



5-Day Kratie & Mondulkiri Explorer Tour (5 days / 4 nights)

Go off the beaten track to explore the rolling hills & wilds of Mondulkiri, Mekong river lifestyle of Kratie; a perfect break between Phnom Penh & Siem Reap. Northeastern part of Cambodia has become one of the big tourist destinations offering real potential with protected community forests, remote rivers, traditional villages and ethnic minority tribes. Making it a unique ecotourism area of the country.

Highlights

- Learn from our friendly guide about the history and culture of Cambodia
- Watch Irrawaddy river dolphins by boat
- Explore the magnificent double drop waterfall of Bou Sraa in Mondulkiri highland
- Bounong hill tribe community elephant trekking
- Learn about Cambodian life and seasonal crops
- Journey through countryside and rural villages

Itinerary

Each tour begins with Evening briefing. At 4pm we will meet at your hotel in Phnom Penh for a journey briefing. It is the first opportunity for everyone to meet the guide on their trip and to run over the final details so everyone knows what to expect.

Day 1: Phnom Penh to Mondulkiri including Spiderville and Rubber Farms. (-/-/-)

Today is a long drive up to 9 hours but interesting. 8:00am-8:30am hotel pick-up time depending on location. Your friendly English speaking and knowledgeable guide greets you with a traditional Khmer welcome. We leave Phnom Penh and travel northeast to the bustling provincial city of Kompong Cham. En route, there is the chance to pause at Skuon, affectionately known as 'Spiderville', where it is possible to sample the local delicacy of deep fried tarantula. We then enjoy a local lunch in Kompong Cham. During dry season (Jan-May), we can visit the bamboo bridge built across the mighty Mekong River connecting mainland to Koh Pen Island. Our road journey continues on the east bank of the Mekong River past many rubber farms. There are many opportunities to stop along the way to experience rubber collecting and pepper plantation. We travel east towards the small junction town of Snuol, our gateway to the wilds of Mondulkiri highland. We turn right and leave



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behind the surfaced roads of civilization to take on the red earth roads of hill country. The first half of the journey from Snuol is flat, passing through patches of lush forest and areas of cultivation and plantations. After Kau Sima district, the road snakes up through the mountains that give Mondulkiri its name of ‘where the mountains meet’. We might also see wild monkeys out on the road. We reach Mondulkiri capital Sen Monorom around 5:00pm and check in to a comfortable lodge.
 + Accommodation: Hotel/lodge in Sen Monorom, Monudlkiri

Day 2: Mondulkiri – Eco-friendly Elephant Experience at BEP. (B/L/-)

Today, we will have a full day visit one of the Eco-friendly elephant project, called Bunong Elephant Project (BEP) where elephants are being rescued from hard work like pulling the tree out from the farm and carry heavy things up the mountain. We travel by road out of Sen Monorom to one the hill top where we will start walking around 40 minutes through the valleys and forests to the project field work. You will be introduced to the herd of elephants and get to know more about their history, character, behavior, body language and relationship with mahout family. You will be able to feed the elephant buckets of bananas. At noon, the elephant must be taken to pastures for at least 2 hours in order to make sure they get enough food for the day. Elephants eat up to 300 kg of vegetation per day in order to sustain themselves. While the elephant is grazing, you will have a lunch break. Then, you will be learn more detail about elephant and the community from the elephant guide.

In the afternoon, the mahout will bring the elephant to the river for a wash. You are welcomed to get in the water and give them a hand. Afterwards, we leave the elephants and start walking out different way towards a village where your driver is waiting for. Closer to the village, there is a big hill so you will challenge yourself.

+ Accommodation: Hotel/lodge in Sen Monorom, Monudlkiri

“Cambodian Pride Tours has been supporting elephant experience with Bounong Hill Tribe in order to reduce their use of elephants in hard working activities; such as pulling trees or clear up forests for farming. The more tourists arrive the more they understand about taking care of their elephants. With our elephant experience you help the elephants and their keepers.”

Day 3: Bou Sra Waterfall, Coffee Farm Resort. Travel to Kratie. (B/-/-)

We leave Sen Monorom and head east towards the double drop waterfall of Bou Sraa, one of the most famous in Cambodia. It is possible to access both drops and there are swimming opportunities. Along the way, we may stop at a Pnong minority village to learn a little about their way of life. After a visit to Bou Sra Waterfall we come to visit a local coffee grower (Unique product in the province).

After lunch in Sen Monorom, we leave behind the wilds of Mondulkiri, we travel to provincial city of Kratie, a sleepy Mekong port and gateway to an encounter with the rare freshwater Irrawaddy dolphin that inhabit the upper reaches of the Mekong in Cambodia. Once we arrive Kratie, we check in to hotel where we will spend the night.

