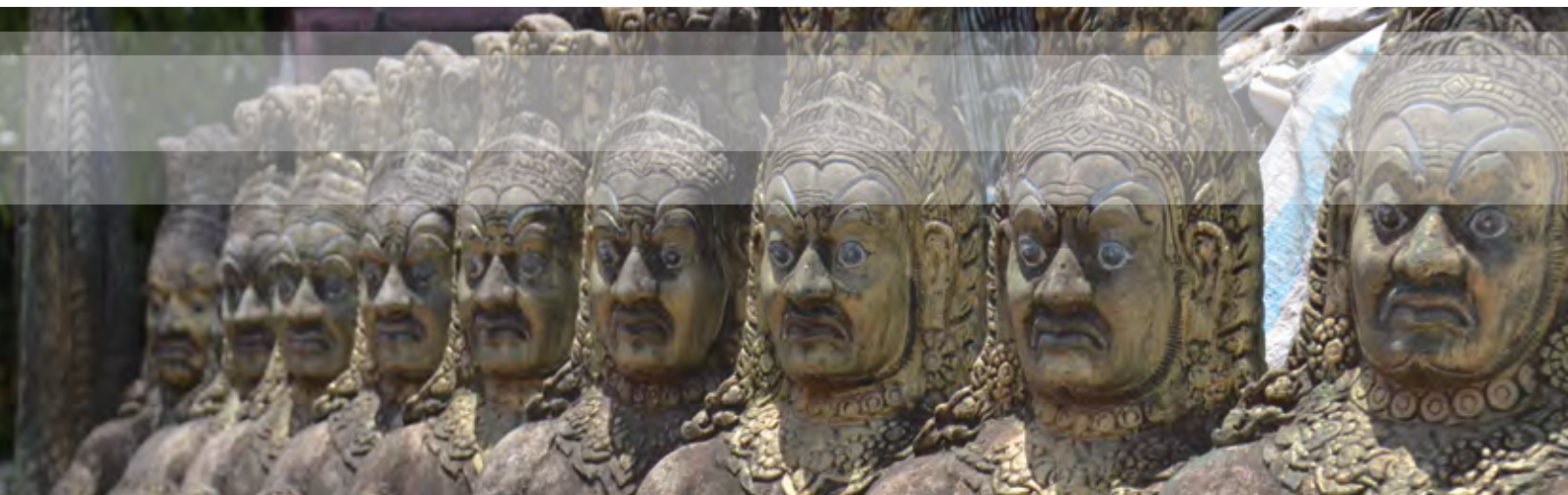


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on the road

Indochina: From the Mekong to the Gulf of Thailand
(13 Days)





ON THE ROAD EXPERIENCES

BACK ROADS | HIDDEN GEMS

We love road journeys. They are by far our favourite way of traveling. We think the world of western China and the countries that border on this region – think Vietnam, Lao, Thailand, Myanmar, for example.

On the Road Experiences is all about sharing with like-minded travelers just how beautiful a road journey in these varied lands can be. Now turn the page to find out what we've come to love so much...




A young Buddhist monk with a shaved head, wearing an orange robe, is shown in profile, looking out of a window. The window has vertical bars or slats, and the light coming through creates a pattern of light and shadow on his face and the wall behind him. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an interior space with a window looking out onto a bright area.

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Itinerary Map



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Flight home – Farewell, unless you wish to linger a little longer?

Yes, it is possible...

A driving holiday in this part of the world is indeed possible. We take care of everything. All you need to do is come, drive and enjoy a rare adventure!

There is an interesting saying regarding the difference between Cambodian, Vietnamese and Laotian people. The Vietnamese plant the rice, the Cambodians watch it grow and the Laotians listen to it grow. This is also what you will find on this journey. Laos shows us its relaxed and calm side as we start the journey in Vientiane, Laos's sleepy capital. Champasak, the Bolaven Plateau and Laos' Mekong river life also offer a tranquil start to our journey. Once we enter Cambodia, however, our adventure begins in earnest.

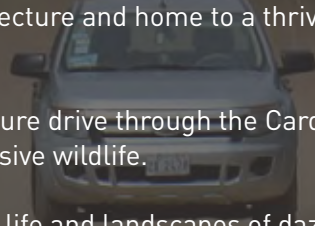
North-East Cambodia is a world unto itself, its wild and mountainous landscapes a home for ethnic minorities and an abundance of natural attractions.

In Central Cambodia you will experience local life and schools of Khmer and Muslim communities. Explore Siem Reap and the iconic Angkor temples, before continuing to up-and-coming Battambang, reminiscent of Siem Reap before the advent of mass tourism, filled with graceful Indochinese architecture and home to a thriving contemporary art scene.

From here we take you onto an adventure drive through the Cardamom Mountains, part of a vast tropical forest that is home to elusive wildlife.

Finally experience the rhythm of rural life and landscapes of dazzling rice paddies and swaying sugar palms on the way to Cambodia's gorgeous south coast, the shore fringed with tropical islands and fishing villages. The vast majority of visitors to Laos and Cambodia focus on a mere handful of sights. This journey will take you to little-visited parts of the region, as you discover the mysteries of Indochina.

On the Road Experiences has paved the way for you to cross borders in your own properly insured SUV, so that you can enjoy the romance of a classic overland journey without any of the logistical headaches that typically accompany such journeys...





“ARC de TRIUMPHE,
made in Laos...”



