictures*



Day 5 - Local market

Day five begins with one of Siem Reap town's most incredible markets, the sprawling Phsar Leu, home to a host of colourful characters and produce unimaginable. After lunch, we'll travel to another rural province where first we'll review our images together.

Overnight in rural Province (Kompong Thom or Battambang)

Daily Life in a market

Travel to Rural Cambodia

Day 6 - Countryside activities

That day, we will explore the Cambodian countryside, witnessing a range of activities from rice farming to noodle making and meet people in their daily-life away from the tourist sites.

Overnight in rural Province (Kompong Thom or Battambang)

Daily Life in the countryside



Day 7 - Countryside Life and Local Activities

We'll spend and discover even more deeply the Cambodian countryside before heading back to Siem Reap.

Overnight in Siem Reap

Daily Life in the countryside

Travel back to Siem Reap

Day 8 - Angkor and life on the Tonle Sap lake

Back in the city of the temples of Angkor, Siem Reap, we will discover temples lost in the jungle where very few people venture. After lunch we visit Kampong Phluk, a village nestled at the edge of the Tonlé Sap Lake dubbed "The City on Stilts." Take a boat out to the lake before returning to shoot in the village, where we'll have the opportunity to experience local life quite unlike anywhere else.

Overnight in Siem Reap

Angkor temples

Daily Life in a Village built on the edge of the Tonle Sap Lake



Day 9 - Angkor sunrise, post processing session and Phare Circus

Day nine starts with what is arguably the most iconic site in Cambodia: the sun rising over the silhouetted towers of Angkor Wat. We'll spend the rest of the morning reviewing your images. Spend the afternoon with privileged access to one of Cambodia's most exciting modern performances, Phare, The Cambodian Circus; we'll shoot the rehearsal and make-up, and afterwards have reserved VIP seating from which to photograph the show.

Overnight in Siem Reap

Angkor Wat sunrise

Phare the Cambodian Circus

Day 10 - Countryside life and Remote Temples

This day will also allow us to see and discover some of the habits from the Khmer Rouge period during which Cambodians were dying of hunger, such as hunting tarantulas. In the afternoon we will have the chance to meet young bonzes novices and photograph them in an isolated temple.

Overnight in Siem Reap

Daily Life in the countryside



Day 11 - Factory and Lotus farm

We will shoot inside a brick factory. In the afternoon we will meet fishermen not far from the lotus farm of the city and will attend our last sunset if the weather permits before sharing our last meal together.

*Overnight in Siem Reap
Daily Life in the countryside
Farrel dinner*

Day 12 - Departure

Depart day twelve.

*Free time
Transfer to airport*



COMFORT 4/5

While in Siem Reap, we will stay in very comfortable 4-star boutique accommodation, complete with swimming pool and a large complementary breakfast each morning. During our two-night stay in the countryside, the hotel standard will remain comfortable, though the amenities may be slightly more basic depending on the location.

EXPERIENCE All levels

You don't need to be a master photographer to enjoy our tours. This adventure is designed for photographers of all levels - enthusiasm is more important than experience here. Beginners through to advanced/professional photographers alike can learn from the guidance of our knowledgeable team of photographers.

EFFORT 2/5

You don't need to be an athlete to take part in our tours, though a reasonable standard of health/fitness will help you enjoy the tour to the fullest. We often walk several kilometres in each session, and climb/descend the occasional steep hill. Good balance will also help you to board boats etc. during the trip. If you have any concerns, just let us know.



THE GROUP

In order that we maximise the one-on-one time spent with your photography instructors, our group sizes are never larger than 8 persons. We always travel in a manner that is respectful of the local customs, the environment, and the people we meet.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Our itineraries are fun and flexible, and flow naturally – each of our photography adventures is unique as spontaneous encounters and varying light conditions will mean different opportunities at every turn. One moment you'll be marvelling at the sun rising over the iconic towers of Angkor Wat; the next you'll be sat appreciating the harmony of a monk praying by candle light; or perhaps find yourself in a stilted home above the Tonle Sap, or bumping down a dusty track straddled by farmers in oxcarts pulled by water buffalo.

ACCOMMODATION

We will reserve only quality accommodation that boasts a high degree of comfort and still excellent value (4 stars minimum in Siem Reap, 3 stars when in remote areas). You'll spend 9 nights in Siem Reap and 2 in the countryside (area depending on the weather conditions at the time of your visit). All rooms will have air-conditioning. The price quoted is based on sharing a double-room, though individual

rooms will be provided upon payment of the single supplement.

