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**TOS Fundraiser Tour to the
Kingdom of Cambodia
Sacred Sights & Service Tour**
13 days/12 nights - 11-23 October 2015

Itinerary revised 10 February 2015

Day-by-day Itinerary

11 Oct Day 1, Sunday: Siem Reap arrival

On arrival in Cambodia at Siem Reap International Airport, you will clear customs, immigration and visa control. Exiting to baggage claim, you will be met by a Tour representative, with a sign TOS. Transfer to your centrally located 4* hotel. (Max. 2 transfers included in cost). Remainder of the day at leisure to settle into your new surroundings.

5.30pm - meet in the hotel lobby for a tour briefing, followed by dinner at the hotel. Guest of honour at the dinner will be **Jimmy from Jimmy's Village School**.

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

12 Oct Day 2, Monday: Siem Reap (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

10.00am - meet in the hotel lobby. You will depart by Tuk-Tuk for a morning tour of the **Cambodian Land Mine Museum**. This museum has eye-opening displays on the curse of land mines in Cambodia. The museum serves as a source of income for amputees to support their families, in addition to caring for hundreds of children badly affected by poverty and minelaying. Tuk-Tuk cost to be paid on the spot. Admission to museum USD3 approx.

Lunch after the visit, followed by free time to shop for gifts for **Jimmy's rural village** or relax.

4.45pm - meet in the hotel lobby and depart by Tuk-Tuk to **Jimmy's School**. Jimmy is a Tuk-Tuk driver by day and a compassionate English teacher by night. Dinner nearby at Golden Temple Restaurant.

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

13 Oct Day 3, Tuesday: Siem Reap (B)

Early breakfast at the hotel

8.00am - meet in the hotel lobby. Today, we visit the Bayon temple located at the exact centre of Angkor Thom. This is an eccentric expression of the creative genius and inflated ego of Cambodia's most celebrated king. Its 54 towers are each topped off with the four faces of Avalokiteshvara (Buddha of Compassion), which bear more than a passing resemblance to the king himself. These colossal heads stare down from every side, exuding power and control with a hint of compassion, just the mix required to keep a hold on such a vast empire. Before clambering upwards, we unravel the mysteries of the bas-reliefs, with their intricate scenes of ancient battles against the Chams and their snapshot of daily life during the Angkor period.

After your tour, you will have the option of either staying within the complex or being transferred back to your hotel.

4.45pm - meet at hotel reception for your Tuk-Tuk transfer to **Jimmy's School** followed by dinner at Golden Temple Restaurant.

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

14 Oct Day 4, Wednesday: Siem Reap (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

8.30am - meet in hotel lobby for a full day visit to a village which is sponsored by Jimmy's school. Some of the transportation is by ox cart. Today we see how life was before this modern age we in the west dwell in. The village kids will amaze you as they delight in simple experiences and are so very grateful for any gifts. (Sunshine Coast TOS project).

Jimmy's School is organising transfers and we will pay for this on the spot - estimated cost USD15. Dinner own arrangements

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

15 Oct Day 5, Thursday: Siem Reap (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

11.00am - meet in the hotel lobby for a Tuk-Tuk transfer to visit the **Green Gecko Project** a safe haven for Siem Reap kids to eat, wash, learn and play. Green Gecko provides love, security, outreach and drop-in programs that are organised for approximately seventy street kids. This is followed by lunch at the Green Gecko restaurant or a vegetarian restaurant on Pub Street

5.30pm - meet in the hotel lobby for a presentation from **Free to Shine Charity** (TOS Sunshine Cost charity).
Dinner own arrangements.

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

16 Oct Day 6, Friday: Siem Reap (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure.

1.00pm - meet in hotel lobby. We depart the city for an unspoiled **floating community called Kampong Phluk** which is best known for its stilted-house villages and flooded forest. We will stop on the way for the Rolous Market tour. This is a great chance for you to observe the locals selling indigenously grown vegetables, different fish species and other local produce. After this market tour we take a boat trip to the floating community of Kampong Phluk, visit an island pagoda, school and houses standing on 8 or 10m high stilts, fish farms and learn about the village life. We then get into a rowing boat and venture beyond the villages into the flooded forest, the habitat to some of water-bird species. Eventually we jump back in to the big boat and set off for the largest fresh water lake in South East Asia, Tonle Sap, before returning to your hotel.

Dinner own arrangements.

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

17 Oct Day 7, Saturday: Siem Reap (B)

Early breakfast at the hotel.

8.00am meet in the hotel foyer, today we visit the **Ta Prohm temple**, which has been abandoned to the elements, a reminder that while empires rise and fall, the riotous power of nature marches on, oblivious to the dramas of human history. Left as it was 'discovered' by French explorer Henri Mouhot in 1860, the tentacle-like tree roots here are slowly strangling the surviving stones, man first conquering nature to create, nature later conquering man to destroy. After your tour, you will have the option of either staying within the complex or being transferred back to your hotel.

4.45pm - meet in the hotel lobby for Tuk-Tuk transfer to **Jimmy's School**. Saturday night is party night at Jimmy's school. The pupils just love music and being able to express their talents. They will have you joining in a sing-a-long with their high-energy performances.

Dinner own arrangements.

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

18 Oct Day 8, Sunday: Siem Reap (B)

Early breakfast at the hotel.

