

Sketch Book Holiday
Angkor Wat
Temples of Cambodia

Tour dates: 10 days 27 June - 6 July 2016



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Painting & Arts Holiday and much more

A Painting Holiday and a classic adventure that we think would inspire Gauguin.

This is the opportunity to personally indulge in your passion for sketching and painting; mentored by an inspiring, multi award winning professional artist at the famous Angkor Wat temples of Cambodia.

Our back drop is Angkor Wat temples and the ancient Khmer Empire's lost city of Angkor Thom. Your base is a beautiful Boutique Residence which comprises 2 large traditional wooden Khmer French style villas with tropical jungle gardens, large salt water pool and renowned restaurant.



Siem Reap township

Our hotel is close to the Siem Reap river and minutes to the township center, our artist provides steady guidance sharing artistic experiences and knowledge with you. Watercolors, acrylics, pastel painting and drawing are all wonderful mediums you can explore on tour.

We won't neglect the wonderful Temples and include private tours with our temple guide, Master Class at a local artist's studio and gallery and if your up for it, maybe an elephant ride, a sunset experience as the locals do it, and some pretty amazing traditional villages on the great lake Tonle Sap.

A truly amazing experience awaits you.

Painting Holiday Itinerary - Siem Reap

Day 1 - Arrival & Welcome Dinner in The Restaurant

Arrive at the Siem Reap International Airport and transfer to your accommodation. Settle in and meet up for a Welcome dinner and cocktails around 7pm.

Day 2 - Orientation, Painting at a local market and Artisans d' Angkor

8.30am After breakfast we meet for a city orientation, we stop for some en plein air sketching then off to the town center for look around. We stop at Artisans d' Angkor for a tour of their craft workshops and gallery. Evening at leisure.

Day 3 - Angkor Wat

7.30pm Today will be an amazing day. We leave after an early breakfast to visit Angkor Wat with our guides to sketch and tour the temple. We have a temple guide to show us around and our artist will take us to some great locations for sketches. We stop for a lunch/coffee break before heading back around 1pm. Evening at leisure.

Day 4 - Ta Prohm Temples Adventure

8.00am After breakfast we head out with our sketch pads in hand to one of the great atmospheric temples - Ta Prohm, where we stop for some sketching and then explore this beautiful little temple with our guide. We finish about 12.30pm and have a nice ride back to the hotel through the jungle areas surrounding the temples. Evening at leisure.

Day 5 - Ancient city of Angkor Thom & en plein air Sketching

8.00am Another early morning and the best time of day to explore the ancient city of Angkor Thom with our guide and explore the famous Bayon and its many faces along with other impressive temple ruins close by. We take the tuk tuks and visit the North Gate entry for some sketching by the moat and old city wall before heading back to our accommodation around 1pm. Evening at leisure.

Day 6 - Free Day

Today is a free day for you to shop explore or just relax. Maybe do some sketching or take a tour, have a massage by the pool, explore the markets. See Options page on the website for things to enhance your stay.

Day 7 - Kompong Phluk & The Great Lake Tonle Sap

7.30am We are up early for breakfast. Today is a big day out. Bring your sketch pads and your camera. You are in for a wonderful treat. Kompong Phluk, "The Stilted Village" is located on the Great Lake Tonle Sap. We travel through villages stopping at a local market before boarding a boat that takes us to the Flooded Forest, past rice fields to Kompong Phluk - a truly amazing site. We have a Khmer style lunch in one of the houses and stay for some sketching time before returning around 4pm. Evening at leisure.



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Day 8 - Village Sketching and Local Artist Studio & Workshop Visit

9.00am Breakfast can be a bit later today. This morning is a more relaxed sketching day at a local village that is quite picturesque. After an hour or two we stop for refreshments close by before heading off to visit a Local Artists Studio Gallery and Workshop. A bit of time here and back in time for a late lunch and swim.

6.30pm *Tonight if you would like to join us, Leonie & Glen will take you to the Night Market areas in downtown Siem Reap and along some of the hidden alleyways and back streets

Day 9 - Free Day, Farewell Dinner and Art Show

Today is a free day for you to shop explore or just relax.

