



rams Cambodia

THE TEMPLE RIDER TOUR

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Tour Outline

The Kingdom of Cambodia, an enchanting land with an amazing history.

Come and join us on an off-road motorcycle adventure in the wonderful Kingdom of Cambodia. Experience a nine day custom itinerary tour starting in Siem Reap, taking on some of the best off-road riding in the country, as well as visiting forgotten jungle Temples.

Motorcycles meet extreme adventure in one of the worlds most beautiful and unspoilt countries.

Aim of the Tour: To find the best and most remote off-road riding by day with the best accommodation by night.

Go where only dirt bikes can travel.



Special Highlights

Preah Khan Temple. Third biggest temple of the Angkorian period and the most remote. Recently cut from the jungle but still without major road access, so lacking in visitors or infrastructure. A truly lost temple in the wilds, surrounded by woodland full of birds.

Route 66. Laid down over 1000 years ago linking the main temples in the province of Preah Vihear to the temples of Siem Reap and abandoned hundreds of years later in the empire's decline. Used only by small motorcycles and ox-carts, the trail winds its way through the jungle, crossing carved Angkorian bridges and statues hidden in the forest.

Camping in an Angkorian Temple. An opportunity not to be missed while it is still available. Preah Vihear and Koh Ker have both had new roads built to them which have yet to affect the number of people visiting them but time waits for no man and one day this area will be almost as busy as the temples of Siem Reap and camping in them will be out of the question. Catch it while you can.

Phnom Penh. Explore the cities beauty and discover the true darkness of the Khmer Rouge by visiting the Killing Fields and Toal Sleng Prison. Phnom Penh is also becoming increasingly famous throughout the region for the quality of its cuisine and the fast pace of life.

Siem Reap. The most amazing collection of ancient temples on the planet. Explore Ankor Wat and Ankor Thom, backdrop to endless movies

Tour Itinerary - The Temple Rider Tour

Day One – Arrival at Phnom Penh.

Check in to hotel, take dinner and head out on the town.

Day Two – Explore Phnom Penh, Bike hand-over.

In the morning visit one of the many sights in Phnom Penh, groups will be organised to visit Cheoung Ek (Killing Fields) and Tuol Sleng or where ever you fancy.

Late afternoon assemble at the hotel for the bike hand-over and pre-ride briefing.

First Day of the ride:

Day Three: Phnom Penh To Snoul. (@220km's)

Dawn start from Phnom Penh. Leave the highway for the first 20 km's out of town and ride along the edge of the Tonle Sap River avoiding the traffic and enjoy the first views of the countryside. Visit a local Pagoda and get a Buddhist blessing from the monks, for good luck and to ward off evil spirits whilst on our trip. Jump across the main highway and ride alongside the Mekong River via Silk Island.

Visit our first Angkorian Era temple at Wat Nokor. Continue on to Snoul, the bombing of which sparked the Kent State Riots during the Vietnam War Era.

Road Conditions (RC) – Paved with some graded dirt trails next to the Mekong River.

Grade – Easy.

Day Four: Snoul to Sen Monorom, (Mondulkiri)
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Leave the black top behind for the start of the southern end of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. No more tarmac now until the end of the trip. Ride up to Sen Monorom using a lesser-known jungle trail only used by motorcycles or the most hardcore 4x4's, known locally as the Kings Highway. If we make good progress we will visit the spectacular Bou Sra Waterfall's.

RC – Starts tarmac, heads off-road, rocky hill climbs through the forest.

