

Travel Writing

Angkor Archeological Park

Cambodia's famous heritage site

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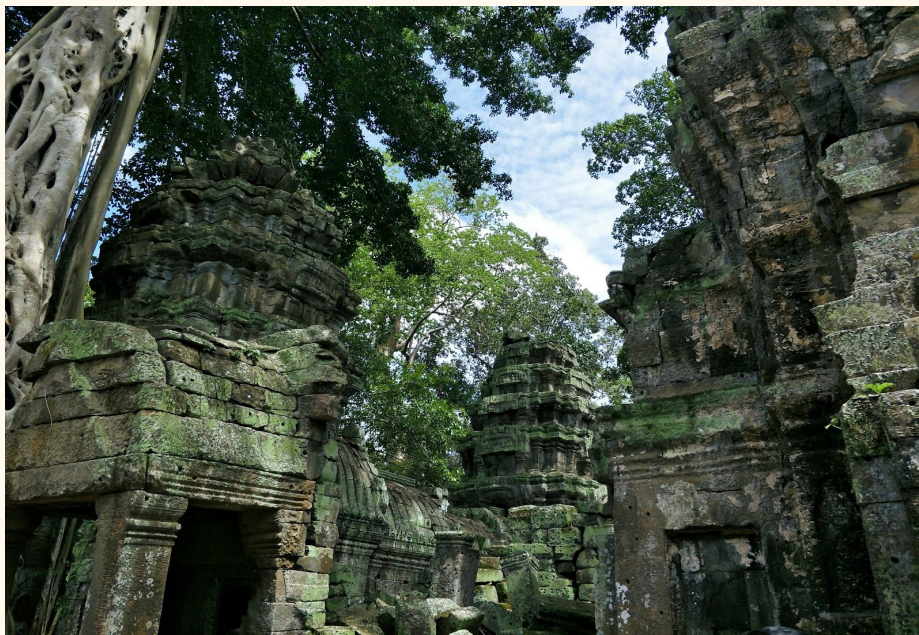


Angkor Park is the complex of Hindu - Buddhist temple located in Cambodia. It was built as a Hindu temple in the first half of the 12th century by Suryavarman II but it changed to be a Buddhist temple in the end century.

Facts about Angkor

1. Angkor is a complex of many temples. Not only one temple.

I immediately feel amazed when seeing Angkor Wat. The scenery was too beautiful. It is because Angkor Wat surrounded by the Siem Reap River and the temple is so magnificent. After that, I am so surprised when I go inside because there are many beautiful temples inside it. Like Angkor Wat, Bayon and Angkor Thom temple.



(Angkor Thom)

2. Angkor Wat has become the largest religious monument in the world

Angkor Wat was built for people dedicated to the God Vishnu. The temple complex has become the largest religious monument. It has measuring 162.6 hectares or 402 acres. There are 50 temples around the complex of Angkor Archeological Park but the famous is just 10 temples. Angkor Wat have Hindu and Buddhist Relief. For the example in Ta Prohm, there are 4 faces of Lokeshvara at the front gate and



(4 faces of Lokeshvara)

3. Have similarity with Prambanan temple

From the relief, Angkor Wat have similarity with Prambanan temple. Prambanan and Angkor Wat was built as Hindu temple. So, they have the same relief because contain the story of Hindu teachings. Also, I see the bathing place in Angkor Wat that similar to Tamansari in Yogyakarta.



(The Relief in Angkor Wat)

4. Ta Prohm (Temple of The Jungle)

Ta Prohm was built for the King's family by Jayavarman VII, the temple was called Rajavihara. When archeologists found the temple, the condition is still the same as long time ago. There are many big trees and plants surroundings on each temple. That is why Ta Prohm has a unique atmosphere and become the famous one in Angkor Park complex. This temple also known as film set of Tomb Raider.



(Big tree in Ta Prohm)

Tips & Tricks

1. If you go by backpacker style, you can **buy local bus tickets from Phnom Penh to Siem Riep** because Angkor Park is located in Siem Riep, it took \pm 5 hours from Phnom Penh. But you can take a flight from Phnom Penh it just took less than 1 hour.
2. **Choose the hostel or hotel near the park** because it makes you easier to visit it.
3. Do not forget to **rent Tuk Tuk driver**. When I was in Cambodia, I got the nicest Tuk Tuk driver. He is willing to wait us prepare things and drive us. Also, he search Halal Food because he knows that me and my friend are Muslims. If you are lucky, you can also get Tuk Tuk driver like mine haha!
4. **Use comfy clothes** because it is so hot and we will move a lot to walk around the temple
5. If you sunrise seeker, you **should wake up really early!** Because, when you miss the group. You can not see the sunrise like me.
6. Do not forget to **bring the best camera or smartphone** that you have. It because the scenery was too beautiful if it is not being captured.