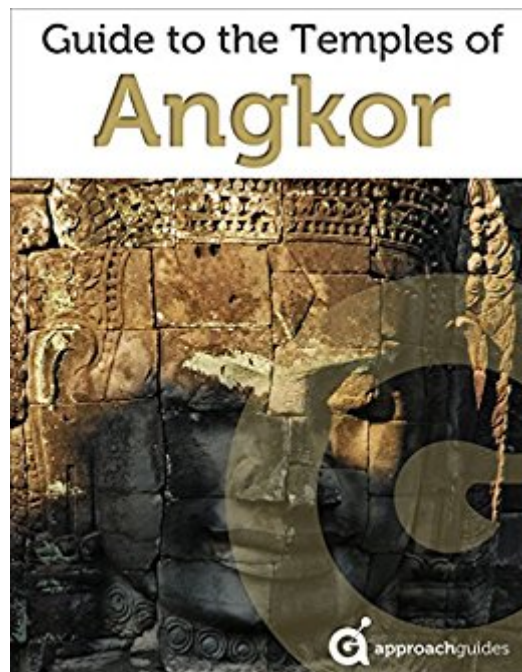


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# Cambodia: Guide To The Temples Of Angkor (2017 Travel Guide) With Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom And More



## Synopsis

RECENTLY UPDATED FOR 2017! With insightful profiles for 23 of Angkor's top temples and nearly 200 high-resolution images, this is the definitive travel guide to Angkor, Cambodia's premier World Heritage destination. Angkor – the capital of the Khmer empire that thrived for 500 years from 802-1327 – is one of the most magnificent sites in Southeast Asia. The ancient city's temples inspire with their innovative architectural designs, world-class narrative reliefs and Hindu-Buddhist iconography. Still infused with their historical magic, they are yours to discover.

**What's in this guidebook?** | Context. We begin by laying out basic features of the Khmer civilization that are particularly relevant for understanding Angkor: the global factors that took the Khmer empire from a fragmented, trade-based society to a centralized, agriculture-based powerhouse; its early cultural exchange with India; the rationale underlying the establishment of the capital in Angkor; and the nature of interactions with southeast Asian neighbors.

**Comprehensive look at Angkor's art and architecture.** We examine the distinctive Khmer style of art and architecture, isolating key features that you will see again and again on your temple visits; we tell you what makes them unique and what they symbolize. To make things come alive, we have packed our review with high-resolution images.

**Detailed temple profiles.** This guidebook provides detailed profiles for twenty-five of the premier religious monuments in Angkor. For each, we provide information on its history, a detailed plan that highlights its most important architectural and artistic features and a discussion that ties it all together.

**Advice for getting the best cultural experience.** This guidebook supplies logistical advice, maps and links to online resources. Further, to help plan and prioritize your temple touring itinerary, we rank temples based on the quality of their art and architecture and offer brief summaries of each temple's highlights, so you can focus in on what most interests you. Finally, we give our personal tips for getting the most from your experience while on location.

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This guidebook includes profiles of the top sites in Angkor (Siem Reap), Cambodia: Angkor Thom, Angkor Wat, Bakong, Baksei Chamkrong, Banteay Kdei, Banteay Samre, Banteay Srei, Baphuon, Bayon, Beng Mealea, Chau Say Tevoda, East Mebon, Lolei, Neak Pean, Phnom Bakheng, Prasat Kravan, Preah Khan, Preah Ko, Pre Rup, Ta Keo, Ta Prohm, Ta Som and Thommanon.

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Not an easy book but then nor is Angkor Wat or any of the surrounding temples but this book helps in placing this complex site within reach of anyone with a bit of patience and an appreciation that we are not in Disneyland! To understand just a little of this advanced civilisation who built Angkor Wat needs some time and effort to become immersed into the remnants of these wonderful buildings. This book acts as a very good guide. But the combination of this book and a good guide vastly contributed to a very enjoyable five days at this wonder. I do recommend the book.

This is such a compact and helpful little book. I appreciated very much the early sections explaining how the architecture of the temples evolved and the iconography found in the many sites. The descriptions and detailed guides for each of the temples made my visit much easier, since I knew exactly the best trajectory to explore the temples and what to expect in each of them. Very helpful resource for anyone visiting the amazing temples of Angkor.

This book is easy to read and understand. It covers the entire archaeological site and provides great descriptions of the current sites and the history of the temples. It was very useful for my trip to Cambodia in 2015 since I could carry it in my tablet for easy reference.

Don't leave home without this. Utterly essential for your temple tours. I'm using it every day as a reference before I start my exploration. My tablet version has colour pictures, which really helps me decide which temples I'd like to see. The link to Google maps with the colour coded markers is surprisingly useful.

Downloaded this guide just days before visiting the Angkor area. While we were on a guided tour, reading this book in advance helped build anticipation and expanded on the significance of some of the carvings we viewed that the guide did not dwell on. Also enjoyed the simplified but thorough history of the Khmer empire and the shifting religious preferences of its rulers. Greatly enhanced my visit to the temples.

Excellent guide. I especially appreciated the rating given to each landmark as most people don't have the time or inclination to see everything. The book had all the information I could ever want, including historical remarks, layouts, and tips. I was happy to have the freedom to tour as I pleased with this book without having to depend on guides.

Decent book for the average traveler visiting Angkor Wat. The only real set back is the digital book can be a bit clumsy to navigate when one is bouncing through sections during a visit. This is no fault of the book, but if this could be improved, the book would be five stars.

We found this guide very useful for planning our (second) visit to Siem Reap. My suggestion for improvement would be that the maps be included in higher resolution, so one could really blow them up and study them closely. We found them too small.

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