“ WIDE ROADS
and COFFEE
PLANTATIONS...”

“TEA can be
found here as
well...”

“Children
on the way HOME
from school...”





“ANIMIST
TRIBES community
house...”



“...and WATER
FALLS...”

“An OASIS
on a SMALL
ISLAND...”



Campasak, La Folie Lodge

“Your room with
a MEKONG
view...”

“A TYPICAL
village road...”

On the way to Wat Phu



“Your first
ENCOUNTER with
the ancient KHMER
on this journey...”


“WAT PHU
visitors...”




“MINORITY villages
along the way...”



“Your room for the night in a former GOVERNOR’s RESIDENCE...”



“ Searching for
GEMSTONE MINES
in the FOREST...”

A high-angle, top-down view looking down a dark, narrow, and deep earthen tunnel. The walls of the tunnel are rough and textured with concentric rings of soil. At the bottom of the tunnel, a person is crouched, illuminated by a bright light source, possibly a headlamp. The person is wearing a pink shirt and dark pants. The overall atmosphere is dark and claustrophobic.

“A HARD job,
GEM stone mining...”

“On the way to
KRATIE...”

A Cambodian main road

“Farmer
KHMER women...”

Near Kratie

“ONE of the many
SIDESTREAMS of
the MEKONG...”

A young girl wearing a yellow hijab and a red jacket is riding a bicycle on a dirt road. Next to her, a young boy wearing a blue cap and a white shirt is also riding a bicycle. The road is dusty and leads into a village with traditional houses and trees in the background. A quote is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“MUSLIM and KHMER communities sharing villages along the MEKONG...”

A photograph of three Buddhist monks in bright orange robes walking across a long, narrow bamboo bridge. The bridge is constructed from many vertical bamboo poles and horizontal bamboo planks. In the background, a river flows, and a small village with colorful houses is visible on the opposite bank. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

“ Cambodia’s
U-BEIN BRIDGE, the
LONGEST bamboo
bridge in the world...”



“Phnom
Santuk..”

A wide-angle photograph of a tropical sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering reflection on the water. The sky is a deep orange. In the background, a dark silhouette of a forested hill or shoreline is visible. Several small, dark boats are anchored in the water on the right side.

“STUNNING TROPICAL
SUNSET...
near your hotel...”



“Be AMAZED
by the KHMER
heritage...”



“Modern Cambodian tales
are EMBODIED by a
new generation of
TALENTED ARTISTS...”



Cardamom Mountains

“Be PREPARED for
GREAT OFF ROAD
driving...”



An aerial photograph of a floating lodge situated on a calm river. The lodge is composed of several small, rectangular units with light-colored, gabled roofs, connected by a narrow wooden walkway. The river is flanked by dense, lush green tropical forest, with numerous palm trees visible. The water reflects the surrounding greenery and the sky. In the top right corner, there is a semi-transparent grey box containing a quote in white text.

“CAMPING
in
STYLE...”



“Kampot PEPPER
comes in four varieties
- GREEN, BLACK, RED
& WHITE...”



“KAMPOT
pepper crab...”



“View from the
KNAI BANG CHATT
Sailing club...”

Day-by-day



Day 1

Preparing for your journey

Arrive in Vientiane according to your own arrangements. We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. After settling into the hotel, you may want to go for a stroll around the city.

Located on a curve of the Mekong River, Vientiane has a recorded history that stretches back to around 1000 AD. Vientiane's name stems from an incorrect French transliteration of "Wiang Jan", meaning "City of Sandalwood." With a population of only 850,000, this is likely to be the smallest capital city you will find in Southeast Asia.

Navigating Vientiane is relatively simple due to its size – the Mekong River effectively borders the city centre to the south – and sightseeing can be done easily on foot or by tuk tuk.

Like many French colonial cities, Vientiane is characterised by broad, leafy boulevards, a riverside promenade, creaking

colonial mansions painted in sun-bleached tropical hues and mod 1960's villas with large gardens dripping in bougainvillea. The city is dotted with rustic wats and traditional homes, coconut palms and tamarind trees, beer shacks and French cafés. Mix that with a slow pace of life and the allure of the place is clear.

In the evening, enjoy a group dinner together in a lovely, local restaurant near your hotel and attend our staff's safety briefing. Dinner will be an opportunity to begin to acquaint yourself with the many flavours of Lao cuisine and to meet your fellow travellers.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: NA

Duration: NA

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 174m

Overnight: 174m

Hotel

Greenpark Boutique Hotel,
Vientiane (****)

Day 2

Flight to Pakse and explore the Bolaven Plateau

We will take an early morning flight to Pakse. The capital of Champasak Province and the gateway to southern Laos and Cambodia, Pakse sits at the confluence of the Mekong and Se Don Rivers. The cars will be ready for us at the airport and we set out to the Bolaven Plateau and soon climb to 1200 metres above sea-level. On our drive we will stop at a tea factory and also will learn all about Bolaven coffee.

As the plateau is dotted with minority villages, we will have the chance to learn more about the local customs and the different ethnic groups that make this region their home.

The largest ethnic group on the plateau is the Laven (Bolaven means 'Home of the Laven'). Several other Mon-Khmer ethnic groups, including the Alak, Katu, Tahoy and Suay, also live on the plateau and its escarpment. Most of these groups follow animist belief systems with some groups

practicing animal sacrifices. However, more recently, these minority communities have begun to adopt Buddhist beliefs because of their contact with Lao Loum (lowland Lao people).