MEALS

A daily breakfast is provided throughout the tour, as well as a picnic lunch when we visit the Kulen National Park. We also provide chilled bottled water throughout your time with us. Other refreshments may be available at your own expense. Guests are free to enjoy lunch/dinner at their leisure. The hotel boasts an on-site restaurant, or you may wish to take advantage of the excellent choice of restaurants in Siem Reap. Meals will typically cost between \$5-\$15 in all but the most expensive restaurants. We will enjoy a farewell dinner together on the final evening of the tour.

TRANSPORT

During our trip, you will be driven by a local Cambodian driver. Depending on the number of participants, we will travel by large car or by minivan. Regardless of the group size, comfort will be of paramount importance.

We also have the opportunity to take short journeys by tuk tuk and by boat.

A tip (entirely at your discretion) will be appreciated by our driver, who will be with us for the entirety of the tour.



It is advisable to scan or photocopy all of your important documents (passport, visa, credit cards, insurance, train/plane/bus tickets, drivers license, etc.) and keep easily accessible copies in case of loss. We suggest you upload them to cloud storage, or print physical copies to keep in your bag.

VISA

A visa is required to enter Cambodia. This will be issued to you by Immigration Services on arrival at Siem Reap International Airport upon payment of a USD 30 tourist visa fee, along with the provision of two printed passport photographs. Alternatively, you may also apply [online](#) for a fee of USD 37.

Further information and guidelines may be found by accessing the relevant page of your home country's [Home Office/Embassy](#) website.

SECURITY

Cambodia is generally a very safe country. For the most up to date information on natural disasters or political unrest, please visit the travel advice section of your home Government's website. After living in Cambodia for many years, we have experienced nothing to suggest you need to take anything other than the normal precautions associated with travel. The areas we visit are very safe.

HEALTH

No specific vaccinations are required to visit Cambodia, though we suggest consulting your GP/doctor for the most up to date information. Mosquitoes may be present at times during the trip but they are not generally too troublesome, and are easily kept away with the use of a quality insect repellent. Preventative malaria treatment is not needed to participate in the tour as we do not visit the areas of Cambodia with a high risk of infection. As always, we suggest you follow the advice of your family doctor or Government health advice.

INTERNET

Internet is accessible almost everywhere in Cambodia. You should have uninterrupted access in the hotel with speeds comparable to the US/Europe. 4G networks are also well-established in Cambodia, and so if you wish to stay connected throughout your trip, you may purchase a SIM/data package at Siem Reap International Airport.

CUISINE

Cambodian food is very underrated, and is comparable with Thai food, though not generally as spicy. Not only that, but it is also very affordable. During your stay, you will have the opportunity to try a range of excellent Khmer dishes. We will recommend to you only restaurants with the highest standards of food/hygiene, though please be aware that travel sickness can occur anywhere. You may wish to bring medicine for this. We don't generally recommend eating the street food during your stay.

WATER AND DRINKS

The tap water is not to be drunk in Cambodia. Furthermore, we advise you always to purchase sealed bottles of water. Both at the hotel and while on tour with us, you will be provided with complementary drinking water each day. Ice can be a problem in Cambodia as there is no way to verify the source of the water, though there is no concerns while in the hotel and in quality restaurants where the ice is ordered in from large factories.

MONEY

Visa and Mastercard are now widely accepted in Cambodia, though cash remains the easiest way to pay for cheaper items such as meals and refreshments. You can withdraw both USD and the local currency (Riels) from ATMs all over town. We recommend you only exchange for USD, as this is accepted everywhere, and the denominations are more convenient for typical purchases than with the local currency. It is easy to exchange most major currencies in town with very reasonable rates.



IN YOUR BAGS

WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR?

This trip is for anyone with a passion for travel and photography, regardless of how much experience you have behind the camera - the most important thing is enthusiasm. Our tours are specifically designed for photographers with the aim of providing unique opportunities that simply wouldn't be possible on a more conventional trip.

You don't need to do anything special for the trip. Bring your usual equipment, though we strongly recommend bringing a camera that gives you full manual control over your exposures in order to make the most of the possibilities presented to you.

