



WORLD MONUMENTS FUND

BEST *of* ANGKOR

JANUARY 3-7, 2012

with John Stubbs



ITINERARY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Arrive in Siem Reap and transfer to hotels. Meet John Stubbs and other travelers in the lobby of the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor for a welcome lunch at 1:00 PM, then depart at 2:30 PM for a visit to the Angkor Archaeological Park, obtaining a five-day pass en route. Visit the ancient city of Angkor Thom, starting at its north gate, followed by a stroll from the Terrace of the Leper King via the Royal Baths to Pimeniakas; then on to Baphuon ending the afternoon with a viewing of the Bayon, the amazing centerpiece temple of Angkor Thom. Return to hotels and enjoy dinner on your own. (Lunch)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Meet in the lobby of the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor at 8:30 AM for short drive to see the legendary temples of Angkor. Founded more than a millennium ago, the historic city of Angkor was the center of the mighty Khmer Empire, which ruled much of Southeast Asia between the ninth and fifteenth centuries A.D. For nearly 20 years, Angkor has been the subject of WMF's signature architectural conservation campaign, and while here we will see WMF's conservation work at the gallery on the temple's east elevation containing the extraordinarily fine depiction of *The Churning of the Sea of Milk* Hindu myth, carved in bas-relief. After exploring the upper reaches of Angkor Wat, we will depart through the site's East Gopura. Around noon, return to hotels for lunch on your own, and then at 2:30 PM regroup in the lobby of the Grand Hotel to return to the Bayon at Angkor Thom, where we will see unique bas-reliefs and sculpted towers. Next we will visit another of Jayavarman VII's marvels, Ta Prohm, in its famous setting among giant trees. At 5:30 PM return to hotels and then meet at 7:30 PM at Viroth's Restaurant for a group dinner. (Dinner)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Meet in the lobby of the Grand Hotel at 8:30 AM to depart for a day-long trip to some of the earliest Angkorian sites, starting at the Roulous Group (late ninth century), located 25 kilometers southeast of Siem Reap. After, take a 90-minute drive to Beng Mealea to walk along timber pathways and wall tops at this grandest of all the Cambodian jungle ruins. After a picnic lunch, drive to the sublimely beautiful Banteay Srei, the "jewel" of Angkor. This small 10th-century temple is famous for its exquisite carvings in pinkish red sandstone. Also known as the citadel of women, the temple is replete with images of goddesses and guardian figures which adorn its niches. At 5:30 PM return to Siem Reap and meet up at the Foreign Correspondents Club for an optional dinner. (Optional Dinner)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Meet again in the lobby of the Grand Hotel at 8:30 AM to travel together to see WMF's conservation project at Phnom Bakheng, one of Angkor's oldest temples, built as a state temple between the late ninth and early tenth centuries. The first mountain-style temple built there, Phnom Bakheng represents Mount Meru, home of the Hindu gods. Later that morning we will visit the Angkor National Museum to see the exhibits of Khmer sculpture there. Return to hotels for lunch on your own and then regroup in the lobby of the Grand Hotel to depart at 2:30 PM for an eco-boat tour of Tonlé Sap and one of its floating villages. Tonlé Sap is the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia and is an ecological marvel that was designated as a UNESCO biosphere in 1997. Return to hotels and then meet at 6:00 PM for dinner at Abacus Restaurant.

(Dinner)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Meet in the lobby of the Grand Hotel at 8:30 AM to go as a group to visit the jewel-like, late twelfth-century temples of Ta Som, which were recently partially restored by World Monuments Fund, and then on to WMF's longest-standing conservation project in Cambodia, the temple of Preah Khan. The historically significant monastic complex of Preah Khan occupies half a square kilometer, with four concentric enclosure walls that embrace a labyrinth of shrines, courts, halls, and pavilions. Its exterior walls are decorated by 72 monumental sandstone *Garudas*, or guardian figures. Toward the end of our visit to Preah Khan the group will view WMF's recently completed Preah Khan Visitors Center, Angkor's only on-site interpretive facility. We will return to the hotels by noon for lunch.

Afternoon and evening departures:

There will be transfers to the airport throughout the afternoon and evening for our departure flights. For those with evening flights, other activities such as additional shopping in the Old Market of Siem Reap, or a return to a favorite site at Angkor will be available by special arrangement.

(Optional Lunch)



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LAND COST

All rates are per person

\$2,000 per person

Included in Costs

- Dinners on January 4 and 6
- All transfers and ground transportation in Cambodia in private, air-conditioned vehicles
- Leadership services of a WMF leader, local guides, and drivers
- Customary gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Tax deductible contribution to WMF of \$750

NOT Included in Land Cost

- Airfare, hotels, or meals not specified or marked as “optional”
- Entrance fees to stated sites, portage, service charges and taxes
- Fee for Cambodia visa
- Airport departure tax in Cambodia
- Medical and Accident Insurance and Assistance Plan
- Trip cancellation, travel delay or baggage insurance
(*Note: this optional coverage is highly recommended*)

TERMS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Below are a number of suggestions, considerations, and requirements for participation in the World Monuments Fund’s Visit to Angkor. Approximately 15–20 trip participants will visit WMF projects and much else at the Angkor Archaeological Park in Cambodia over a four-and-a-half-day period. John H. Stubbs, WMF’s Senior Advisor, will lead the tour.

Arrivals: Please plan to arrive in Siem Reap by 1 PM on Tuesday, January 3 as we will begin our introduction to Angkor after lunch that day.

