

Thailand to Cambodia

Bike from Thailand's Capital, Bangkok, to Cambodia's famous Angkor Wat



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Our starting point is Thailand's vibrant capital city, Bangkok, with its spectacular temples and colourful street life, it is the country's most enduring attraction.

Our stunning bike challenge takes us over 385km in 6 days through Thailand's incredible scenery on some tough terrain before crossing into Cambodia. On your ride you will experience friendly communities bringing in their fishing boats, cycle through fruit orchards and rubber plantations at the foothill of the Cardamom Mountain on the southwest coast of the Chantaburi province.



We cross into Cambodia and ride through this beautiful country of high plateaux, densely forested hills and endless rice paddies, irrigated by the president flow of the great Mekong River.

Our challenge finishes at one of the true ancient wonders of the world, in the 'lost city' of Angkor Wat. Between the 9th and 13th centuries, the Khmer Empire ruled over vast tracts of what today we know as Indo-China from their seat of power at Angkor. Following the Empire's decline, subsequent centuries of neglect only added to Angkor's mystical appeal before the site was reclaimed from the jungle in 1860.

A challenging bike ride full of culture, colour, history and stunning scenery!



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart London to Bangkok

Late morning flight from London to Bangkok.

Day 2: Bangkok

Arrive in Bangkok early morning. We will be met by our local guides and transferred to our hotel. In the afternoon we will have a full bike briefing about the challenge ahead. Overnight hotel.

Day 3: Bangkok to Rayong, 75km

After breakfast we will have a bike fitting before we transfer via Pattaya to the start of the ride. Our route today takes us to Noong Nooch Botanical. Here you can find a wide variety of flora from all over the world as we ride through the tropical gardens. Late afternoon, we arrive in Rayong for dinner and Overnight.

Day 4: Rayong to Chanthaburi, 75km

Today will be an early start, to transfer to Pak Nam Prasae. From here we cycle on the scenic local road to Kung Wiman Bay. This idyllic place will see you cycling through fruit orchards and rubber plantations at the foothill of the Cardamom Mountain on the southwest coast of Chanthaburi province.

Day 4 cont.

This afternoon we are back on our bikes as we cycle to our beach resort at Chaolao Beach.

Day 5: Chanthaburi to Ban Pakkard to Pailin, 42km

After breakfast, we transfer to Pongnamron and start our cycle to the Thailand Cambodian border. We have lunch and say goodbye to our team for our onward travel to Cambodia.

Arrive at the quiet border crossing into Cambodia. After changing bikes, we begin cycling from here to the town of Pailin. Around us are the Chour Phnom Kravanh, foothills to the wild Cardamom Mountains that rise steadily to the south. It was here that the Khmer Rouge put up its stubborn resistance to the government forces of Cambodia, battling them until the late 1990's. In addition to its more infamous history, Pailin is also famous for its ruby and gem mines as well as its local temples and natural beauty. Overnight at hotel.

Day 6: Pailin to Battambang, 85km

Saddle up this morning and head east over tarmac roads for Cambodia's second largest city, Battambang. This really is rural Cambodia with lots of mango orchards, corn fields, peanut farms, and of course rice paddies. There are a few hills on the way today but the general trend is a downward slope heading into the Tonle Sap basin. As the ride carries on, the mountains begin to give way to this endless plain. Stop for lunch this afternoon at Wat Phnom Sampeau, then visit the temple at the top of this limestone outcrop. Finally we reach Battambang, Cambodia's second city, though it's hard to tell by its sleepy, laid back style. This beautiful city fills with faded colonial buildings and charm.



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Day 7: Battambang to Siem Reap, 75km

Transfer this morning about two hours from Battambang, sweeping through the crossroads of Sisaphon where National Road 5 and 6 connect. The journey turns eastward where we top at the Kralang district to take a ride over an ancient Angkorian highway. This road travels from Kralang to the town of Pouk. Here the old highway re-joins the modern National Road 6, so we change course to avoid the heavy traffic and cycle on to the finish line in an old Pagoda near Siem Reap. Transfer this afternoon into Siem Reap. Overnight hotel.

Day 8: Siem Reap to Angkor Complex, 30km

After breakfast this morning, meet with the guides and prepare for our journey through the jungles of Angkor. Begin with a visit to Ta Prohm temple, from here we cycle to the ancient city of Angkor Thom. Next on this list is Bayon Temple in the centre of the city. We finish today at the famous Angkor Wat, Cambodia's national flag as the temple symbolizes the soul of the Khmer people. Tonight we will enjoy a well deserved celebration dinner.

Day 9: Depart Siem Reap

Afternoon flight from Siem Reap to Bangkok before onward flight back to London.

Day 10 - Arrive London

Challenge grade

Moderate

Best time of year

Jan-March, Sept/October

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change



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