Grade - Medium

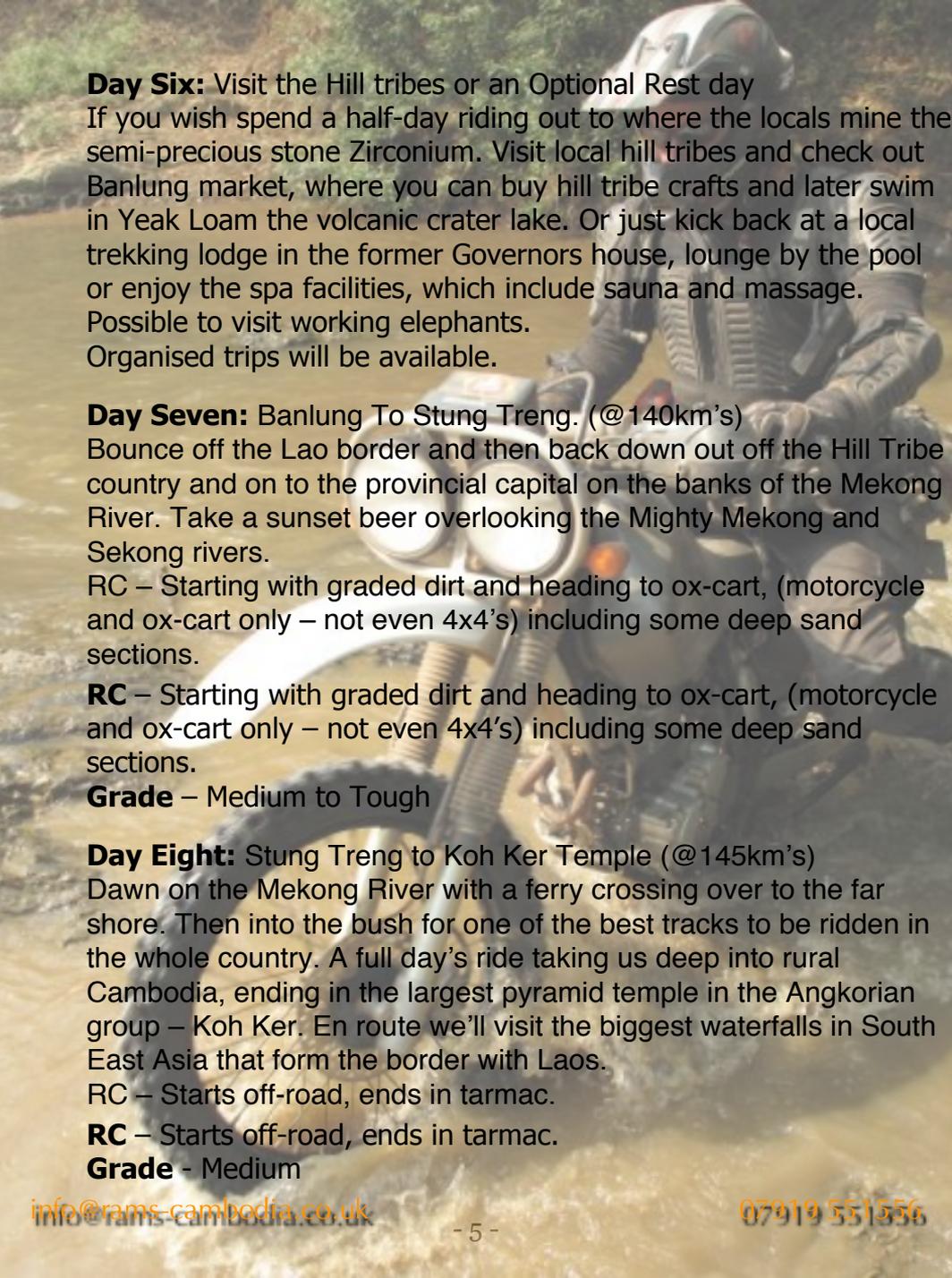
Day Five: Mondulkiri to Ratanakiri, Via the Death Highway
(@160km's)

This morning we tackle the infamous 'Death Highway riding through Lumphat and the remote village of Kon Niek. The day ends with a ferry boat crossing the Sre Pok the 'Apocalypse Now' river. The ride is tough but extremely rewarding.

(Easier alternative available).

RC – Starting with graded dirt and heading to ox-cart, (motorcycle and ox-cart only – not even 4x4's) including some deep sand sections.

Grade – Medium to Tough

A person wearing a helmet and riding gear is riding a motorcycle on a dirt road. The background is slightly blurred, showing a natural, outdoor setting.

Day Six: Visit the Hill tribes or an Optional Rest day

If you wish spend a half-day riding out to where the locals mine the semi-precious stone Zirconium. Visit local hill tribes and check out Banlung market, where you can buy hill tribe crafts and later swim in Yeak Loam the volcanic crater lake. Or just kick back at a local trekking lodge in the former Governors house, lounge by the pool or enjoy the spa facilities, which include sauna and massage.

Possible to visit working elephants.

Organised trips will be available.

Day Seven: Banlung To Stung Treng. (@140km's)

Bounce off the Lao border and then back down out off the Hill Tribe country and on to the provincial capital on the banks of the Mekong River. Take a sunset beer overlooking the Mighty Mekong and Sekong rivers.

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Day Eight: Stung Treng to Koh Ker Temple (@145km's)

Dawn on the Mekong River with a ferry crossing over to the far shore. Then into the bush for one of the best tracks to be ridden in the whole country. A full day's ride taking us deep into rural Cambodia, ending in the largest pyramid temple in the Angkorian group – Koh Ker. En route we'll visit the biggest waterfalls in South East Asia that form the border with Laos.

RC – Starts off-road, ends in tarmac.

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Grade - Medium

Day Nine: Koh Ker to TBY via Preah Vihear Temple

Straight into the wilderness this morning and through some former Khmer Rouge villages. We're heading for the Thai border and the disputed temple of Preah Vihear that sits on top of a plateau overlooking Cambodia.

