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Pedals and Packs Service Project
Angkor Wat - Siem Reap, Cambodia
March 24 – 31, 2018

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Join Champlain Tours and the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights in the “Pedals and Packs” service project – Thirty years ago, Cambodia emerged from a brutal regime that resulted in complete destruction of schools. Since then, rebuilding the country’s educational system has been a top priority and considerable improvements have been made. However, despite these efforts, Cambodia’s education sector remains blemished by limited access to quality instruction, inadequate school facilities and high dropout rates. Access to and completion of primary school remain a pressing dilemma. Getting to a school where students can complete upper primary grades may mean traveling far distances from home. Having a bicycle is more than a child’s wish, it is a student’s transportation to his or her future.

What’s included

- **Round-trip airfare** from Burlington, Vermont
- **Gratuities**
- **Full time Tour manager & local guide**
- **4.5 Star hotel**
- **15 meals (5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners)**

What’s not included

- Airport meals
- Optional traveler’s insurance

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Day 1 & 2 - Fly from Burlington, VT to Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Day 3 - Bus from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. Visit Angkor National Museum, Angkor Wat (largest monument in the world)

Day 4 – Visit the Angkor Thom complex, South Gate, Bayon Temple, Baphoun, Phimean, Akas, and Banteay Srei. Later, an educational experience at the Landmine Museum

Day 5 – Today will be an amazing experience as you participate in the distribution of bikes and backpacks to local school children. Later, enjoy the Cambodian Circus and Workshop

Day 6 – Visit the Phreah Khan temple, and the Ta Prohm (a Mahayana Buddhist monastery & university. Later, tour a Buddhist monastery and participate in a “Monk Chat” to learn more about the tenets of Buddhism

Day 7– Visit Beng Mealea, a sight to behold. This evening, prepare for a late departure home

Cost per person:

\$2999 Double / \$3499 Single

- *20% Deposit due at reservation.
- *Balance due by January 6, 2017.

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Saturday, March 24: Departure

Flight Schedule: TBD

Sunday, March 25: late arrival in Siem Reap, Cambodia; transfer to the hotel.

Hotel (five nights):

Prince Angkor Resort Hotel, <http://www.princedangkor.com/>

Conveniently located in the heart of Siem Reap's historical, cultural, shopping and business districts, the hotel is only a 15 minute drive from Siem Reap International Airport and just 10 minutes from Angkor Wat.

Monday, March 26: (including breakfast/lunch/dinner)

- Angkor National Museum: The museum house eight galleries, all of which combine to give an impressive arrange of artifacts which date back to the earliest civilizations of Angkor.
- Angkor Wat: (Khmer: or "Capital Temple") is a temple complex in Cambodia and the largest religious monument in the world. It was originally founded as a Hindu temple for the Khmer Empire, gradually transforming into a Buddhist temple toward the end of the 12th century. It was built by the Khmer King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century in Yaśodharapura (Khmer: present-day Angkor), the capital of the Khmer Empire, as his state temple and eventual mausoleum. Breaking from the Shaiva tradition of previous kings, Angkor Wat was instead dedicated to Vishnu. As the best-preserved temple at the site, it is the only one to have remained a significant religious center since its foundation. The temple is at the top of the high classical style of Khmer architecture. It has become a symbol of Cambodia, appearing on its national flag, and it is the country's prime attraction for visitors.

Tuesday, March 27: (including breakfast/lunch/dinner)

- Angkor Thom complex - South Gate, Bayon Temple, Baphoun, Phimean Akas, and Banteay Srei: Angkor Thom is undeniably an expression of the highest genius. It is, in three dimensions and on a scale worthy of an entire nation, the materialization of Buddhist cosmology, representing ideas that only great painters would dare to portray. The last capital of the Khmer Empire, Angkor Thom was a fortified city enclosing residences of the priest, officials of the palace and military, as well as building for administering the kingdom.
- Landmine Museum: Educating visitors on the importance of clearing landmines in Cambodia, with potentially 5,000,000 still in the ground, landmines have immensely impacted the history and culture of this amazing society. Service project at the Museum.

Wednesday, March 28: (including breakfast/lunch/dinner)

- *Pedals and Packs* distribution, service project and school program
- The Cambodian Circus and Workshop: Expect the unexpected. Phare is unlike any other circus in the world: theater, story, dance, high-energy music and circus arts, but the Phare experience starts before the show and continues after. Young people from the streets, orphanages and struggling families in the community learn to express and heal themselves through the arts.

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Thursday, March 29: (including breakfast/lunch/dinner)

- Phreah Khan: (Khmer: "Royal Sword") is a temple at Angkor, Cambodia, built in the 12th century for King Jayavarman VII to honor his father. It is located northeast of Angkor Thom and just west of the Jayatataka baray, with which it was associated. It was the center of a substantial organization, with almost 100,000 officials and servants. The temple is flat in design, with a basic plan of successive rectangular galleries around a Buddhist sanctuary complicated by Hindu satellite temples and numerous later additions. Like the nearby Ta Prohm, Phreah Khan has been left largely unrestored, with numerous trees and other vegetation growing among the ruins.
- Ta Prohm: a Mahayana Buddhist monastery and university, unlike most Angkorian temples, Ta Prohm has been left in much the same condition in which it was found: the photogenic and atmospheric combination of trees growing out of the ruins and the jungle surroundings have made it one of Angkor's most popular temples with visitors. UNESCO inscribed Ta Prohm on the World Heritage List in 1992.
- Visit a Buddhist monastery, tour the grounds, and participate in a "Monk Chat" to learn more about the tenets of Buddhism and its impact in Southeast Asia.

Friday, March 30: (including breakfast/lunch)

- Beng Mealea: Beng Mealea is a spectacular sight to behold. It's one of the most mysterious temples at Angkor, as nature has well and truly run riot. Built to the same floorplan as Angkor Wat, exploring this titanic of temples is Angkor's ultimate Indiana Jones experience. Built in the 12th century under Suryavarman II (r 1112-52), Beng Mealea is enclosed by a massive moat measuring 1.2km by 900m, much of which has dried up today.

The temple used to be utterly subsumed by jungle, but some of the dense foliage has been cut back in recent years. Entering from the south, visitors wend their way over piles of masonry, through long dark chambers and between hanging vines to arrive at the central tower, which has completely collapsed. Hidden away among the rubble and foliage are several impressive carvings, as well as a well-preserved library in the northeastern quadrant. The temple is a special place and it is worth taking the time to explore it thoroughly. There is also a large wooden walkway to the center, originally constructed for the filming of Jean-Jacques Annaud's *Two Brothers* (2004).

- Late Night Departure:

Flight Schedule: TBA

Saturday, March 31: Arrival in Burlington

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