



## Birding Cambodia 14 Day

### Tour Fact Sheet

Price Pax. + 1 tour leader

Habitats Covered : Broadleaved evergreen forest, Dry Forest, Wet Land, Rice Filed, Lake  
 Sites cover : Angkor Wat - Prek Toal - Ang Trapaeng Thmor - Florican Grassland – Tmatboey-  
 Okoki– Vulture Restaurant – Kratie – Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary – Dakdam  
 Highland –Chaktomuk Marshland  
 Tour pace & walking : Moderate  
 Photography : Excellent on Dec. - Apr.  
 Expect Climate : 10-25C. (Dec.-Jan.) , 25 - 40 C. (Feb.-May), 30-40 C. (Apr.)  
 Expect to see : 270+ sp.  
 Local guide : Ms.Sohphon S.

Day	Itinerary	Meal	Stay	Species
1	Group Arrival	D	Siem Reap	
2	Full day birding / templeing at Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, Ta Phrom	B/L/D	Siem Reap	Hainan Blue, Taigar and Asian Brown Flycatchers, Black Baza, Parakeet
3	Full day birding at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap	B/L/D	Siem Reap	Large waterbirds – Great Adjutant, Milky Stork, Spot-billed Pelican
4	Full day birding at Ang Trapaeng Thmor	B/L/D	Siem Reap	Sarus Crane, Eld's Deer, Water fowls, Harriers, Owls and Stork
5	AM birding at Florican Grassland, PM at Tmatboey	B/L/D	Tmatboey	Bengal Florican, Manchurian Reed Warbler, Harriers
6	Full day birding at Tmatboey	B/L/D	Tmatboey	Giant and White-shouldered Ibis(s), Woodpeckers, Owls
7	AM birding at Tmatboey, PM birding at Okoki	B/L/D	Okoki	Pale-capped Pigeon, Brown Fish and Brown Wood Owl and DDF bird species
8	Full day birding at Okoki	B/L/D	Okoki	White-winged Duck, Javan Frogmouth,
9	AM birding at Okoki, PM birding Boeng Toal	B/L/D	Boeng Toal	Woodpeckers, DDF bird species
10	AM birding at Vulture Restaurant, PM birding at Kratie – Mekong	B/L/D	Kratie	Red-headed, Slendered-billed and White-rumped Vulture(s) / Asian Golden Weaver, Baya Weaver and Streak Weaver
11	AM Kratie ; PM birding at Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary	B/L/D	Senmonorom	Mekong Wagtail & Irrawaddy Dolphin, Small Pratincole, Plain Martin
12	Full day birding at Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary	B/L/D	Senmonorom	Green Peafowl, Great Hornbill, Douc Languor, Germain's Peacock Pheasant
13	full day birding at Dakdam Highland	B/L/D	Senmonorom	Anam Barbet, Golden Crested Myna, Black Bulbul, Marron Oriole
14	Morning KSWS; PM Chaktomuk Marshland; finish at Phnom Penh airport	B/L	N/A	Cambodian Tailorbird

### Day 1 : Group arrival at Siem Reap

Start of Cambodia tour with transfer from airport to hotel in Siem Reap.

Meals : Dinner

Stay : Sonalong Boutique Hotel

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**Day 2 : Angkor Wat – Birding through Culture and Nature**

Early Morning for sunrise to Angkor Wat, afternoon visit Angkor Thom – Bayon and Taphrom.

Our first birding hotspot is chasing around the temple of Angkor where you can combine with historical, cultural tour as it one of the world attractive sites for tourists.

Angkor is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. Comprising over some 400 km<sup>2</sup>, including forested area, Angkor Archaeological Park contains the magnificent remains of the different capitals of the Khmer Empire, from the 9th to the 15th century. They include the famous Temple of Angkor Wat and, the Bayon Temple with its countless sculptural decorations, and Taphrom with combination of trees growing out of the ruins, and other temples.

Angkor Thom (literally Great City), was the last and most enduring capital city of the Khmer empire. It was established in the late twelfth century by King Jayavarman VII. It covers an area of 9 km<sup>2</sup>. Angkor Thom was established as the capital of Jayavarman VII's empire, and was the centre of his massive building programme. One inscription found in the city refers to Jayavarman as the groom and the city as his bride.

