"Travel with Gina" . . .

is NOT a typical tour. You are a friend "Traveling with Me" the way I like to travel. We see the important sights & the real local culture - safely. Due to the ongoing impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), protecting the safety and wellbeing of travelers, local guides, and suppliers remains my priority and I have adjusted my flexible cancellation and change policy to accommodate the changing times. These trips are good for people who are independent travelers wanting some free time when they travel with a "group of friends". Not every 5 minutes is planned. We have a lot of free time for individual interests. Many of the people who join this group trip become "lifelong friends" because you have so much in common. Not everyone in our life loves to travel so we need these "traveller friends". These trips are also for people who want longer, extended & cultural travel. Maybe you are retired already or preparing for retirement? Maybe you want a lifestyle & work-life that allows you to travel as much as you want at any age? Welcome to "Travel with Gina"!

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Celebrate New Years Eve Majestic Angkor Wat in Cambodia

December 30, 2024 - January 4, 2025 (6 days) Land Price: \$995

Int'l Air Starting at \$900 (or FREE with 80,000-130,000 reward points)
Single room supplement \$225





Dec 30 SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Plan to arrive to Siem Reap by 2pm on Dec 30 (or fly to Siem Reap earlier - Gina can book your pre-trip hotel for \$70 per night single or double room). You will need a flight departing the USA on <u>Dec 28 or 29 in order to arrive to Siem Reap by 2pm on Dec 30.</u> From the USA our flight crosses the international date line so we lose 12 hours flying to Cambodia. We gain this time back on our return!

Airport transfer is available for \$30pp and takes approximately 40 minutes. Our meeting point is our Siem Reap hotel. **Group orientation at 3pm** in the hotel lobby & local walking tour with Gina. Optional group dinner (get to know your new friends).

Dec 31 CELEBRATE NEW YEARS in SIEM REAP / ANGKOR WAT

After breakfast we'll start our **New Years Celebration Day** by visiting breathtaking **Angkor Wat**, the "City of Temples" in Khmer and the main attraction for most people who visit Cambodia. Angkor Wat is spread across over 400 acres and is said to be the largest religious monument in the world. **In the 11th and 12th century Angkor Wat was a more impressive city than any European city or other city in the world** - traders expressed it was the most amazing place they had ever seen - the architecture, canals more major than the even Netherlands, abundant gold & jewels, artwork & carvings. It was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1992. Originally built as a Hindu temple, it turned into a Buddhist temple towards the end of the 12th century.

Our excellent English-speaking guide will lead us through the life-changing history of Angkor Wat. We'll first visit the sprawling 12th century temple complex considered to be the masterpiece of the entire Khmer empire. The reflective pools and vast moat are breathtaking. Our knowledgeable guide will explain the impressive bas-reliefs (carvings)





depicting scenes of Ramayana, an epic Hindu poem, as well as the "end of life karma" based on our deeds. We'll continue through the South Gate of Angkor Thom and marvel at the line of 54 gods and demons.

Free afternoon to relax and enjoy the hotel pool & sauna (\$3pp) and prepare for our New Years evening celebration. Enjoy a local massage (\$6/hour) or shop in the market.

Our New Years dinner will include a traditional Khmer Khantoke dinner show. Depart from the hotel lobby at 6pm (dinner show ends at 9pm). Then we celebrate New Years on Pub Street and/or the hotel balcony bar overlooking the river to see the New Years firework show! (Meals: B, D)







Jan 1 SIEM REAP / ANGKOR WAT

Relaxing morning to enjoy the breakfast buffet overlooking the river. Or take a walk around the Old Market and negotiate for great local items & souvenirs.

In the late morning we'll return to Angkor Wat and visit Bayon Temple, becoming hypnotized by the smiling stone faces. We'll also tour the jungle temple of Ta Prohm where the trees intertwine their trunks around the ancient ruins. (Meals: B)





Jan 2 SIEM REAP: optional activities

Free day. (Meals: B).

Gina's recommendations:

- a. Return to **Angkor Wat** & explore more of the remote temples (your pass included in the trip cost is good for 7 days). Cost: \$45pp for guide & transport. Minimum 2p.
- b. Tour beautiful **Tonlé Sap Lake & floating village**. Cost: \$45pp for guide & transport plus boat cost of \$20-\$60pp. Minimum 2p.
- c. Sunset dinner cruise to Tonlé Sap Lake & floating village \$55pp.
- d. Enjoy a **highly recommended food tour** of Siem Reap & countryside. Cost: \$45pp for guide & transport. The food tour ends at Somber Cambodian Saki for taste testing. Minimum 2p.
- d. Visit **KULEN ELEPHANT FOREST**, an hour from Siem Reap. The sacred mountain of Phnom Kulen is renowned for its beautiful Buddhist temples, ancient Angkorian ruins, and natural waterfalls. On this tour, spend a full day taking in the highlights and exploring the wild jungle trails in a car. Admire the gigantic reclining Buddha, see the ancient rock carvings on the river, and cool off with a swim beneath the falls. Cost: \$TBD.

e. Visit KULEN ELEPHANT FOREST and elephant conservation camp. Cost:\$TBD.