RC – Starts off-road, with some sand to play in, steep tarmac hill climb, ends in tarmac.

Grade - Medium

Day Ten: T'Beang Meanchey to Prasat Bak Khan (Preah Khan) (@130km's)

Ride on South East Asia's own Route 66, Camp near the ancient and deserted ruins of the enormous temple site of Preah Khan.

Bathe in a nearby river. Enjoy one of the legendary RAMS barbeques, while watching the sunset over the sacred site.

RC – Tarmac, graded dirt finishing in ox-cart. Some sand to play in.

Grade - Medium

Day Eleven: Preah Khan to Siem Reap (@140km's)

Complete Route 66, passing the Beng Mealea Temple eventually arriving At Siem Reap the home of Angkor Wat. Drinks around the pool.

RC – The sting in the tail – a little of everything we've seen!

Grade - Tough

Day Twelve: Siem Reap

Hire a local TukTuk's and visit some of the temples that together make-up the world's largest collection of ancient religious monuments, including the Grand-daddy of them all - Angkor Wat. Or if temples aren't your thing then head down to the floating village and sample life lived on the Great Lake, the Tonle Sap.

Day Thirteen – Group Fly Out.

NOTE:

Clients will have to arrange their own transport back to Phnom Penh if not on the pre-arranged party bus to the airport. The route has been altered from the original itinerary due to increased road building. We aim to keep you as far off-road as we can at all times.

Due to the tour being close to the end of the wet season the severity of the wet season may also alter the route.

Any sections that mention 'Ox-Cart' there will be no support vehicle behind us, it will endeavour to meet us at the end of the day with the exception of Veal Veng and Kamlot where the truck cannot pass or follow.

Price Of The Tour

13 days = £2400 + flights

This includes:

- Motorcycle Mounted Guide(s) and Mechanic(s).
- UK based Medics riding with the group.
- Meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner unless otherwise specified.
- Accommodation on a twin share basis.
- Tickets and passes to all locations with the exception of Angkor Wat.
- Support Vehicle or vehicles.
- Motorcycle rental and transportation of bikes to start of the event and from the end of the event.
- Regular wear and tear to the motorcycles of both rider and guide.
- Airport pick-up and drop off, unless arriving/ departing independently of the main group.
- Branded tour t-shirt.

This does not include:

- Fuel for the motorcycles.
- Any alcohol consumed during the course of the tour by either guide or participant.
- Any accident damage caused to a participants motorcycle while on tour. All accident damage costs must be paid by the participant.
- Expenses incurred that are not listed as part of the itinerary.
- Any plane flights.
- Medical treatment or evacuation of a participant either as a result of being on tour or not as a result of being on tour.
- Medical or evacuation insurance.
- Cost of transferring deposit money/tour payments to Cambodia.

RAMS/Cambodia Expeditions cannot guarantee the presence of any wildlife that may be specified in any of the RAMS tours.

RAMS reserves the right to change any and all itineraries without notice.

All participants in RAMS events must have adequate independent travel and health insurance, purchased in their home country, to cover the participant in any and all events requested by the participant.

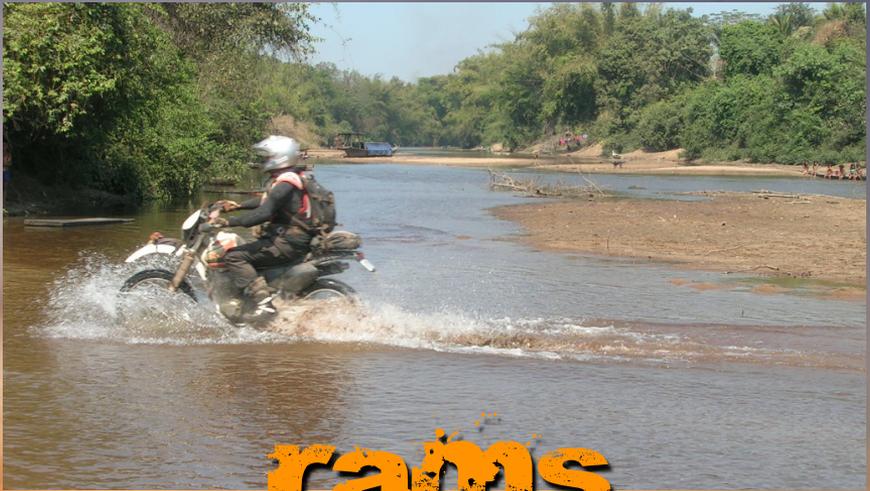
RAMS will take no responsibility for extra costs incurred by a participant during a tour through accident or injury.

Participation in RAMS Tour requires participants to be physically fit and healthy.

Any existing health conditions should be indicated to the Expedition Leader prior to departure.



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