Bayon temple is a well-known and richly decorated Khmer temple at Angkor. Built in the late 12th or early 13th century as the official state temple of the Mahayana Buddhist King Jayavarman VII, the Bayon stands at the centre of Jayavarman's capital, Angkor Thom. Following Jayavarman's death, it was modified and augmented by later Hindu and Theravada Buddhist kings in accordance with their own religious preferences.

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. beside temple, you can explore some bird species such as White-throated Rock-thrush, Black-capped Kingfisher, Black Baza, Alexandrine and Red-breasted parakeet, Hainan Blue and Taiga Flycatchers.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Sonalong Boutique Hotel**

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**Day – 3 Prek Toal – Large Waterbird Colonies**

Today we will bring you by car and boat to Prek Toal, Tonle Sap where you will see the largest waterbird colonies in Southeast Asia, the flooded forest and the floating village. We organize a special tour to the very heart of the sanctuary.

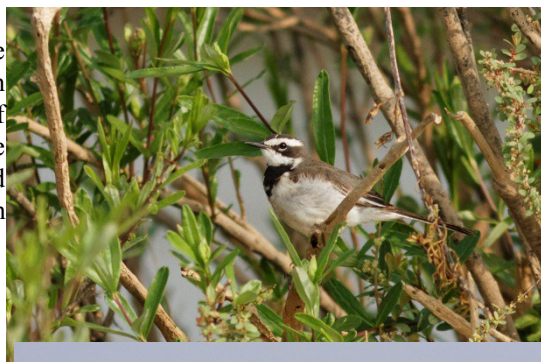
The sanctuary harbours seven species of water birds of global significance: Spot-billed Pelican, Milky Stork, Painted Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Greater Adjutant, Black-headed Ibis, and Oriental Darter. There is a globally significant population of Grey-headed Fish Eagles. Over 150 species have been recorded in the reserve.

The Prek Toal area consists of seasonally inundated freshwater swamp forest with a high botanical diversity. Short tree shrub makes up most of the landscape, forming a dense under story with scattered large trees, which form the vital nesting ground for large water birds. Prek Toal is unmatched throughout South East Asia for the number and populations of endangered water birds it supports through the dry season. Large flocks of Whiskered Tern, Cormorants, Storks and Pelicans are almost guaranteed from January to May, along with Herons, Egrets and Terns.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Sonalong Boutique Hotel**

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#### Day 4 : Ang Trapaeng Thmor – Sarus Crane and Eld's Deer

Today our birding hotspot is going to west of Cambodia within the Tonle Sap floodplains, Ang Trapaeng Thmor where the crane first discovered by Mr, Sam Veasna in 1998.

Ang Trapeang Thmor (ATT) sanctuary is also an important conservation area for a number of other threatened species, such as Sarus Crane, Painted Stork, Spot-billed pelican and other waterfowls. One globally threatened species – the Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*). About 200 bird species recorded in the reserve.

Ang Tropeang Thmor Crane Sanctuary is a protected area of Cambodia on the site of a large Khmer Rouge irrigation project built during the 1976s. The sanctuary was gazetted on 22 February 2000 and covers an area of 12,650 hectares. The reserve was set aside to protect the rare eastern sarus crane (*Grus antigone sharpii*). Prior to the discovery of the crane at Trapaing Thmor, there were thought to be fewer than 1,000 of the birds left alive in the world.

ATT, it is about 2 hours' drive from Siem Reap, A feeding area for the largest congregation of Sarus Cranes in Southeast Asia and up to six species of duck, Black-necked Storks, Greater Spotted Eagle, Milky Stork, Painted Stork, Oriental Plover, and many other species. We will try to observe the endangered Eld's Dear with the drive around the reservoir. See the local village's silk weavers, who will sell their wares directly to you. The best time to see the Sarus Crane is from January to May though an abundance of bird species makes it a worthwhile birding.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Sonalong Boutique Hotel**



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#### Day 5 : Florican Grassland & Tmatboey

Trip will start as early as 5.30am from Siem Reap heading east along national Road6, with approximately 2-hour drive we will arrive at the Florican Grassland where we will spend a couple hours looking for the critically endangered Bengal Florican and other grassland species.

This so-called Bengal Florican Conservation Areas (BFCAs) is the great inundated grassland which is protected and managed for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use by local communities. The conservation areas mainly contain grassland dominant landscapes, which are now extremely rare in South-East Asia and which have been disappearing rapidly in Cambodia in recent years. The target species at this site are **Bengal Florican**, the rare wintering **Manchurian Reed-warbler**, **Raptors** including **Greater Spotted Eagle** and **Imperial Eagle**, **Pied Harrier** and **Eastern Marsh-harrier**, **Siberian Ruby Throat**, and **Small Buttonquail**.