+ Accommodation: Hotel in Kratie

Optional Program

- Mayura Zipline @Waterfall, new experience with 7 thrilling ziplines, 12 platforms, 1 sky bridge, and 100 meters high zip over the falls! The ultimate Mayura Zipline that excites, educates and inspires. 7:30am - 12:00pm. \$69 USD

Day 4: Kratie Rural Lifestyle & Dolphin Watching. (B/-/-)



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Today, we learn about local lifestyles of the Kratie as well as their local productions and witness the one of the most endangered wildlife that habitat up river at Kampi. We start with a visit to a traditional cafe shop near the market. This is where you will learn about the lifestyle of Khmer men and women in which mostly men hang out at the cafe while women are working or doing shopping at the market near by. Next, walk through the central Market of Kratie where you will see the local trades and see some of the old colonial building which remain from the French colony. Visit Wat Rokakandal which has a very unique wooden carving about 300 years of age. Afterwards, we learn about local productions including mushroom farm, rice wish key making and brick factory.

Get back to town for lunch break and rest from the hit at your hotel for 1-2 hours.

Later in the afternoon, we go to Kampi, one of the many deep pools where the rare freshwater Irrawaddy river dolphins gather to feed. We board a local boat and cruise out into the mighty Mekong for a chance to encounter with gentle creatures. Viewing is almost guarantee, although it is easier to see the dolphins in the shallower waters of the dry season, than in the swollen river of the wet season. After enjoying an hour or more of dolphin viewing, we travel back to Kratie.

+ Accommodation: Hotel in Kratie

Day 5: Kratie to Siem Reap including Kompong Khleang. (B/-/-)

After breakfast at the hotel, it is time to make your journey to Siem Reap, the gateway to the fabled temples of Angkor. Traveling south through the old river port of Chhlong, home to some of the best examples of French colonial architecture in the country. Have lunch on the road. En route, we visit one of the largest and least-visited villages on the Tonle Sap Lake, Kompong Khleang, about 55km from Siem Reap. It's population of 10,000 all make a living from the fishing industry. We explore the canals (wet season) or streets (dry season) of this incredible town. In the wet season, the houses appear to be floating, as water laps at the verandas, but in the dry season towering stilts are revealed, the houses almost like wooden skyscrapers. We will take a boat and cruise into the open water of the great lake to see a small floating village and learn some more about this incredible natural flood barrier. Later we arrive to your Siem Reap and check into a comfortable hotel.

End of Services

*** Itinerary is subject to change**

This itinerary is written based on our tour research expeditions. It should be read in order to get a good general impression and NOT as a detailed hour by hour itinerary. As we care about your safety and always want to increase customer's experience, Cambodian Pride's team can change parts of the tour due to weather terrain conditions depending on the season and customer requests. If the program is changed upon customer's request, possible additional costs will be charged directly to customers.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

To build stronger connections with the communities and support the local economies, we avoid using large international chain brands. We always support locally owned accommodations that provide a clean and comfortable experience in characterful surroundings that reflect the destination. We offer 2 different category hotels according to country standards.

- Mid-range accommodations (3-star hotel)
- Upper-range accommodations (upgraded room or 4+ star hotel)



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Package Cost (Per Person in USD)

Package/Cost	Mid-range (3-star hotel)	Upgraded (upgraded room or 4+ star hotel)
1 pax	1,265	1,595
2 pax	715	857
3 pax	605	759
4+ pax	589	693

Children (5 – 11 yrs) 50% charge of the adult (12 yrs+) and need to be accompanied by at least one adult. These package costs are not accepted for long weekend, king birthday, Christmas, New Year, and Khmer New Year. Surcharges may apply, you will be confirmed at the time of booking)

Hotel Used in the Package

City / Palace	Mid-range (3-star hotel)	Upgraded (upgraded room or 4+ star hotel)
Mondulkiri (02 nights)	Nature Lodge / Indigenous People Lodge / Happy Elephant Bungalows / Phanyro Guest House / Tree Lodge	Mayura Hill Resort / Emario Mondulkiri Resort / Elephant Hill Resort
Kratie (02 nights)	Oudom Sambath Hotel / Le Tonle Guest House / Mekong Dolphin	Mekong Dolphin Hotel / Rajabori Villas Resort / River Dolphin Hotel

TRIP INCLUSIONS:

- All sightseeing and transfer services as detailed in our itinerary
- Accommodation in confirmed room category and named hotels
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner; drinks not included)
- English-speaking guides
- All entrance fees as detailed in our itinerary
- Private air-conditioned vehicle with drinking water during sightseeing





- Boat trips as specified

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDES:

- Tour services not detailed in our itinerary
- All meals not specified and no drinks except complimentary water
- International departure taxes
- Visa fees
- All International flight tickets
- Early Hotel check-in/ Late check-out
- Expenditure of a personal nature
- Tips and gratuities
- Other services not listed in 'TRIP INCLUSIONS'
- Travel insurance (cover against all cancellation costs, medical expense, including repatriation in the event of accident or illness).