- f. **ON YOUR OWN** explore the quaint town of Siem Reap:
- The Old Market (shopping near the hotel).
- Pub Street (bars, restaurants, shopping near the hotel).
- · Angkor National Museum & the Royal Palace.
- Enjoy a highly recommended food tour of Siem Reap & countryside. Cost: \$45pp for guide & transport. Minimum 2p.
- The women's artisan co-op (the Fair Trade Village www.thefairtradevillage.com) with the best of Cambodia handicrafts, authentic souvenirs and gifts all in one place.
- Phare Cambodian Circus (nightly performances- tickets are \$18, \$28 and \$38pp) www.pharecircus.org email: ticketing@pharecircus.org/.
- Visit APOPO Cambodia Program they train Tanzania rats to find landmines & have been very successful in many countries. Entrance fee \$3.

Jan 3 SIEM REAP: optional activities

Free day. See above recommendations. Optional group farewell dinner (Meals: B).

Jan 4 Depart SIEM REAP for the USA

Or add a trip extension with Gina to Thailand for her "Buddhist Temple Tour" Jan 4-12, 2025 and her "Volunteer Teach English" Thailand program Jan . See below for recommendations. (Meals: B).

CAMBODIA TOUR LAND PRICE INCLUDES:

Five nights hotel (based on double room occ). Single room supplement \$225. Two days touring Angkor Wat's many temples with a knowledgeable English-speaking guide & transportation. Seven-day Angkor Wat pass for the extra days. Six meals (5 breakfast & New Years dinner Khantoke show).

TRIP EXTENSIONS:

Join Gina Dec 30, 2024 to Jan 27, 2025 for all three trips!

- 1. CAMBODIA NEW YEARS EVE "ANGKOR WAT" TOUR (6 days) Dec 30, 2024 to Jan 4, 2025 and the S (Land cost \$995, single supplement \$225).
- 2. THAILAND BUDDHIST TEMPLE TOUR (9 days)
 January 4-12, 2025 (Land cost \$1895, single supplement \$325). If you want to join the Thailand trip after the Cambodia trip, you will fly from Siem Reap, Cambodia to Bangkok, Thailand on January 4 (approx. \$125 flight cost).
- 3. VOLUNTEER TEACH ENGLISH PROGRAM (14 days)



Jan 12-25, 2025 (Cost \$695pp). The Thailand tour begins in Bangkok and ends in Chiang Mai on Jan 12, the starting point for the Jan 13 volunteer teach English program. You will have one free day in Chiang Mai (Jan 12) to enjoy the many activities available. See the Thailand trip brochure for optional Chiang Mai activities. Gina can book your extra January 12 Chiang Mai hotel night (\$75/night per room).



- 4. Gina can book all of your extra hotel nights & help you plan your logistics if you choose to do more than one of her trips.
- 5. Also there are many other pre-trip or post-trip extensions within Cambodia:
 - a. Visit the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh (visit the Grand Palace, the historic Killing Fields, & the S21 Killing Fields Prison School). This could be a pre-tour trip extension in December. Fly internationally to Phnom Penh. Tour Phnom Penh and then fly or go overland to Siem Reap to join the Dec 30 Cambodia New Years Eve tour.
 - b. From Phnom Penh travel overland to Sihanoukville beach.
 - c. From Phnom Penh travel overland to Kep on the west coast.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP FOR THIS TRIP?

Your \$400pp TRIP DEPOSIT

holds your spot and is 100% refundable up to 90 days of trip departure & 100% transferable up to 60 days of trip departure. Due to COVID-19, see Gina's new flexible "Cancellation & Change Policy" on the trip summary brochure.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT or for more information: contact Gina Henry / Go Global Tours

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PLUS: Receive a FREE TRIP for yourself (land portion) when you bring 8 paying friends on a trip! And if you follow the tips in this publication, you will also have a **FREE AIRLINE TICKET** for this trip!

HOW TO EARN A FREE AIRLINE TICKET TO CAMBODIA?