After visiting the Florican grasslands the group will travel toward Tmatboey village passing Beng Melea and Koh Ker temples (if time allows we will break the journey with some birding at these temples). The group will have lunch en route near Koh Ker before arriving Tmatboey Eco-lodge around 3pm in time for the first afternoon birding near the lodge with a short-walk through the open forest to where the White-shouldered Ibis come to roost at sunset.

Tmatboey is a remote village of 314 families situated in the Northern Plains of Cambodia, within the Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary. Tmatboey is the most significant ground for the two critically endangered Giant and White-shouldered Ibises. The conservation project was set up by the Cambodian Government (ministry of environment), conservation NGOs and Tmatboey village.



The accommodation at Tmatboey is basic. The Lodge is comprised of a central recreational building and 5 surrounding bungalows each with 2 twin en-suite rooms with solar powered electricity.

The group can discuss with the CBGA guide how they wish to spend the day outside the sunrise and sunset birding. Packed lunches can be arranged if they want to spend more time in the forest and night drives / walks can spot the owls and Savannah Night Jar. The village of Tmatboey is remote and self-sufficient. CBGA organises an optional village tour, which takes in local trades as well as the school, a market garden, a still for sugar palm wine and points out the projects that the visitor's conservation contributions have assisted.



**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Tmatboey Eco-lodge**

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#### **Day 6 : Tmatboey – Giant and White-shouldered Ibis and land of Woodpeckers**

In the morning the group will leave the lodge very early, around 4 or 4:30 a.m., with a quick cup of tea or coffee, and packed breakfast then a drive and a walk to less disturbed areas of forest where **Giant Ibis** have been located. We return back to the Lodge around noon for lunch and nap before we continue for another afternoon birding.



Tmatboey also supports other target species such as **Woolly-necked Stork**, **Indian Spotted Eagle**, **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** and **White-rumped Falcon**. The **Pale-capped Pigeon** is another highlight along with an amazing diversity of woodpeckers. Our local guides have made a special effort to find owls on their night roosts, allowing comfortable daytime viewing of **Brown Fish Owl**, **Spotted Wood Owl** and **Brown Wood Owl**. Within this 2night birding trip at Tmatboey, you will have enough time to see all the species at Tmatboey at no rush. We will spend whole days birdwatching in the Deciduous Dipterocarp forest to see other birds including the target species above. We will also stay late in the forest until dark for Nightjar (Savanna and Large-tailed) and Owl (Oriental Scops Owl and Barn Owl). Head light and torch are recommended to take along with you.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

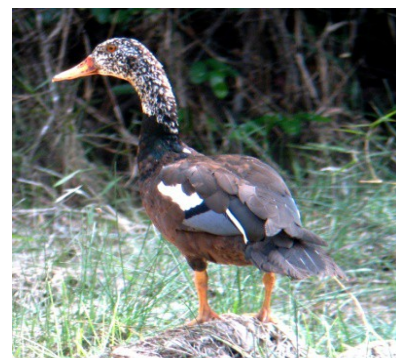
**Stay : Tmatboey Eco-lodge**

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#### **Day 7-8 : Morning Tmatboey; then transfer to Okoki White-winged Duck for two-night stay**

After last morning birding around Tmatboey the group will head toward Okoki passing Dongplet village from where the community that serve your services at the site. The group will arrive at Okoki around noon time then bird watching around the camp site especially waiting in the hide near the feeding pond for the duck.

Okoki is in Chhep Wildlife Sanctuary, where pools in a line of mixed evergreen forest following a water course provide habitat for **White-winged Duck**. This is one of the most pristine parts of Cambodia – its limited population gives us the possibility of seeing mammals. Overnight camping with Safari style tents are set up among the tall trees with shady location provide a comfortable night. A service team will travel with the group from the village. The group will stay here for 2 nights, rising early to walk through the forest to arrive predawn at hides constructed next to the pools favoured by the duck. Bird watching throughout the day could produce a plethora of dry-forest specialists including Green Peafowl and White-rumped Pygmy-falcon. In the gallery forest we can find a different suite of birds including Bar-bellied Pitta, Banded Broadbill and Banded Kingfisher. On our night walks we are likely to encounter Oriental Bay Owl and Blyth's Frogmouth.



