

CAMBODIA



New Hotel Openings and Renovations

I. A new luxury hotel, J7, has soft opened from 8th Nov, ahead of a grand opening on 1st Feb. Located centrally next to the King's Residence and Raffles Grand Hotel, the hotel has 90 rooms with a spa and a swimming pool in the middle.

www.j7hotel.com.

II. Another luxury boutique hotel has opened along the riverbank about 3km from town, en route to Angkor Wat. With only 36 intimate rooms, two pools, a spa and all-day breakfast; this hotel boasts a balcony or garden for every room. Nine rooms are opening now, fully equipped, and will open fully from March 2017 onwards.

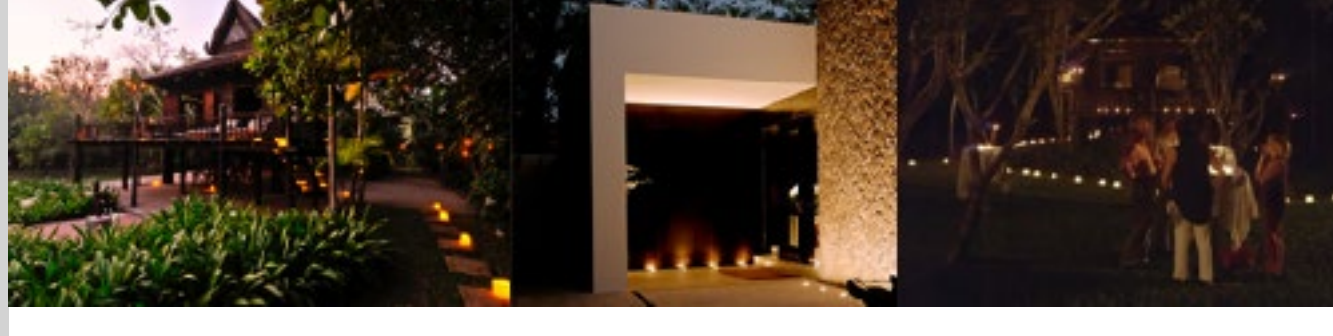
www.jayahouseriverparksiemreap.com

III. Courtyard Marriott are opening a new resort in Siem Reap – located approximately 5km from town on national road 6. Construction is underway on 232 rooms and is expected to be completed by March 2017.

www.marriott.com/hotels/fact-sheet/travel/repcy-courtyard-siem-reap-resort/



Product Updates



I. Private Sunset Cocktails at Amansara Khmer House (About 3 Hours)

A fantastic activity for VIP/High-end clients both FIT and GIT with max 50pax to have an evening of private cocktails with canapés, set up at a traditional wooden Khmer House located opposite to the Sra Srang Ancient Royal Pool. Enjoy the view of the Angkor complex and watch the sunset overlooking the 10 and 12th century. Royal bathing pool along with a live musician adding to the magical atmosphere of the evening.



II. Private Sunset Cruise on Tonle Sap with Amanbala boat (About 2 Hours)

Lovely private sunset cruise on the Amanbala, with max 10pax for VIP/High end clients. Enjoy the sunset view along with signature cocktails, champagne, beer, canapé and on board personal butler.



III. Home Cooking Experience Half Day Tour (8:30AM - around 3PM)

Start in the morning and head to the countryside to meet a local family who will act as culinary hosts for the day. Enjoy a local market experience, a perfect chance to chat with local people, as well as learn about real Khmer cuisine. If time permits, share some stories and learn some traditional Khmer games after your meal.