REFINE YOUR VISION

Mastering photography is a lifetime journey; we are constantly evolving and refining our vision. The aim of this trip is that, day by day, your photography skills and vision will

become more and more developed, though in a way that is organic and enjoyable. We hope you can take away new skills that will serve you well in all future photographic adventures. If necessary, we can help you to become familiar with the features of your camera so as to unlock its full potential, as well as working on the way we interpret scenes, read light and tell stories to maximise each photographic opportunity.

WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

Throughout your journey to Cambodia, you should have your equipment with you at all times. We strongly recommend against checking camera equipment on as hold baggage when flying. Be sure to check your bag meets the weight and dimensional requirements of your chosen airline. Typically, when arriving on regional airlines, cabin baggage should be no larger than 55 x 40 x 20cm, max. 7-8kg., though we suggest checking with your individual airline.



YOUR CAMERA BAG / ELECTRONICS

(Cabin baggage is generally restricted to 7-8kg. Please check with your chosen airline)

ELECTRICITY

The electrical outlets in Cambodia will generally accept all North American and European plug sets, though we recommend you travel with an adapter so you are always able to use your equipment. Some of our previous guests have found it convenient to bring with them a power strip so that they can connect multiple devices at once. All of the hotels we have chosen should have reliable electricity, though please note that there are occasional power outages in Cambodia. Hotels will generally have backup generators to provide electricity in the event of a power cut.

CAMERA AND LENSES

While you don't need any specific equipment to enjoy our tours, we have some favourite lenses for Cambodia. For the temples, 16-35mm and 24-70mm (full frame equivalents) are used most frequently, though a 70-200mm can open up new horizons. A wider aperture fixed lens (e.g. f/1.4 or f/1.8) will allow you to work in darker environments and can serve as your perfect companion for portraits.

ACCESSORIES

In addition, a tripod and polarising/ND filters are recommended for landscape photography (sunrise, waterfalls, lake, etc.)

COMPUTER/TABLET

In order that you might regularly save/backup your images, we recommend you bring your laptop computer and/or tablet. In addition to this, there will also be opportunities to learn more about post-production, as well as show images during group discussions.

DRONES AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

While drones might present incredible photographic opportunities, they are forbidden near the temples as well as in most Cambodian cities (without permits). On top of this, they are not generally suitable for use when travelling in a group. We recommend you leave these at home.

YOUR MAIN SUITCASE

(Hold baggage is typically subject to a maximum weight of 20-23kg. Please check with your selected airline.)

WEATHER

Cambodia has two distinct seasons: a dry season lasting from mid-November until May, and a wet season from June until mid-November. We have selected the wet season to host our photography tours in Cambodia for the incredible greenery found throughout the temples and countryside at this time, as well as the volume of water in lakes and waterfalls. The temples of Angkor are at their most mysterious; this is undoubtedly the best time to photograph them. The skies are beautiful, with the best chances to photograph colourful sunrises and sunsets coming in the wet season.

Typically, Cambodia experiences only short showers rather than day-long rain, and for this reason we suggest you bring a light raincoat. Most photography bags are water resistant, though please check that you have adequate protection against rain. If not, rain sleeves can be purchased from most camera stores. It will be hot and humid.

RESPECT OF THE CUSTOMS

When visiting temples and monasteries, out of respect for the culture, you will need to have your shoulders covered

and not wear particularly short shorts. Lightweight, quick-dry trousers or shorts that extend to the knee are best.

EXCHANGES WITH LOCAL PEOPLE

Our photography adventures are made possible only with the incredible kindness of the Cambodians who welcome us into their lives. We suggest you familiarise yourself with the below so as to leave a positive impression.

- We will always ensure you are aware of what is appropriate/not appropriate in each location we visit.
- In order to not overwhelm local people, our group size is kept to a maximum of 6 photographers.
- Respect is of particular importance in religious sites/places of worship.
- We encourage you to learn a few basic phrases in Khmer; this generally makes the experience more rewarding for all.
- We will make sure we leave no waste behind.

TRIPOD

Why not place your tripod in your main suitcase to save weight in your cabin baggage, as well as make for a more comfortable trip.

PRICE
3,950€
per person

min 4 persons max 8

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation in 4 star hotel (3-star when in countryside)
- Your transport throughout the tour
- Price of entry to all visited sites
- Round-trip airport transfers
- Daily breakfast, all meals in the outside Siem Reap, chilled drinking water each day, 1 picnic lunch, welcome and farwell dinner

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets to/from Siem Reap, Cambodia
- Meals and drinks beyond those specified
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Tips for guides/drivers
- Insurance (travel and medical)

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