Departures: On Saturday, January 7, the final day of the tour, flights from Siem Reap to Bangkok and other regional hubs begin around 1 PM with several additional departure options beginning around 6 PM. WMF will be providing transfers to the Siem Reap airport throughout Saturday, and for those leaving on later flights there will be activities that afternoon in Siem Reap or Angkor by special arrangement.

Itinerary: Please see the itinerary for the trip which offers in WMF’s experience the best presentation of the temples and key sites of Angkor and its environs over a period of five and a half days.

Logistics: WMF has engaged Khin Po Thai, an outstanding local guide and former WMF staff member, to help organize all travel and related logistics throughout the tour. Included in the tour package will be two organized evening group dinners on January 4 and 6. Other evenings are optional participation, and you may dine at your hotel or elsewhere at your cost.

Transfers and Tour Transportation: If you provide WMF with your flight numbers and arrival and departure times, Thai will see that you are picked up on arrival from the Siem Reap International Airport and delivered to your hotel and vice versa on your departure. Should you prefer transfers to and from the airport via services

offered by your hotels, kindly inform WMF. All transportation associated with seeing the Angkor archaeological park, the Tonle Sap, and group visits to the center of Siem Reap will be provided by our tour bus(es). Other ground transportation around Siem Reap is easily arranged with hotel-provided cars, cyclos, or by waving down a cyclo driver who will take you anywhere for a negotiated price.

Visas and Passports on Arrival: All foreign visitors to Cambodia can easily obtain entrance visas to Cambodia online or upon arrival, which for most participants will be at the Siem Reap International Airport. Most airlines, including Thai Airways and Bangkok/Siem Reap Airways, distribute Visa application forms and Customs Declaration forms on their flights into Cambodia in time for you to complete the forms while en route. **IMPORTANT:** In order to obtain a Visa on entrance to Cambodia you must have a valid passport with at least three blank pages, two passport size photographs of yourself, and US\$20 cash. If you chose to obtain a visa online, simply staple the printed form into your passport. Upon submitting these forms along with your passport to the officials at the long desk on the left as you enter the Siem International Airport, you will need to pay the Visa fee of US\$20 cash. After your visa is prepared you may then collect your passport with your visa papers and proceed through the immigration, baggage claim, and customs declaration process. Unless you have made other plans for airport transfer, a staff member of the WMF tour will be waiting for you at the airport exit with your name on a placard to take you to your hotel.

Insurance and Responsibility: It is strongly recommended that each tour participant obtains his or her own travel, health, and accident insurance valid for the duration of this trip. Any special medications and attending to pre-existing health issues are the responsibility of each traveler. WMF is not responsible for any medical emergencies or related costs, nor for death or injury. For potential travel medications recommended or required, please visit <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/cambodia.aspx>

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RESERVATION FORM

Please mail or fax this reply form by November 1, 2011 with your payment to:

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Address _____

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Phone () _____ Fax () _____ Email _____

Air: From _____ Outbound Date ____/____/____ Return Date ____/____/____

Name of hotel where you are staying in Cambodia (please include date of arrival):

☐ **Check(s) Enclosed:** \$_____ (Please make check payable to "World Monuments Fund")

☐ **Credit Card Payment:** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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RELEASE FORM

Please review, sign, and return this waiver with your payment by November 1, 2011

I, _____, residing at _____,
in consideration of the World Monuments Fund (“WMF”) allowing me to participate in the activity known as “Best of Angkor with John Stubbs,” hereby agree as follows:

I assume all risks arising from my participation in all this activity and will hold harmless WMF and its trustees, members, officers, employees and agents (the “Indemnitees”) from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, actions, causes of action, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may hereafter arise on account of any loss, damage or injury (including death) to myself or my property suffered or incurred, regardless of the cause thereof, in connection with any aspect of any activity in which I participate as a volunteer of WMF or any related activity. I intend to release you from all liability arising from your negligence but not your gross negligence or willful misconduct.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, actions, causes of action, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, those with respect to property damage and injury or death to any person or persons (and including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs of litigation incurred in connection therewith) which may result from or be caused by my own actions.

I understand and agree that this release applies to, covers and includes unknown, unforeseen, and unanticipated risks and the consequences thereof, including death, injury, illness, lost or damaged property, or monetary or financial damage. I hereby waive the benefit of any state, federal, local, provincial, territorial or other law or statute providing in substance that releases or waivers shall not extend to claims that are unknown, unforeseen or unanticipated at the time the release or waiver is executed or delivered..

I understand and agree that WMF may use photographs, video recordings and audio recordings of me taken or recorded while I am participating in the activity known as “Best of Angkor with John Stubbs,” and I hereby release irrevocably all rights of any kind in such photographs, video recordings, or audio recordings and consent to WMF’s perpetual worldwide use of such photographs, video recordings and audio recordings and their reproduction and distribution in all media. This release includes any and all claims I may have, however characterized, including claims of rights of privacy and publicity, false light, libel, defamation and copyright. I agree that WMF may reproduce such photographs, video recordings or audio recordings and all or any part of their content in any format WMF chooses and use them for any purpose related to its nonprofit operations (including commercial use in promotional materials, public relations, and advertising) as WMF may determine, without compensation to me. I understand that WMF will rely on this release and that I cannot revoke, withdraw or cancel it.

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the above agreement and agree to be bound by it. I further certify that I am 18 years of age or older.

Signature (required)

Date

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