7.00pm We all meet up this evening for our "Art Show", a Farewell dinner and drinks in the hotel restaurant.

Day 10 - Transfer to your flights

Transfer to the International Airport for your flight.



Award Winning Artist

Leonie Norton

Award winning Australian artist, Leonie Norton is a practicing professional botanical artist, one of Australia's most prominent and highly qualified botanical educators and a leading artist in her field.

"Art is my profession, my interest, my pastime and my all consuming passion. My watercolour paintings are exquisitely detailed botanical and natural history subjects. The balance in my life is pen and wash sketching for its liberty and spontaneous expression.

As an artist and tutor I share my knowledge, experience and skills with others. I teach botanical art in many areas of Australia and also in New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and Fiji

I love to travel and explore different cultures, experience unique scenery and architecture and visually record my adventures. Through my Holiday Sketching Tours I take small groups to affordable and exciting overseas destinations including, Cambodia and Vietnam," - Leonie Norton



Art Material for your Sketching Holiday

What our artists use

- HB Pencil or clutch pencil 0.5mm HB
- Pencil sharpener
- Black Waterproof Pigment Liners or Drafting Pens, water resistant 0.05mm NOT 0.5mm (Staedtler is one brand).
- White plastic eraser
- Grey kneadable eraser
- Water Brush Pens: 1 medium, 1 large. Has reservoir for water and nylon brush. Don't purchase 'Royal Aquaflow' brand.
- Flat square brushes are useful for larger areas of wash (optional).
- Coloured Aquarelle Pencils (Water Soluble) Optional
- A small lightweight Backpack is very useful for carrying materials
- Small box Tissues

WATERCOLOUR SKETCHBOOKS

These are available in all shapes and sizes. A small pocket sketchbook is useful to carry at all times. A good size is approx 8x5 in (20x12.5 cms). Use sketchbooks with 300gsm smooth cold pressed watercolour paper (not rough

*Note: You can buy an A5 cold pressed watercolour pad, or an A4 which can be cut in half at Officeworks and bound into a book, ready for sketching.

COMPACT SKETCHERS' POCKET BOX WATERCOLOUR SET (or similar)

Useful colours:

Cadmium Lemon, Cadmium Yellow, Cadmium Red, Permanent Rose, French Ultramarine, Cerulean Blue, Burnt Umber, Sepia, Raw Sienna, Yellow Ochre, Cobalt Green, Alizarin Crimson

These colours can be taken in tubes, if you already have them. There is no necessity to buy them specifically.

COLOUR PENCILS

If you would like to use coloured pencils, bring a selection of colours.

It does not matter if they are water soluble or not. These can be used for sketching, or in conjunction with watercolours.

Some useful green coloured pencils are:

Sap Green, Olive Green, Pine Green, Cedar Green, Apple Green.

Please note - some supplies are available locally in Siem Reap however we cannot guarantee availability in this provincial country town. Pack supplies into a plastic sealable bag for travelling in your suitcase - **NOT IN HAND LUGGAGE.**



Accommodation

4 Star Boutique Residence

Our accommodation is a traditional Khmer style property in Siem Reap located close to Siem Reap river and the township center with easy access to the famous Angkor Wat temples, Old Market area, downtown shopping and the international airport.

The rooms are finished in wood trim and a signature combination of traditional Khmer design and sophisticated international amenities. As well as beautiful decoration in the form of hand-carved wooden furnishings and traditional Khmer silk, modern touches are clearly visible with flat-screen televisions and contemporary bathrooms throughout.

Beyond the rooms is a secluded swimming pool, tucked away from public view. There is also a small bar-restaurant around the pool, where the included breakfast can be enjoyed each morning before exploring the temples. The Restaurant has a full menu of Khmer classics and international delights.



*Please note

The accommodation displayed on this page is our first preference. Accommodation may vary subject to availability at the time of booking for the Painting Holiday dates. Accommodation bookings are confirmed prior to final payment (one month before we leave). Alternative accommodation venues that may be selected will be to a similar standard - Painting Holidays.

Important stuff

Holiday Costs

Painting Holiday rates are in AUD\$ per person for the Holiday itinerary described in this document and do not include airfares or travel and costs other than those included in the itinerary.

