



1 Day : Koh Ker & Beng Mealea

After breakfast at your hotel, we set off to explore Koh Ker and Beng Mealea temple complexes. Also known as the Lotus Pond temples (pyramid temple), their age is undefined by archeologists, and remain largely un-restored.

Koh Ker is a remote archaeological site in northern Cambodia about 120 kilometres (75 mi) away from Siem Reap and the ancient site of Angkor. It is a jungle filled region that is sparsely populated. More than 180 sanctuaries were found in a protected area of 81 square kilometres. Only about two dozen monuments can be visited by tourists because most of the sanctuaries are hidden in the forest and the whole area is not fully demined.

Stop for lunch (at your own expense) at a recommended local restaurant afterwards.

After lunch we continue to Beng Mealea, 40 kilometers east of the main Angkor Wat complex. The temple was mainly constructed from sandstone, with its architectural style identical to that of Angkor Wat. Because of this, it is thought that Beng Mealea was built in the 12th century under the reign of Suryavarman II. The temple grounds are surrounded by a gigantic moat and was once entirely consumed by jungle. This atmospheric temple is oriented toward the east, with entranceways from the other three cardinal directions also. If entering from the south, visitors will find themselves amid piles of chiseled sandstone blocks, sweeping vines, and mysterious dark chambers.

The layout of the temple consists of three enclosed galleries situated around a central tower, which has now completely collapsed. There's a well-preserved library in the northeastern quadrant, plus extensive carvings of scenes from Hindu mythology and long balustrades formed by bodies of the seven-headed Naga serpent, a fascinating look back in time.

Then, with cold drink in hand, we drive back to Siem Reap in comfort. To your hotel, dinner or airport,

Price Per Vehicle:

Tuk Tuk (1-4pax) : \$

Car (AC - 1 - 4 Pax) : \$

Minivan (AC 1 - 8 Pax) : \$