



Full Day Cultural Tour to 100 Pillar Pagoda

DESTINATION: Sticky rice village, Kampi Dolphin Pool, Phnom Sambok and 100 Pillars Pagoda, Kratie Province, Kingdom of Cambodia.

TOUR INFO:

- **TOUR LENGTH:** Full Day.
- **START TIME:** 8:00 AM from Kratie Town.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Tuk Tuk
- **END TIME:** 5:00 PM at Kratie Town.

TOUR OVERVIEW:

Discover the fascinating history and legends of the 100-Column Pagoda, one of Kratie's most sacred and iconic landmarks. Located along the Mekong River, about 36 km north of Kratie Town, this remarkable temple is closely linked to the legend of Princess Vareakpak, whose spirit is believed to protect the local people. Built on the site of the ancient Chenla Kingdom, the pagoda has stood the test of time, surviving lightning strikes and several reconstructions over the centuries. Today, visitors can admire its unique architecture, rich history, and peaceful atmosphere while gaining insight into Cambodia's spiritual and cultural heritage.

TOUR ITINERARY:

You will be picked up at your hotel after breakfast then craping on Tuk Tuk travels by a local bumpy road following the river bank and many local traditional houses to visit Thma Krae village. After a 20 minutes ride, you will have arrived at this village called Thmor Krae. Thma Krae village is famous for making sticky rice roasted in bamboo called Kralan in Khmer. Nhem, or fish paté, is also produced in the village. Your guide will introduce you to how they are made and how this small business enterprise helps the local people.

After visiting Thma Krae village, your next destination before the dolphin pool will be the pagoda on top of Sambok Mountain. Another 10 minutes by Tuk Tuk, You will have arrived at Sambok Mountain. It is an age-old quiet pagoda known as a great place for people who are seeking a peaceful environment for meditation. Your local English guide will show and explain the beautiful paintings and the meanings of other sights around the pagoda.

Next you will be brought to Kampi Dolphin pool which is the biggest dolphin pool in the Mekong River where tourists can view dolphins all year long. The Mekong Irrawaddy dolphin is an endangered species and there are many conservation NGOs working to conserve them. After a 10 minutes presentation by your guide about dolphin ecology, you will embark on a wooden boat, driven by an expert local fisherman who benefits from the dolphin conservation project. The boat man will guide the boat near the pool for about 1 hour for you to spot the dolphins and take pictures.

After returning to shore, you will be able to browse or buy souvenirs at one of the many small thatched shops selling small and big dolphin figures made of wood. This is a local handicraft of the people in this village which provides an alternative to fishing and so helps to conserve the dolphin population.

Following that, you will be arrived to Sambou district where is a place you will visit the 100 pillars pagoda. 100 pillars pagoda is also called Wat Sasar Mouy Roy in Khmer, in fact it has 116 pillars and is the most popular pagoda in Kratie province. It has an interesting history dating from around the 16th century and also events that occurred much later during the pol pot regime. The 100 pillars pagoda is unique amongst



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the pagodas in Kratie province. In front of the pagoda, you will be led by your guide to have lunch at a local restaurant after returning back to Kratie and the end of tour.

INCLUDES:

- Visit of Thma Krae village to taste sticky rice in bamboo.
- Visit of Sambok Hill.
- Boat and ticket to see River Dolphins at its natural habitat.
- Drinking water during the trip
- An local English speaking guide who accompanys with you for the whole trip. *He will meet you in the town, bring you to the tour and see you off at the town at the end of the tour.*
- One lunch at local restuarant in Sambor town.
- Visit 100 Pillars Pagoda
- A return trip by Tuk Tuk from Kratie Town to Sambor town (*one time go and one time return at the end of the tour*).
- Price includes all applicable taxes.

EXCLUDED:

- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expense

TOUR PRICE:

#Tourists	1	2	3	4	5-10
Cost per person	\$96	\$57	\$46	\$45	\$39

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING WITH?

- 1- Camera
- 2- A hat
- 3- Sunglasses
- 4- Sun cream

DO!

- 1- Be friendly to villagers and other tourists
- 2- Ask a lot of questions during the tour
- 3- Always respond to a smile with a smile
- 4- Be sensitive about local traditions
- 5- Respect local religious beliefs & culture
- 6- Ask for permission before taking photographs of any Cambodian people or monks
- 7- Take off shoes and hat and sunglasses when entering someone's house or a pagoda

DON'T!



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- 1- Don't wear revealing clothes
 - 2- Don't give gifts to kids informally. We don't want to encourage beggars.
 - 3- Don't be too critical about the conditions. Be constructive.

NOTE:

CRDT Tours would like to keep the right to change the program up to 15% of the original itinerary. Changing the program will be done, including the cancellation of activities due to unforeseen activities, only for the purpose of safety, increasing tourist's experience, or at the request of tourists. Changes will always be made in agreement with tourists. If the program is changed upon tourist's request, possible additional costs will be charged directly to tourists.