In the evening we drive to the Mekong and to Champasak, a sleepy town sandwiched between the river and mountains.

We then embark on a small boat to Don Daeng, an island slumbering in the Mekong River were our hotel for the night is situated. Here you will have the chance to experience authentic rural Laos, something long lost on the more popular islands of Don Dhet and Don Khone



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 80 km

Duration: 2 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 180m

Overnight: 172m

Hotel

La Folie Lodge , Don Daeng
(*****)

Day 3

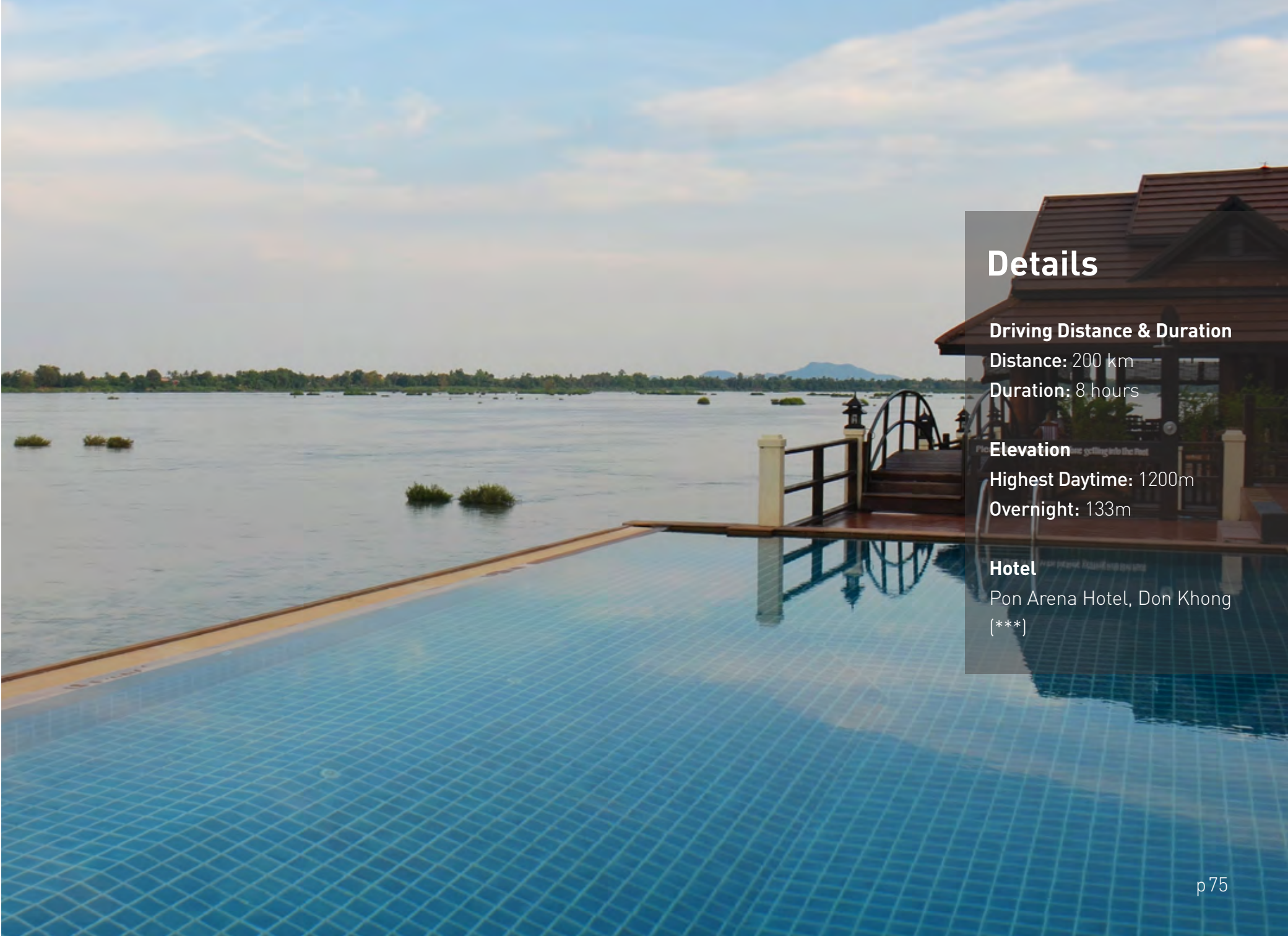
Visit Wat Phu and continue further South

After a leisurely breakfast and some time for you to explore the island and local villages, we embark a boat again and go back to Champasak. The town is historic and charming, with a single road running along the Mekong lined with decaying colonial mansions that were once royal residences, side by side with wood-shuttered Chinese shophouses and traditional wooden homes. Even the modern homes are attractive additions to the setting—the locals here love painting them in wildly cheerful colours.

From here it is only a short drive to Wat Phu temple. Older than the great temple complex at Angkor Wat in Cambodia, Wat Phu was named a World Heritage Site

by UNESCO in 2002. The wat is considered one of the oldest archaeological sites in Laos. One temple in the complex was constructed around the 5th century, though the remainder date from the 11th–13th centuries.

