Srah Srang village house

A cultural and culinary experience in a private traditional wooden house in an old village of Angkor



Located in the core of the Angkor archeological park, in the old village of *Srah Srang* (along the Angkorian pond *Srah Srang* « Royal pond »), at a walking distance from *Banteay Kdei* and Ta *Prohm* temples, the house was once the residence of a French anthropologist. Today, this traditional wooden house built on stilts also serves as a relaxing and cultural stage for private breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch as well as other private events.

Background

In 1994, a French anthropologist started to conduct research in the old village of *Srah Srang*. Om Ki and Ta Chi, a Cambodian couple with whom she had formed special ties, proposed to her to build a house close to their home. The house was built in 1996 according to traditional construction codes contained in old manuscripts now mostly transmitted orally. In recent years, the researcher decided to use the house to provide some income for the family who took care of her in the early 90s. She restored the house and set up a small responsible and sustainable tourism project with the help of the family. The trees planted around the house had grown to create a green and fresh sanctuary in the middle of the village.

The house is now open for those who want to venture off the beaten path, enter inside a Cambodian village, and take a privileged look into the local life of the actual inhabitants of Angkor at this particular moment of opening to the outside world, between tradition and modernity.

Enjoy the privilege of having breakfast/lunch served in a private traditional house in a Khmer village

The house can be used for breakfast, and lunch, or rented for intimate or larger events with outside catering. To enjoy intimacy and to respect the ambiance of well-being that always prevailed within the walls, the house hosts <u>only one group</u> of friends/family/tourists each time.

Om Ki welcomes the guests upon their arrival in the village either at the local market or on the shores of the Srah Srang Pond. She accompanies them through the village lanes to the house (or the tuk-tuk driver contacts the family who will give him indications to reach the house). There, the guests enjoy the privilege of the privacy of the house. They can lie down on large sofas or enjoy armchairs. Meals are served on the first-floor terrace surrounded by trees. Om Ki and her family cook the meals. They use local and seasonal ingredients, local rice, and organic vegetables cultivated by the family or from the local market.

Breakfast

After the sunset morning tour at Angkor Wat, guests can enjoy breakfast from 7.30 am until 10.30 am.

Bread, locally made cakes, fresh fruits, coffee and tea.

2 - 4 pax: 11 US\$/pax 5-15 pax: 9 US\$/pax 16-20 pax: 7 USD/pax

Lunch

During the visit to the Angkor temples, guests can enjoy a cultural and culinary experience without returning to Siem Reap town at lunchtime. Guests can also stay in the house for a nap on the sofas. From that base, they can also walk through the village and the nearby rice fields and discover the farming activities depending on the season.

3-course meal + a plate of fresh fruits.

2 pax: 20 US\$/pax 3 - 5 pax: 19 US\$/pax 6- 10 pax: 16 US\$/pax 11-15 pax: 14 US\$/pax 16-20 pax: 12 US\$/pax

+ Drinks: Angkor beer, coca, soda water, tonic, sprite, water, coffee, tea: 1,5 US\$ - water: 1 US\$

Children under 12 years old, Tour leader, guide, and tuk-tuk drivers: 50% discount

House renting for breakfast/lunch

If the guests would like a special arrangement (coming with a lunch box, picnic) from their hotel or use outside catering for special events, they can enjoy the use of the whole house. The price would be the same as if they come for breakfast, or lunch (depending on the number of guests).

Amenities

Two terraces (ground floor, first floor), Daybeds or lounging areas, Bathroom, large planted area around the house.

Sustainable and fair tourism

The project aims to respect the environment of the village and its cultural and social aspects by allowing only small groups of people to walk inside the village (while mass tourism is concentrated along the shores of the Sras Srang pond). The products used to prepare the meals are grown locally. All the activities have been designed in collaboration with the members of the family themselves, based on the principles of fair tourism. The idea is to provide local people with an additional source of income while continuing their traditional way of life. 100% of the income generated by this activity goes to the family of Om Ki and Ta Chi.