You will need approximately 80,000-130,000 reward points to fly FREE roundtrip coach class. Please note reward point levels and credit card promotions change frequently. Please confirm with the web sites below. Gina recommends applying for one or more of these reward credit cards to earn a FREE ROUNDTRIP airline ticket for this trip:

- 1. When booking through "Chase Ultimate Rewards": Apply for "The Chase Sapphire Preferred credit card" offers a 60,000 sign-up bonus when you spend \$4000 in the first 3 months of getting the card. Annual fee \$95, even the first year. Put all your monthly bills on this card to earn the additional points. This credit card is available to you if you do not have any Sapphire cards and have not received a new cardmember bonus for any Sapphire card in the past 48 months. For more information, go to www.Chase.com/. Total 60,000 + 4000 (spend) = 64,000 points. Use Chase Ultimate Rewards to book your flight and receive a 25% bonus = 80,000 points. You can also transfer your Sapphire points to United airlines, but you would miss the 25% bonus.
- 2. When booking through **United Airlines:** Apply for "**The United Airlines Explorer credit card**" which offers a 60,000 sign-up bonus when you spend \$3,000 in the first 3 months. No annual fee the first year (\$95 year two). This credit card bonus is available to you if you do not have this card and have not received a new Cardmember bonus for this card in the past 24 months. Put all your monthly bills on this card to earn the additional points. Total 60,000 + 3,000 (spend) = 63,000 points.

Next: apply for "**The United Gateway credit card**" (30,000 sign-up bonus with a \$1,000 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card = 31,000 more points. No annual fee. Total 31,000 points + 63,000 (above points) = 94,000 points.

Next: If you have a business, apply for a "Chase United Business Mileage Plus credit card" (50,000 sign-up bonus with a \$5,000 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card = 55,000 points. No annual fee year one (\$99 year two). Plus earn 2 miles per \$1 spent on United purchases, dining (including eligible delivery services), gas, office supply stores, and on local transit and commuting. Plus first checked bag free for you and one companion traveling on the same reservations, earn a \$100 United travel credit after qualifying flight purchases, and 1 mile per \$1 spent on all other purchases. Also, 5,000 anniversary bonus miles when you have the UnitedSM Business Card and a personal United credit card*. Total at least 94,000 (above points) + 55,000 = 149,000 points. For more information, go to www.United.com or www.Chase.com/.

3. When booking through **American Airlines:** Apply for "**The American Airlines Advantage Platinum Select World Elite Mastercard**" offers a 50,000 sign-up bonus when you spend \$2,500 in the first 3 months of getting the card. No annual fee first year (Year two \$99). Total 50,000 + 2,500 (spend) = 52,500 points.

<u>Next</u>: apply for a "Citi AAdvantage MileUp credit card" (10,000 sign-up bonus with a \$500 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card). No annual fee ever. Put all your monthly bills on

these cards to earn the additional points. Total at least 10,000 + 500 (spend) = 10,500 points + 52,500 (above points) = $\underline{63,000}$ points.

Next: If you have a business, apply for a "Citi Advantage Business credit card" (65,000 signup bonus with a \$4,000 spend in the first 4 months of getting the card) = 65,000 + 4,000 (spend) = 69,000 points. Annual fee \$99. Total 63,000 point (above) + 69,000 points = 132,000 points. For more information, go to www.aa.com or www.Citi.com/.

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TRIP INSURANCE

TRIP INSURANCE is highly recommended due to COVID:

- 1. Gina recommends "TravelGuard Preferred" trip insurance as it is based on the trip destination and trip cost. It offers \$50,000 medical insurance along with other coverage (lost baggage, trip delay, etc). Gina recommends purchasing the "additional medical coverage" for a small amount which offers \$100,000 in medical insurance as well as evacuation insurance. Some countries are now requiring you to have \$100,000 in medical coverage to enter. TravelGuard also offers a "cancel for any reason" add-on for just a few more dollars which is a good idea during this time of COVID. Go to GinaHenry.com, click on "Gina Recommends" for the TravelGuard links. Use Gina Henry/Go Global Inc. code #62401. Air refunds are based on airline policy.
- 2. TravelGuard also offers an "Annual Plan" for \$259 per year this is what I purchase because I travel so much. You only have to be 100+ miles away from home for coverage. It offers two trip evacuations per year, \$50,000 of medical coverage per

incident, lost baggage, trip delay, etc. However, it does not offer the "cancel for any reason" add-on. Go to <u>GinaHenry.com</u>, click on "Gina Recommends" for the TravelGuard links. Use Gina Henry/Go Global Inc. code #62401. Fill out the form with the first trip destination & trip departure date. Make the trip end date exactly one-year and this will calculate your \$259 annual insurance (you don't need to name all of your trips for the year).

For more information on TravelGuard, please go to my web site at www.GinaHenry.com and click under "Gina Recommends" at the top of the web site.