After our visit we continue on the west side of the Mekong further South to our hotel on Khong Island. Our hotel has a nice view onto the Mekong, is situated in a small village and the best starting point to get to the border the next morning. But please be prepared for a more basic room.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 200 km

Duration: 8 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 1200m

Overnight: 133m

Hotel

Pon Arena Hotel, Don Khong
[***]

Day 4

Enter Cambodia's ruggedly beautiful North-East

Leaving the hotel early today, we will go onto the main road No.13 till we reach the Lao/Cambodian border.

We have prepared for all the border formalities, but it will nonetheless take a bit of time: here in South-East Asia, crossing borders is still something of an event, whereas in much of Europe or America it has become commonplace. In this part of Asia, crossing borders retains some of the romance it has since lost elsewhere.

Once in Cambodia we will take a back road to reach Banlung in Rattanakiri province. The roads are improving every day in Cambodia, but here in the remoter regions of the north-east, it is still possible to find some nice off-road drives past waterfalls and through villages. If the pace of life in Laos has

seemed slow, Cambodia will seem even slower. Rattanakiri is sparsely populated; its 150,000 residents make up just over 1% of the country's total population. Residents generally live in villages of 20 to 60 families and engage in subsistence shifting agriculture. Rattanakiri is among the least developed provinces of Cambodia.

After arrival in Banlung we check into our small boutique hotel. Ideally situated on the edge of Banlung Lake, the lodge combines a Cambodian villa and luxurious bungalows in the middle of an lush, tropical garden. It is the former residence of the provincial governor and combines the traditions of the past with the comfort visitors expect today.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 250 km

Duration: 8 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 360m

Overnight: 360m

Hotel

Terres Rouge Lodge, Banlung
[****]



Day 5

A unique experience in a small Muslim community on the Mekong

This morning we explore Banlung and its surroundings. Our first stop will be at the gemstone mines. “Rattanakiri”, is a combination of the Khmer words for “gem” (Ratana) and “mountain” (Kiri). Characterised by hills, highlands and ample gemstone deposits, the province is also well-known for its lush tropical forests and diverse wildlife on one hand, as well as for intense logging and large-scale agricultural plantations on the other.

Artisanal miners dig a circular hole about 1m in diameter and as deep as 10m, without any internal supports or reinforcement. As the miner goes deeper, the earth is hauled to the surface in a wicker basket using a variety of low-tech winches made of bamboo and rope.

After our visit to the mines, we will make our way to Stung Treng for lunch.

After lunch we will drive along road number 7. The road is the main road connecting Laos with Phnom Penh, but we do not expect the traffic to be too heavy. Then we turn onto a smaller road towards Kratie. The last part of today’s drive is particularly pleasant. The landscape is reminiscent of southern Laos, only a bit wilder and the local culture here is quite different.



This region is home to the Cham, a matriarchal Muslim community found in Cambodia, central Vietnam and Malaysia. On our way, we will come across women swathed in colourful veils and proud bearded men in white robes, while the domes of mosques loom over coconut groves. In the middle of this all we have found a newly renovated boutique hotel (Opening in November 2017), where we will spend the evening in the local community.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 290 km

Duration: 7-8 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 360m

Overnight: 360m

Hotel

Le Relais de Chhlong (***)



Day 6 Along the Mekong to Kampong Cham and further to Kampong Thom

Today we have a leisurely drive to Kampong Thom. The road meanders along the Mekong till we arrive in Kampong Cham.

Kampong Cham is not a tourist destination at all, but has its own quaint charm. Before lunch we have time to explore the town and have a look at what we call Cambodia's "U-Bein Bridge". This is the longest bamboo bridge in

the world, rebuilt every year once the rainy season passes and the Mekong subsides to reveal the sandy banks below. Almost a kilometer long and made entirely of sub-bleached bamboo poles, the bridge remains until it is submerged and washed away again every year when the Mekong, flush with meltwater from the Himalayas, surges again.

We will cross the bridge for a short drive on Koh Pen, along shaded lanes, with wooden houses on stilts tucked amidst the palm and sandalwood trees and great bursts of bougainvillea.

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 207 km

Duration: 6 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 360m

Overnight: 20m

Hotel

Sambor Village (***),
Kampong Thom

Returning to the mainland we start driving towards Kampong Thom where we will stay overnight.

Day 7 Feel like Indiana Jones at Bang Mealea on the way to Siem Reap

The roads get busier today as we make our way to Siem Reap. En route we will visit a spectacular sight: Beng Mealea. Located 68km northeast of Siem Reap, this is one of the most mysterious temples at Angkor, as nature has well and truly run riot amidst the ruins. Exploring this long-lost temple, built in the 12th century under Suryavarman II following the same floorplan as Angkor Wat,

is the ultimate Indiana Jones experience. Beng Mealea is enclosed by a massive moat measuring 1.2km by 900m. Another one-hour drive will bring us to Siem Reap. We will eat an early dinner as in the evening we recommend you visit Phare, the Cambodian circus. Phare artists will astonish you with their energy, passion, talent and dedication. Where are they from and how did they get to where

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 150 km

Duration: 5 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 20m

Overnight: 18m

Hotel

Anantara Hotel, Siem Reap
(*****)

they are? From some of the most difficult social and economic backgrounds imaginable, these Cambodian youths transform their lives through art.



Day 8

In and around Siem Reap

As the base for visiting Angkor Wat, Siem Reap is one of the most famous destinations in Cambodia. Angkor itself is one of the most important archaeological sites in Southeast Asia. It extends over approximately 400 square kilometres and consists of scores of temples and hydraulic structures (basins, dykes, reservoirs, canals).

