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CRDT Tours Co., LTD.

A Unique Way to Explore Cambodia

Experience the Authenticity of Koh Phdao Village Tour **2Nights & 3Days**

- **Destination:** Koh Phdao Community, Sambou District, Kratie Province
- **Tour Length:** Approximately 2 nights and 3 days
- **Transportation:** Khmer Remorque (Khmer Tuk Tuk)
- **Start Time:** 8:00 AM from Kratie Town
- **End Time:** Around 10:30 AM back in Kratie Town on Day 3

TOUR OVERVIEW:

Discover the hidden gem of Koh Phdao, a village located on the largest island in the Mekong River, 45 km from Kratie Town. This unique destination offers a harmonious blend of untouched natural beauty, rare wildlife, and authentic local culture. Here, you can unwind in the peaceful countryside, connect deeply with village life, and create memories unlike any other. A popular highlight is the guided bicycle tour, taking you through neighboring villages for an immersive view of rural life on the island.

The journey to Koh Phdao also includes memorable stops at charming locations along the way, including Thma Krae Village, famous for its bamboo-roasted sticky rice; Sambok Mountain, with its hilltop pagoda; and Kampi Dolphin Pool, where you can witness the rare Irrawaddy dolphins of the Mekong River. During longer stays, there's an opportunity to give back to the community by joining in local projects like home gardening, school building, or setting up community facilities.

For longer stays in Koh Phdao village, you can get involved in the activities of their community development project such as helping a family / community to do home gardening, build a school fence, community center, or toilet etc. (depending on current project activity).

TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1:

8:30 AM – Meet your friendly English-speaking guide at the appointed location for a warm introduction and overview of your adventure ahead. Before heading out of Kratie Town, you'll visit the lively local market to get a feel for the region's daily rhythm.

Next, you'll travel by Khmer Remorque to Thma Krae Village, renowned for making "kralan," a sticky rice delicacy roasted in bamboo, and "nhem," a traditional fish pâté. Your guide will walk you through the process behind these local specialties, as well as how this cottage industry supports the community.

Your next destination is Kampi Dolphin Pool, the largest of its kind in the Mekong River and home to the endangered Irrawaddy dolphin. After a brief presentation on dolphin ecology, you'll embark on a wooden boat, guided by a skilled local fisherman who benefits directly from conservation efforts. Enjoy around an hour on the water for a chance to spot these gentle creatures up close and snap some memorable photos.

Following your dolphin encounter, you'll arrive in Sambou District at the historic 100 Pillars Pagoda, or Wat Sasar Mouy Roy. With its fascinating history dating back to the 13th century and stories from the Khmer Rouge era, this pagoda is both a sacred and historical landmark. Your guide will share captivating tales, and you'll have a short break to relax with a refreshing drink in front of the pagoda.



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Instead of returning to town, you'll take a community boat to Koh Phdao Village, a community-based ecotourism project led by the Cambodian Rural Development Team. This scenic one-hour boat ride offers a glimpse into life along the riverbanks, with views of stilted homes and lush landscapes. Once on Koh Phdao, local hosts will show you around their village, introducing you to families, community sites, and the traditional spirit house. Dinner will be a delicious, home-cooked meal prepared by local women, and you'll settle into a comfortable homestay for the night with simple, clean amenities.

Day 2:

After a local breakfast, you'll have the day to engage with the community, helping with seasonal activities such as rice planting or harvesting, building projects, or road maintenance. These experiences offer a rare chance to truly connect with village life. Depending on the season, you may even have the chance to swim in the Mekong River or watch a stunning sunset.

As part of your cultural immersion, you'll have the opportunity to meet villagers, including the tourism chief, to learn about the community's way of life and ongoing development projects.

Day 3:

After breakfast, a community boat will take you to Sambor Town, where a shared van awaits to take you back to Kratie. The scenic drive along rural roads offer a final glimpse into the daily lives of Cambodian people, passing pagodas, farms, and schools along the way. Arrival in Kratie is expected around 10:30 AM, concluding your unforgettable tour.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- o Guided visit to Kratie's local market
- o Private Tuk Tuk transfer to Sambor District and return last day
- o Visit to Thma Krae Village (including a taste of sticky rice in bamboo)
- o One-hour dolphin-watching boat tour
- o Lunch at a local restaurant in Sambor Town with a soft drink
- o Visit to the 100 Pillars Pagoda
- o Two nights in a homestay on Koh Phdao
- o Two local dinners, two breakfasts, and one lunch at Koh Phdao
- o Hands-on community work opportunities (subject to seasonal availability)
- o Village tours, including the Spirit Shrine ceremony led by elder people
- o Bicycle access within the community
- o Guided lesson on local pastry-making with community members
- o English-speaking guide for the full trip (starting and ending in Kratie Town)
- o Community guide on Koh Phdao (non-English speaking)
- o Round-trip private boat transfer between 100 Pillars Pagoda and Koh Phdao
- o Tax is included.



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TOUR PRICE:

# of tourist	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Price per pax	\$299	\$176	\$135	\$126	\$114	\$104	\$104	\$97	\$92	\$88

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

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

Do's and Don'ts

DO:

- 1- Be friendly and engage with locals and fellow travelers.
- 2- Ask questions and show interest during the tour.
- 3- Smile in response to smiles - it's universally appreciated.
- 4- Respect local customs and traditions.
- 5- Honor religious beliefs and practices.
- 6- Ask for permission before photographing people or monks.
- 7- Remove shoes, hats, and sunglasses when entering homes or pagodas.

DON'T:

- 1- Avoid wearing revealing clothing.
- 2- Refrain from giving gifts to children informally to discourage begging.
- 3- Be constructive rather than critical about conditions—come with an open heart.