CHECKLIST:

- Passport (with photocopies)
- Travel insurance (with photocopies)
- Airline tickets (with photocopies)
- USD cash (small denominations preferred)
- Credit or debit card (see personal spending money)
- Any entry visas, additional passport photos or vaccination certificates required, Alarm clock
- Flashlight
- Sun hat, sunblock, sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Small towel and swim wear
- Toiletries (biodegradable)
- Sturdy walking shoes/sport sandals
- Money belt
- Shorts
- Long trousers
- Shirts/T-shirts
- Warm clothes for Nov-Feb. Hat, gloves, fleece, windproof/waterproof jacket Waterproof clothes for wet season May-Oct. Umbrella or waterproof jacket
- Cover for backpack or plastic bags to keep clothes dry
- Clothes for temples – long pants or sarongs
- Camera and film
- Reading/writing material
- Binoculars





- First-aid kit (should contain lip salve, aspirin, band aids, anti-histamine, imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, re-hydration powder, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)

Service Charter

Many local companies promise a high level of service, but not all are able to reach this goal. Here at Cambodian Pride, we are genuinely committed to delivering the highest level of service during all stages of your trip, including the planning. Should our standards drop below your expectations at any stage during the booking procedure, then please contact us immediately.

Price Promise

We don't claim to offer the cheapest trips in the region, as many of the cheap tours cut corners. We don't believe in cutting corners and strive to deliver the best experiences on offer during a visit to the region. We do claim to offer value for money and strongly believe that our original trips are an excellent deal. However, we are aware that we operate in a competitive environment, so please do contact us if you find a significantly better price elsewhere. There may be a reason for the discrepancy in the detail, but we will take it upon ourselves to review your quote and see if we can offer a better price.

Extra Touches

We pride ourselves on really looking after our guests. Travel with a your local expert isn't just an empty slogan, but a philosophy that has guided our company through almost two decades of friendship with international travellers from many countries around the world. Complimentary drinking water throughout, our team is always on hand to ensure you have a most memorable time in the from the tour. Your satisfaction is our satisfaction. Rely on our experience to better your experience and enjoy an authentic journey with Cambodian Pride.

BOOKING METHOD

Upon receiving the availability confirmation by email. We require a USD \$150 (total deposit) non-refundable deposit by bank transfer as provide below in order to guarantee the booking for now. The rest of the payment, we would like to collect all in cash (US dollar only), you give all mount to your guide when meet before the tour starts. Payment to confirm your booking can be made by 2 options, whatever easy and comfortable for you. I would prefer option 1 below because it's less cost for us:

- **Option 1: Western Union to:**
 - **ACLEDA BANK KRATIE BRANCH** (Address: Preah sihanouk Rd Ground 9 Phsarveng Vile Sangkat Kratie Kratie Municipality Kratie, Kratie, Cambodia. +855-72-971707)
 - Receiver's Name: **Heng Chan Sithy**
 - ID: **070142903**
- **Option 2: Bank transfer to:**
 - Bank's Name: **ADVANCED BANK OF ASIA LIMITED.**, Head Office, #148, Preah Sihanouk Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia
 - SWIFT CODE: **ABAANKHPP**



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Cancellation policy:

Should the client wish to cancel, cancellation charges will be imposed. All cancellation must be received in writing, sent to us via email or fax. Cambodian Pride Tours must be informed in writing. These are calculated from the day written notification is received by the Company or their agent as a percentage of the total tour price, including surcharges, as shown below:

- a) 46 and more days before departure – retention of deposit
- b) 45-30 days before departure – 30%
- c) 29-21 days before departure – 60%
- d) 20-14 days before departure – 90%
- e) Less than 14 days before departure – 100%

Hotel check in – check out time:

- Hotels check in – Check in time is generally 2:00p.m.
- Hotel check-out - Check out time is generally 12:00p.m, with extended check out granted subject to availability and agreement by participating hotels.

***When the deposit is done, we will send you a full trip note including hotel name as soon as we get the confirmation from all the necessary reservations. Meanwhile, you can also visit our website for a travel guide to help you prepare your trip to Cambodia at this link <https://cambodianpridetours.com/cambodia-travel-information/>



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