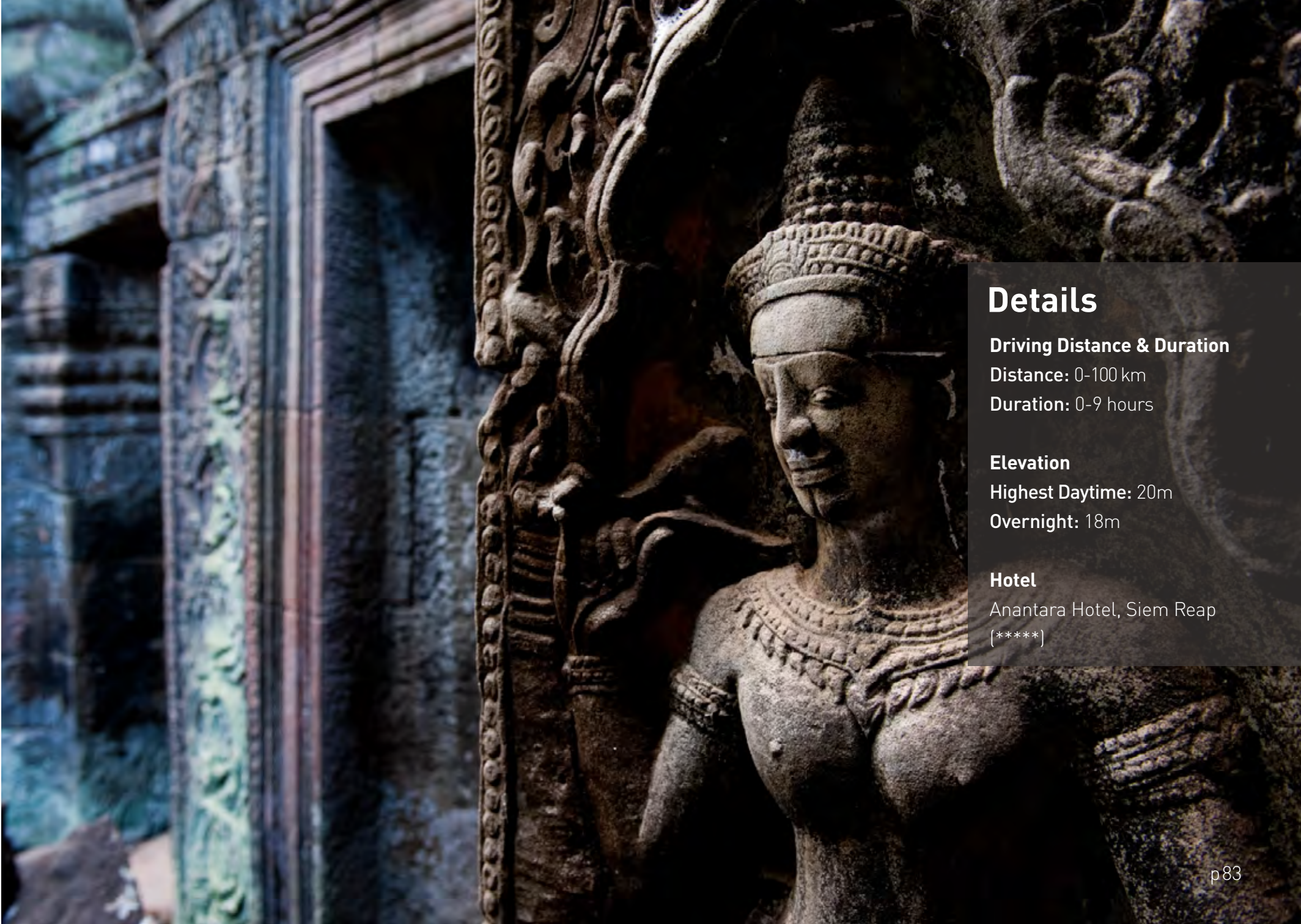
Although the entire site is known as Angkor Wat, the name actually refers to a single large temple within the Angkor region.

For several centuries Angkor was the centre of the Khmer Kingdom. Temples such as Angkor Wat, the Bayon, Preah Khan and Ta Prohm are the finest existing examples of Khmer architecture.

Angkor was intended as an earthly representation of Mount Meru, the Mount Olympus of the Hindu and Buddhist faiths.

Khmer kings each strove to better their ancestors, a process that culminated in Suryavarman II's (r 1112-52) construction of Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building.

There is much to see in Angkor. We will start the day early, and watch sunrise over the temples. Thereafter, you can arrange the day as you wish; explore as much of Angkor as possible, or relax at the hotel through the heat of the day, and head out again in the evening. Whatever you would like to do, our team will do their best to help you realise your plans.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 0-100 km

Duration: 0-9 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 20m

Overnight: 18m

Hotel

Anantara Hotel, Siem Reap

[*****]

Day 9
Via colonial
Battambang to Pursat

After a leisurely breakfast we will depart for Battambang, Cambodia's second city. Battambang lies in the far west of Cambodia. With a rich architectural heritage, a thriving art scene, and stunning surrounding countryside, Battambang is a tranquil respite from the hustle and bustle of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.