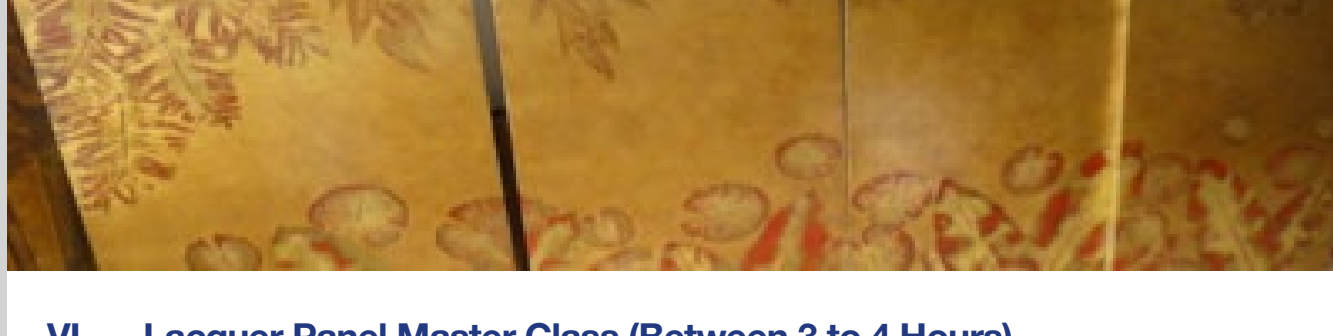
IV. Circus School Master Class (About 2 Hours)

Alongside the talented circus performers at Phare Circus - the most famous circus troupe in Cambodia - support a wonderful local NGO while learning the tricks of the circus trade.



V. Portraits of Angkor: Master Class (Full Day)

Alongside a successful photographer based in Siem Reap, spend the day capturing the true heart and soul of Angkor through the camera's lens. Plot a course through the true heart and soul of Angkor through the camera's lens. Plot a course through the temples and surrounding villages with camera in hand with your expert guide.



VI. Lacquer Panel Master Class (Between 3 to 4 Hours)

Start this masterclass with a presentation about lacquer crafts. The composition of fine layers of strong acrylic colors creates a rich thickness which is then softened by meticulous sandpapering. It is a mindful process of addition and subtraction of materials, discovering new and fascinating effects. Once complete, the images express intense spirituality through ornate patterns and decorations.

The class will finish at 10:30AM. You will be transferred to see and make lacquer wares by your own hand.



Further notes

I. The check point where you can buy the temple pass already changed and moved to a new location close to the Angkor Panorama Museum.

Details of the location as follow: <http://angkorenterprise.gov.kh/>

II. The Angkor Enterprise has officially taken over the operations of the temple complex from Feb 2017, increasing the temple pass fees to the new prices below:

- **One day pass:** Net 37USD/pax (currently only net 20USD/pax)
- **Two or Three day passes:** Net 62USD/pax (currently only 40USD/pax)
- **Seven days passes:** Net 72USD/pax (currently only 60USD/pax)

Note: Always carry your temple ticket as it will be checked upon each park entry and at major temples. There is a significant fine for not possessing a valid temple ticket inside the park. A regular admission ticket is not required to visit Phnom Kulen, Koh Ker or Beng Melea where visitors are required to buy a separate entrance fee respectively.

III. Due to regular traffic jam in the morning at the South Gate of Angkor Thom, Apsara Authority announced it is only possible to drive in one direction from Angkor Wat to enter the Angkor Thom complex from the South Gate between 7:30am to 11:30am (no vehicles permitted to exit from Angkor Thom to Angkor Wat through this gate during this time; only walk and cycling).

IV. Due to a recent incident involving a tourist visiting outside of the permitted hours, the Apsara Authority has changed the visiting hours for all temples including Ta Prohm from 7:30am to 5:00pm and 6:00pm; except, Angkor Wat and Phnom Bakheng that open from 5:00am.

Note: Angkor Wat closes at 6:00PM and the Central Tower of the Angkor Wat complex has a limited number of visitors allowed at any given time (will be required to wait in the queue), the tower is also closed for every Buddhist Day. Banteay Srey closes at 5:00PM and Kbal Spean at 3:00PM.

V. Announcement on construction of a temporary floating bridge at Angkor Wat temple. The Apsara Authority has recently made public announcement to build a temporary floating bridge south of the current walk way to enter Angkor Wat. It is now in progress and will finish by May 2017. Once the floating bridge is ready, they will completely close the current stone coast walk way for restoration and renovation.

VI. The road from Banteay Kdei temple, through Kravan to the eastern gate/moat of Angkor Wat temple is under construction; however, it is still accessible but not in great condition. The Apsara Authority is starting to renovate some other roads gradually.

VII. Aha Restaurant has relaunched as The Steak House. The location, staff and management are the same, but they are now serving western food instead of Khmer.