Accommodation

We choose to stay in 4 Star Boutique style accommodation that has a traditional flavour to it. All rooms have quality modern amenities and an ensuite with access to WIFI or internet. Additional nights are available; please advise us as early as possible if you wish to book early arrival or late stay nights.

Inclusions

- Accommodation either Deluxe Balcony or Deluxe Ground Floor Rooms - Twin share or Single
- Airport transfers arrival and departure.
- Welcome Dinner per person on arrival night.
- All transport costs for tours, studio visits, galleries, tips and locations included on the final itinerary.
- Other meals where listed as being provided part of a tour or outing.
- Art Show and Final Night Dinner.
- Local Artist Studio, workshop and Gallery entry fees.
- Private tours - Angkor Adventure, Kompong Phlluk, Artisan d' Angkor, Angkor Thom temple visit - all fully guided include transport.
- Painting Master Class demonstration by our featured artist.
- Night Market Walking Tour with Leonie & Glen
- Listed sessions of tuition and personal mentoring on sketching days.

What is not included

- Airfares
- Elephant or balloon rides, additional sunset/sunrise experiences not included in the itinerary.
- Personal transport not included in the itinerary.
- All art materials, paints, brushes, papers and other consumables
- Travel and Medical insurance - **To join the tour we require that you are covered by insurance that covers you for travel and medical emergencies and ask that you provide a copy of your **travel insurance documents, passport number and expiry date** and an **emergency contact person** prior to departure.**

Your Health and other precautions

We suggest you see your doctor before you leave. Check with your GP about any vaccinations they might recommend for SE Asia and environs. Mosquitoes can pass on Malaria and Denghi fever and precautions should be taken whilst travelling. Hotels regularly run pest control programs for insects and other pests. International standard hospitals, medical clinics, chemists and dental facilities are available if required. Please advise us if you are taking any medications while you are on holidays.

More important stuff

Weather

From December to April the climate in Cambodia is at its driest with abundant sunshine and temperatures that range from 20-32°C and **high season for tourists**. Seasons change in late March with April being the hottest month. The south western monsoons from late May to early October see rain fall mostly in the afternoon, accounting for 70% - 80% of annual rainfall. Temperatures range from 22 - 34° C and can sometimes be quite humid. **It is an excellent time to be in Cambodia**. Forest vegetation is lush with new growth and many of the temples that have water features are full during this time.

Money

The local currency is reil with about 4200 reil/\$1USD. **Visitors are generally expected to pay in USD**. Most local bank ATM machines dispense USD. There is a \$4 - \$5 bank fee for international withdrawals. We suggest you initially bring a small amount of USD (\$200 - \$300). We also suggest you do not bring **travellers cheques** or **Travellers Cash cards** as bank fees are very high and many banks or exchanges will not accept these. Other currencies can be exchanged with money changers.

Visas Passports & Costs

Tourist Visa entry is \$20USD per person which you can easily apply for at the airport on arrival. Apply online at <http://www.evisa-cambodia.net/> for **\$70USD (includes processing and currency fees)**. Your passport must have a minimum of 6 months validity to gain entry.

Airlines

Most major airlines can arrange connecting flights into Siem Reap, Cambodia. Main connecting capital cities are Bangkok (Thailand), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Singapore and Ho Chi Min City (Vietnam). Flights to Siem Reap also arrive from Hong Kong, Hanoi, Vientiane and Guangzhou.

Siem Reap International Airport is 12km (7 miles) north of Siem Reap city, about 20 minutes driving time.

Regular multi and bi-weekly flights are available with JetStar, Air Asia, QANTAS, SilkAir, Vietnam Airlines, Bangkok Airlines and others who regularly fly to Siem Reap. Speak to your travel agent or buy online direct.

Minimum Numbers and Alteration to Holiday Rates

Each Painting Holiday has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of guests travelling.

In the event that fewer than the minimum number of guests have confirmed their booking 60 days from the date of commencement or there is an unforeseen rate change in the cost of travel and accommodation services, Painting Holidays reserves the right to offer alternative arrangements to proceed with the Holiday at a modified price or cancel the Holiday, giving a full refund of monies paid.