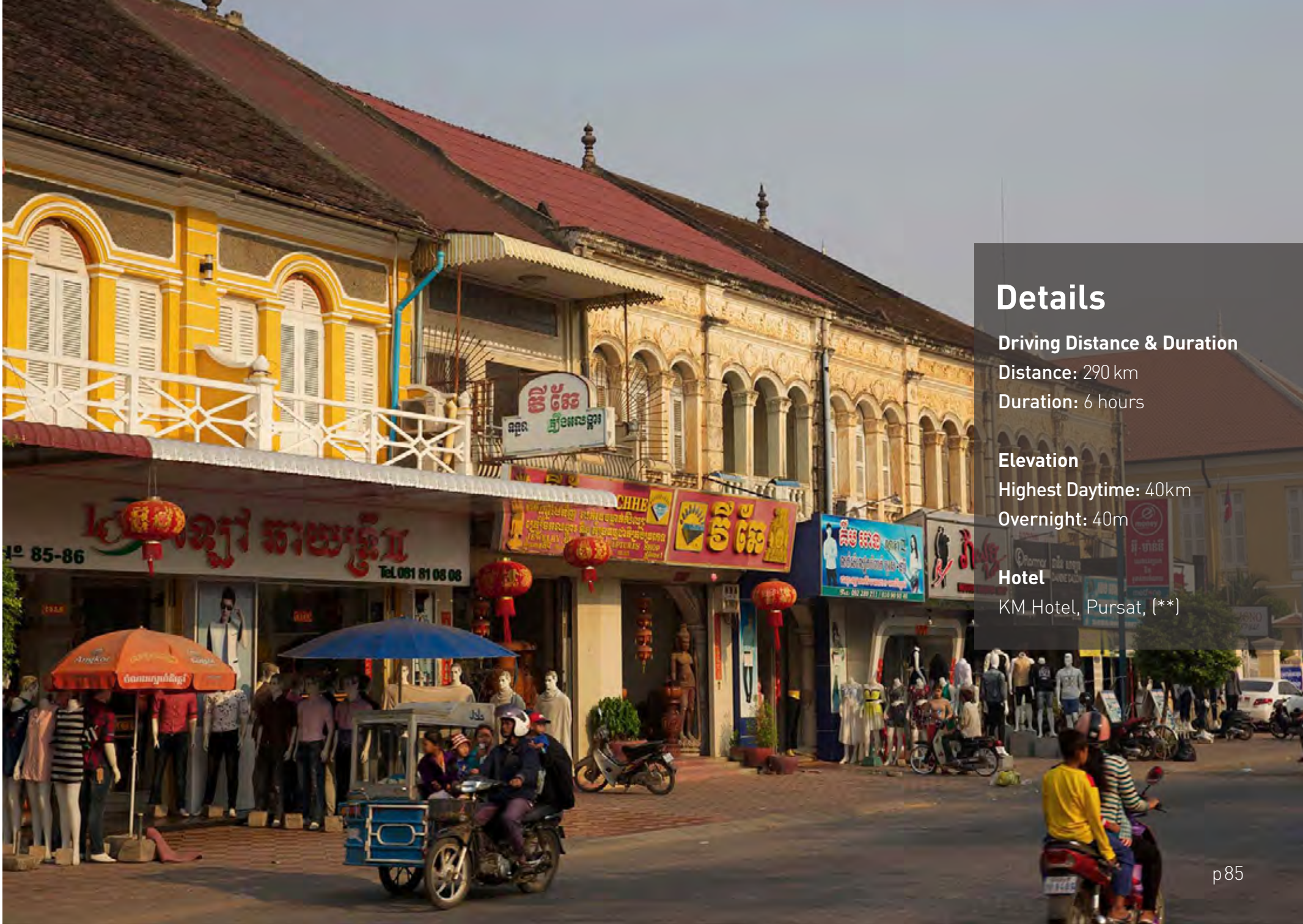
Battambang is currently under consideration for status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, thanks to more than 100 ancient Khmer, Thai and French colonial buildings and the many ancient pagodas and temples that dot the city and its environs. The city itself seems dreamy and poetic when compared to the raw, unbridled energy of Phnom Penh and the mish-mash of Siem Reap. The Sankae River winds its way through downtown Battambang, and a walk along

the riverside is a wonderful way to witness ordinary lives lived by ordinary people with all of the quiet beauty that entails.

We arrive in Battambang for a late lunch in an old villa.

After lunch and a leisurely stroll through Battambang we continue our drive for a late arrival in Pursat. Pursat is the only place in Cambodia where marble is found, and the region Pursat is well-known throughout Cambodia for its marble products. Craftsmen can be seen at work sculpting vast Buddhas and graceful statues. Many workshops and shops in Pursat sell examples of their handiwork.

Please expect the hotel in Pursat to be more basic, but it is the best base for our long drive through the Cardamom mountains the next morning.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 290 km

Duration: 6 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 40km

Overnight: 40m

Hotel

KM Hotel, Pursat, [**]

Day 10
Adventure driving
through the
Cardamom mountains

Today is one of our most adventurous drives on this itinerary, through the Cardamom Mountains to the beautiful south of Cambodia.

The Cardamom Mountains are one of the last real rainforests in Southeast Asia. The roads are partially well-paved, partially under construction and partially still off-road.

Our adventure starts, as we drive on mountainous roads from Pursat to Vang Viel. Up to here the road is usually in good condition, but then follow 100km off road between Vang Viel and O Sam. Thereafter the road improves again until we reach the reception of tonight’s hotel. Here, we park our cars and embark on small boat trip into the jungle to the hotel itself. Unwind at this tranquil Southeast Asian luxury resort with top-of-the-line amenities, cozy rooms filled with the scent of freshly cut flowers, and pristine, unspoiled views for a comfortable and awe-inspiring “glamping” experience.

