

# Passage of the Heart Tour

Thailand and Cambodia 2008 with Rev David Ault  
January 20 - 30, 2008

*Day 1* Depart USA for Bangkok, Thailand.

*Day 2* Arrive Bangkok in late evening.

*Day 3 Bangkok*

10 am departure from hotel to visit the Grand Palace and the temple of the Emerald Buddha, which represents over 200 years of Royal history. Then Thonburi Canals boat ride to Wat Arun. Dinner at hotel.

*Day 4 Bangkok*

Early rise to visit Floating Market, then continue on River Kwai to Jungle Raft in a remote Mon Village 3 hours out of Bangkok. Visit elephant village school, picture of elephant, local exchange activities. Free time for rest of the day to explore the Mon village and exchange with most friendly local villagers.

*Day 5 Ayudhya Tour*

The ancient city of Ayutthaya, Thai capital for 417 years, is one of Thailand's major tourist attractions. Ayutthaya (72 kilometers north of Bangkok ) boasts numerous magnificent ruins. Such ruins indicate that Ayutthaya was one of Indo- China's most prosperous cities.

*Day 6 Bangkok to Siem Reap, Cambodia*

Departure at 10:00 am to airport to Siem Reap. After arrival, transfer to hotel for check-in. Then departure to Tonle Sab for boat trip to see floating villages and village exhibitions. Dinner with local folk dancing at local restaurant.

*Day 7 Banteay Srei and Angkor Wat.*

Morning departure to visit Banteay Srei, Neak Pean, Ta Promh and Takeo temples. Then visit to Angkor Wat. Banteay Srei is an exquisite miniature; a fairy tale palace in the heart of an immense and mysterious forest.

There are two great complexes of ancient ruins in southeast Asia, one at Bagan, Burma, the other at Angkor in Cambodia. The temples of Angkor, built from 879 - 1191AD, when the Khmer civilization was at the height of its development, represent one of humankind's most astonishing and enduring architectural achievements. From the great citadel of Angkor, the kings of the Khmer empire ruled over a vast domain that reached from what is now southern Vietnam to Yunnan, China and from Vietnam westward to the Bay of Bengal. The structures one sees at Angkor today, more than 100 temples in all, are the surviving religious remains of a grand social and administrative metropolis whose other buildings - palaces, public buildings, and houses - were all built of wood and are long since decayed and gone.

*Day 8 Angkor Thom*

9.00 a.m. departure to visit South Gate of Angkor Thom, Bayon, Elephant terrace, Phimean Akas, and Leper King. Lunch, then Artisan D'Angkor, a traditional Khmer craft shopping place. Dinner at hotel. Angkor Thom is the inner royal city, built by the end of the 12th century during the reign of King Jayavarman VII, shortly after Angkor had been conquered and burnt down by the Chams. This inner royal city was built as a quadrangle and bordered by a 100-metres-wide moat and an 8-metres-high wall. Angkor Thom is geometrically oriented: it covers an area which is an exact quadrangle; the sides of this quadrangle run exactly in North-South and East-West direction. A gate opens exactly in the middle of each wall, connecting, through a bridge over the moat, the royal city with the outside. Exactly in the center of Angkor Thom are the temple grounds of the Bayon.

*Day 9 Siem Reap to Bangkok*

Visit Elementary School and Silk Farm then to airport for flight back to Bangkok

*Day 10* Day at leisure in Bangkok

*Day 11* Bangkok - USA

Our flight regains the day lost crossing the International Date Line. We arrive home on the same day.

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