6.00am - meet in hotel foyer to journey to the Mother of all temples, **Angkor Wat for sunrise**. Believed to be the world's largest religious building, this temple is the perfect fusion of symbolism and symmetry and a source of pride and strength to all Khmers. Built in the 12th century by King Suryavarman II, this is most famous temple at Angkor. We begin by unravelling the mysteries of the base-reliefs that tell of tales from Hindu mythology and of the glories of the Khmer empire. Stretching for almost one kilometre, these intricate carvings are a candidate for the world's longest unbroken piece of art. , we then continue to the upper levels of the inner sanctuary. The final steps to the upper terrace of Angkor are the steepest of all, as pilgrims of old were to stoop on their pilgrimage to encounter the Gods. Finally the pinnacle, the sacred heart of Angkor Wat, a blend of spirituality and symmetry so perfect that few moments will measure up.

After your tour, you will have the option of either staying within the complex or being transferred back to your hotel. Afternoon free; dinner own arrangements.

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

Day 9, Monday: Siem Reap (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Our last full day in Siem Reap is a free day for last minute shopping – visit silver wholesale shops for inexpensive silver jewellery or visit a spa. Optional sightseeing can be arranged.

6.30pm - meet in the hotel lobby for your Tuk-Tuk transfer to a local restaurant for our **Farewell Dinner** (dinner to be paid on the spot) – our group will dine together endorsing our commitment to our First Object of the Theosophical Society and to Annie Besant's legacy of how social activism can not only spread theosophical teachings but bring some light into our world. .

Overnight: **Frangipani Villa Hotel**, Siem Reap

20 Oct Day 10, Tuesday: Siem Reap to Phnom Penh (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Please ensure that you have paid for any additional services that you have charged to your room before your departure.

Time TBA - meet in the hotel lobby, where we will be picked up for our private van transfer to the Cambodian capital **Phnom Penh**, pausing at **Skuon**, affectionately known as 'Spiderville', where it is possible for the daring to sample the local delicacy of deep fried tarantula. We then arrive in Phnom Penh at your hotel for check-in before you are taken to the waterfront for lunch

Dinner own arrangements.

Overnight: **Queen Grand Boutique Hotel**, Phnom Penh

21 Oct Day 11, Wednesday: Phnom Penh (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

8.30am - meet your guide this morning in the hotel lobby. We begin the day with a visit to the infamous **Tuol Sleng museum (S-21)** and then on to **Choeung Ek (Killing Fields)** which is located about 17km southwest of Phnom Penh, and is the best known of the various Killing Field sites in Cambodia. We then return to the capital in time for lunch

4.30pm - meet in the foyer for your Tuk-Tuk transfer to **The Foreign Correspondents Club** at Sisowath Quay for Happy Hour followed by dinner. The walls of the Foreign Correspondents Club speak volumes, its folklore embedded in bricks and mortar. The FCC, as it is known, has marvellous views over the river and the bustling street life of the capitol.

Overnight: **Queen Grand Boutique Hotel**, Phnom Penh

22 Oct Day 12, Thursday: Phnom Penh (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

8.30am - meet in the hotel lobby for a short walk to the **Royal Palace**. (tickets to be purchased on site).

With its classic Khmer roofs and ornate gilding, the Royal Palace dominates the skyline of Phnom Penh with its striking structure near the riverfront. Being the official residence of King Sihamoni, parts of the massive palace compound are closed to the public.

The Kings of Cambodia have occupied the Royal Palace since it was built in 1860s, with a period of absence when the country came into turmoil during and after the reign of the Khmer Rouge. The palace was constructed after King Norodom relocated the royal capital from Oudong to Phnom Penh in the mid-19th century. It was built atop an old citadel called Banteay Kev. It faces towards the East and is situated at the Western bank of the cross division of the Tonle Sap River and the Mekong River called Chaktomuk.

Adjacent to the palace, the **Silver Pagoda complex** is also open to the public.

Afternoon and evening are free for last minute shopping at the capital's bustling markets.

Overnight: **Queen Grand Boutique Hotel**, Phnom Penh

23 Oct Day 13, Friday: depart Phnom Penh (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flights home (Max. 2 transfers included in cost).

END OF TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

TOUR COST – based on min. 18 persons travelling – in AUD per person

Twin share	920.00
Single Supplement	607.00

Deposit (non-refundable) payable:

- AUD300 per person.

Balance payable

- No later than 11 August.
- Please note balance payments against Credit cards will attract additional fee (details as per booking form).

Payments to be sent to EETB, address details as per booking form.

Cancellation conditions

- Will apply after payment – deposit fully non-refundable; once final payment has been effected, cancellation conditions t.b.a. **IT IS RECOMMENDED CLIENTS TAKE OUT INSURANCE PRIOR TO PAYING DEPOSITS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST CANCELLATION DUE TO ILLNESS.**

Documents

- Itinerary will be emailed or posted if no email available, approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Service vouchers will be held by your Tour Organiser, Ms. Jean Carroll.

INCLUSIONS:

- Arrival transfer into Siem Reap – vehicle depending on size of passenger group being transferred
- 12 nights' accommodation incl. of daily breakfast
 - 9 nights Frangipani Villa Resort – Standard rooms
 - 3 nights Queen Grand Boutique Hotel – Superior rooms
- Excursions & admissions** as per Itinerary
 - Half day tour to Angkor Thom and Bayon Temples**
 - Half day tour to Kampong Phluk floating community
 - Half day tour to Ta Phrom temple**
 - Sunrise tour of Angkor Wat**
 - Half day tour to Tuol Sleng and Choeung Ek (Killing Fields)**
- Private coach transfer Siem Reap to Phnom Penh
- Departure transfer to Phnom Penh airport – vehicle depending on size of passenger group being transferred
- Local Taxes

All tours in air-conditioned vehicle with English-speaking guide

EXCLUSIONS:

- All international flights & Travel Insurance
- Cambodian visa fees – USD30 on arrival in Cambodia
- Meals other than breakfast – but dining- out is inexpensive in Cambodia
- Any Excursions/transfers not listed under 'Inclusions' above – payable on the spot (as per Itinerary)