Details

Driving Distance & Duration
Distance: 290 km
Duration: 9-10 hours

Elevation
Highest Daytime: 1200km
Overnight: 20m

Hotel
4 Rivers Floating Lodge [****]

Day 11
In and around Koh
Kong

Today is a day to relax after our adventurous drive yesterday and to unwind in nature.

You can enjoy tours of the surrounding jungle, mountains and rainforests; go kayaking down the beautiful Tatai River,

or dip in the Tatai Waterfalls followed by an sunset evening cruise. You may never consider boring hotels again! In the evening we meet for dinner at the hotel.

Details

Driving Distance & Duration
Depending on your chosen activity

Elevation
Highest Daytime: 20km
Overnight: 20m

Hotel
4 Rivers Floating Lodge [****]



Day 12

Drive to the coast close to Vietnam and relax on the last day of this journey

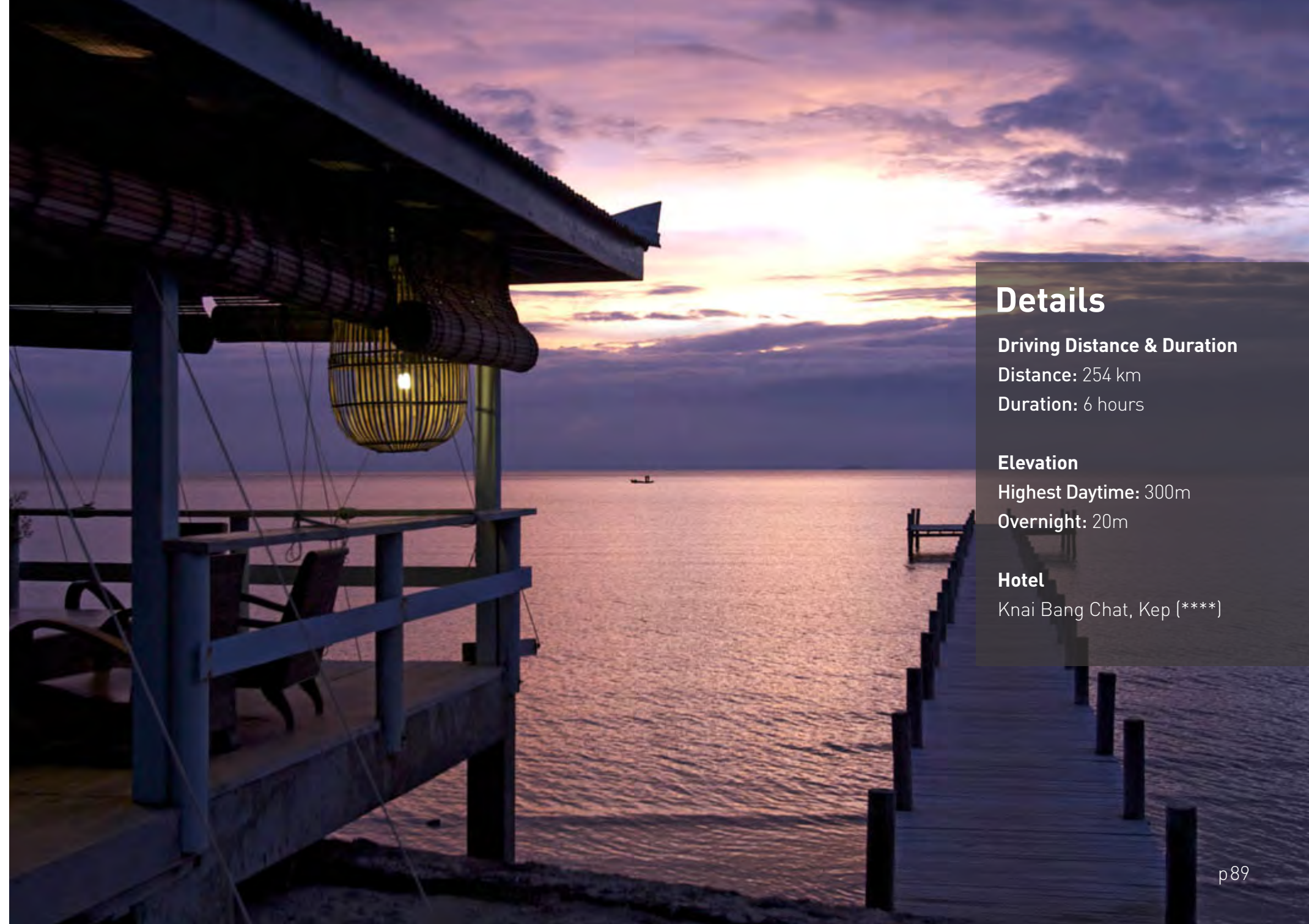
Today is a leisurely drive from Koh Kong along the coast towards Kampot.

En route to our final destination, Kep, we will make a stop at a Kampot Pepper farm. Bordered by the sea, the Kampot pepper growing area has an exceptional climate as regards exposure to the sun, sea breezes, the quality of the land and rainfall during the rainy season – key ingredients for producing some of the world's most fragrant peppercorns.

Kampot is renowned for the beauty of its agricultural landscapes, with palm trees reflecting in the rice fields at sunset, fruit trees (mangos, durian) heavy with fruit and rows of pepper vines climbing up trellises towards the sun.

