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CRDT Tours Co., LTD.

A Unique Way to Explore Cambodia

Experience the authenticity of Koh Phdao village tour-1 night

DESTINATION: Koh Phdao Community, Sambou district, Kratie Province.

TOUR INFO:

- **TOUR LENGTH:** Around 1 night + 1 day and half
- **START TIME:** 8:00am from Kratie Town
- **END TIME:** 10:00am at Kratie Town on day 2
- **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:** Tuk Tuk

TOUR OVERVIEW:

Koh Phdao is a village situated on the largest island along the Mekong River, located 45 km from Kratie Town, and is a fantastic destination for visitors. Koh Phdao offers natural beauty, rare wildlife, vibrant local culture, and an authentic way of life, creating a unique experience for travelers. Visitors can enjoy the peace, tranquility, and natural charm of this rural island while immersing themselves in village life. A bicycle tour around the island to see neighboring villages is a popular activity among past visitors to Koh Phdao. The tour also provides opportunities to explore fascinating spots along the way, such as Thma Krae Village for local culinary treats, Sambok Mountain for scenic views and a peaceful pagoda, the famous Kampi Dolphin Pool to observe the endangered Mekong River dolphins, and the historic 100 Pillars Pagoda in Kratie.

TOUR ITINERARY:

8:00 AM: Meet your English-speaking local guide at the appointed location. Your guide will introduce themselves and go over the schedule for the day, starting with a brief introduction to the beautiful Kratie town.

First Stop – Thma Krae Village: Travel by local remorque (Khmer tuk-tuk) or bicycle to Thma Krae Village, known for its bamboo-roasted sticky rice, kralan, and locally produced fish pâté, nhem. Your guide will explain how these traditional treats are made and how this small business enterprise benefits the local community.

Second Stop – Sambok Mountain Pagoda: Before reaching the dolphin pool, visit the tranquil pagoda atop Sambok Mountain, known for its peaceful atmosphere and suitability for meditation. Your guide will show you the pagoda's beautiful artwork and explain the significance of the sights around it.

Third Stop – Kampi Dolphin Pool: Visit the largest dolphin pool on the Mekong River, where you can observe the endangered Mekong Irrawaddy dolphins. Following a brief presentation on dolphin ecology by your guide, you'll embark on a wooden boat, led by an experienced local fisherman who benefits from the dolphin conservation project. Spend about an hour spotting dolphins and taking photos.

Fourth Stop – Sambour District and 100 Pillars Pagoda: Next, you'll arrive in Sambour district to explore the local market and visit the 100 Pillars Pagoda, also known as Wat Sasar Mouy Roy in Khmer. This historically significant pagoda, dating back to the 13th century, has 116 pillars and a unique story, including events from the Khmer Rouge era. Your guide will share the history and significance of the pagoda before a short break with refreshments.

Boat Journey to Koh Phdao: Instead of heading back to town, you and your guide will take a leisurely local boat from the 100 Pillars Pagoda to Koh Phdao village, the focus of a Community-Based Eco-Tourism project led by the Cambodian Rural Development Team (CRDT). The 1.5-hour boat ride offers a scenic view of village life along the river.



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Arrival in Koh Phdao: Upon arrival, community representatives will guide you through the village, introducing you to friendly families and the village's spirit house, where locals pray for happiness. You'll enjoy a traditional meal prepared by a group of local women. Accommodation is provided by a homestay family in a curtained-off room, equipped with a thin mattress, pillow, mosquito net, and blanket. Basic but clean bathroom and toilet facilities are available.

Next Morning: After breakfast, a community boat will transport you back to Sambor Town, where a tuk-tuk will take you back to Kratie Town, with an estimated arrival time of 10:00 AM, marking the end of the tour.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- A return *Khmer Remorque* from Kratie Town to 100 pillars pagoda
- Visit Thma Krae village (Taste sticky rice in the bamboo).
- A boat trip to see the dolphin for 40mins.
- Visit 100 pillars pagoda.
- One night home stay accommodation on Koh Phdao (shared room).
- One lunch at local restaurant at (local food) + drink (one soft drink) at Sambor town
- One dinner (local food) + drink (one soft drink) at Koh Phdao.
- One breakfast (local food) + drink (one soft drink) at Koh Phdao.
- Bicycle in the village
- Local English-speaking guide for the whole trip (*He will meet you in Kratie town, bring you on the tour and see you off at Kratie Town*)
- Community guide at Koh Phdao (this guide cannot speak English).
- A return community boat from 100 pillars pagoda to Koh Phdao (one time go and one time return the next morning).
- Khmer Remorque from 100 pillars pagoda back to Kratie Town.
- Tax is included.

TOUR EXCLUDED:

- Personal travel insurance / Personal expense
- Anything else not mentioned

TOUR PRICE:

# of tourist	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Price/person	\$227	\$130	\$98	\$93	\$84	\$76	\$76	\$71	\$67	\$68

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING WITH?

- 1- Camera
- 2- Hat
- 3- Sunglasses
- 4- Sunscreen
- 5- Insect repellent
- 6- Comfortable shoes for cycling
- 7- Head torch

DO!

1. Be friendly to villagers and other tourists Be friendly to villagers and other tourists.
2. Ask plenty of questions during the tour.
3. Always respond to a smile with a smile.
4. Be respectful of local traditions.
5. Respect local religious beliefs and culture.



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6. Ask for permission before taking photographs of Cambodian people or monks.
 7. Remove your shoes, hat, and sunglasses when entering someone's home or a pagoda.

DON'T!

- 1- Don't wear revealing clothes Don't wear revealing clothing.
- 2- Don't give gifts to children informally; we want to avoid encouraging begging.
- 3- Don't be overly critical of local conditions—aim to be constructive.