The region is also known for the quality of life it offers, and the friendliness of its people. In the later afternoon we arrive at our final destination, a small boutique hotel in sleepy Kep. Kep-sur-Mer was once a beach destination for the French colonials and Cambodian high society, and the spirit of a bygone era is elegantly recaptured at your hotel. Bold, modernist architecture set on the simple but stylish seafront awaits us and offers the perfect beachside ending to a cultural trip around this fascinating part of Asia.

Enjoy the sunset and join us for a delicious farewell feast with Kampot pepper specialities and a view over the Gulf of Thailand.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 254 km

Duration: 6 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 300m

Overnight: 20m

Hotel

Knai Bang Chat, Kep [****]

Day 13

Farewell, unless you wish to linger a little longer?

Our journey comes to an end today. We will transfer you to Phnom Penh Airport for your flight home, or you may want to spend some more time in Southern Cambodia and linger a little longer in Kep. Knai Bang Chatt has a sailing club with non-motorised water sports including hobie cats and kayaks (instruction available) and there are some great excursions available, such as a day-trip to idyllic Rabbit Island.

We hope you have enjoyed our road journey away from the tourist paths among unspoiled villages, to Angkor Wat and Cambodia's hidden highlights.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: NA

Duration: NA

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 20m



Choice of Cars

We include in the package price an SUV we procure from Avis or Hertz or another reputable car rental company. Most of the SUVs are Toyotas, but on occasion Mitsubishi's or other brands may also make an appearance. For some itineraries, we are able to offer you an option to upgrade your car to the new models from Audi.

We wish the car rental markets of Southeast Asia would be more developed and we could give you more choice, but this is not so: since we want to provide well-maintained and well-insured cars, the choice is rather limited.

But SUVs are in fact the right choice for driving journeys in this part of the world because they are spacious enough to accommodate a lot of luggage, photography equipment, and

good-and-bad-weather gear. Also, they reinforce the feeling of adventure, exploration and discovery...which is, in the end, the mood of journeys in this region, no matter how comfortable or even luxurious the night's hotel may be.

What's more, they offer sufficient clearance when required and thus add a sense of safety and all-round ability. (4-wheel drive capability is hardly needed in China these days since all roads are either very well-paved or, with good gravel, offer solid support.)

And so SUVs from reputable brands are our car of choice!

**“ ANY car,
as long as
it is an SUV ”**



Adventures and Discoveries in Local Cuisines

While this itinerary is not one of our 'Foodie'-themed journeys, we do believe that each one of our journeys should introduce you not only to hidden gems of cultural and scenic beauty, but that sampling local cuisines is also a must.

Wherever you travel with us, we will order, with very few exceptions, dishes fresh and on location with an emphasis on local produce. It is not uncommon for our guides to venture into the kitchen to pick this, that or the other vegetable and to ask the cook to prepare them in the finest possible way. (On occasion we do pre-order a meal: this will normally be the case only for special occasions!)

Wine and beer is always included in our meals for you to enjoy. (When we travel into high-altitude, we suggest moderation!)

Finally, if you have special dietary requirements are particularly interested in the culinary aspect of one of our journeys, please let us know.

For private journeys, we can, of course, tailor the meal experience to your taste (and budget).



What's Included / Best Months to Go...

Generally speaking, our journey packages and prices are all-inclusive. Once you've paid and you arrive at the starting point, you really won't have to take out your wallet again.

- **Cars** – a modern SUV is provided for all driving days, expertly maintained and serviced by Avis Laos, and covered by the best insurance available. The sending of the cars from Cambodia back to Laos is included as well.
- **International Journey Host, Guide and Support Vehicle** – you will be accompanied by a registered Laos or Cambodian tour guide, an On the Road Experiences host and a fully equipped lead car with a local support driver. In Cambodia we might also have 1 government minder in the lead car.
- **Routes** – A well-researched itinerary and carefully crafted journey experience. You will receive a detailed route book before your departure. We will also supply each car with a pre-programmed GPS and printed maps. (The GPS maps are not yet ideal in Laos and Cambodia though.)
- **Driving License** – All arrangements, fees and permits for driving in Laos and Cambodia are included
- **Fuel & Tolls** – we provide petrol for the car throughout the journey and pay all tolls



- **Flight** – Flight from Vientiane to Pakse is included
- **Airport Transfers** – all airport transfers are included
- **Permits and logistics** –all entry, border crossing and road permits are included.
- **Hotels** – the best available or five-star accommodation is included in each overnight stop

- **Meals** – breakfast (a choice of Western and Local is provided), and lunch and dinner are included on all driving days, as are drinks. Meals on non-driving days as specified above. Prepare for a culinary adventure!
- **Goodies** – you will enjoy an On the Road Home-Away-from-Home Kit containing wet towels, anti-bacterial gel and basic toiletries, and a daily picnic basket containing fresh fruit, fruit juice, water, and a mixture of sweets and nibbles

- **Other Essentials** – we provide each car with walky-talkies
- **Travel Insurance** – including 24-hour medical assistance, evacuation and repatriation emergency service
- **Tips & Entrance Fees** – basic tips and entrance fees for jointly attended activities are included
- **Activities, Meals, Transport** during 'free times' as indicated in this Journey Dossier

What's Not Included

The only items not included in our prices are flights to Vientiane and from Phnom Phenh , your visas, and personal purchases (e.g., gifts, souvenirs).



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