**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner (at Okoki camp)**

**Stay : Okoki Safari style tents**



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### Day 9 : AM Okoki ; PM transfer to Beong Toal camp

In the late morning we leave from Okoki Beong Toal (vulture restaurant) arriving late afternoon then enjoy bird watching around the camp site especially Woodpeckers and Vultures.

Safari style tents will be set up for the night at Boeng Toal camp by the Dong Plat ecotourism community.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Boeng Toal Safari style tents**

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### Day 10 AM Vulture Restaurant - PM transfer to Kratie Mekong Dolphin and Wagtail

Before dawn the group will make their way to a hide positioned not far from the vulture restaurant. The beautiful scene with up to 70 vultures maybe present, often competing for the carcass with **Golden Jackal** usually happen. The Vulture Restaurant is a feeding program set up the government of Cambodia and conservation NGOs to help sustain the 3 critically endangered species of vulture: **Red-headed, White-rumped and Slender-billed Vultures**. The world's population of these vultures have suffered from Diclofenac poisoning which has caused a drastic decline in their numbers. In Cambodia cattle are not given this drug, however the lack of food is a problem for the vultures. After the observing the vultures having their breakfast the group leave from vulture restaurant to Kratie arriving late afternoon where we will stay overnight.



**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Mekong Dolphin Hotel**

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### Day 11 : AM birding in Kratie; then transfer to Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary

There are two birding hotspots around Kratie town, one around small marshes where we should see large numbers of weavers including **Asian Golden** and **Streaked Weaver** and other wetland birds and the other one at Kampi where early morning of the next day the group boarding a boat on the Mekong River, looking for the **Mekong Wagtail**, which is restricted to channel island habitats; we will also enjoy the pod of **Irrawaddy Dolphins** that frequent this part of the river.

After boat trip the group will continue to Mondulkiri, arriving at Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary in time for an afternoon birding

We will have two full days and two half days to experience the birds and mammals of this spectacular forest. Top of most birders wish lists is the **Orange-necked Partridge**, **Green Peafowl**, **Germain's Peacock Pheasant**, **Red-vented Barbet**, **Scaly-breasted Partridge** and **Pale-headed Woodpecker** and **Grey-faced Tit-babbler**.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Nature Lodge**

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### Day 12 : Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary

Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the eastern part of Cambodia. It supports dry dipterocarp, semi-evergreen and evergreen forest and it is also land of woodpeckers especially the largest woodpecker in the world, the **Great Slaty** can be seen at forested sites throughout the trip and is particularly easy to see in Seima. Other species such as **White-bellied, Laced, Heart-spotted** and **Black-and-buff Woodpeckers**, **Golden-crested Myna**, **Red-vented Barbets**, **Pin-tailed Green-pigeons** and **hornbills**. Seima is home to the largest population of **Black-shanked Douc** in the world, along with **Northern Pig-tailed** and **Long-tailed Macaque** and **Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon**, all of which are regularly seen on our tours.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Nature Lodge**

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**Day 13 : Dakdam Highland at Annam mountain range**

Dak Dam is hill evergreen forest located just an hour from Mondulkiri, the hills along the Vietnamese border reach over 800m asl. Remaining forest patches here hold an interesting collection of birds unlike any other site in Cambodia. **Black eagle, Pale-capped Pigeon, Indochinese Barbet, Blue-winged Siva, Silver-eared Mesia, White-cheeked Laughingthrush, Rufous-capped Babbler, Black-chinned Yuhina, Black-crowned Parrotbill and Black-browed Fulvetta** are some of the records from this site.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner**

**Stay : Nature Lodge**

**Day 14 : Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary ; Cambodian Tailorbird; finish in Phnom Penh**

We will spend our last morning birding to Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary again, until 9am we will travel toward Phnom Penh.

We will make a stop along the way to locate the newly discovered species of **Cambodian Tailorbird** (*Orthotomus chaktomuk*). This species is only found in the floodplain wetlands where the mighty Mekong river meets the Tonle Sap and Bassac Rivers. This area is also excellent for open-country species such as **Plain-backed Sparrow** and we often see large waterbirds such as **Oriental Darter** and **Painted Stork**. In the scrub in which the tailorbird is found we should also see a range of winter visitors, such as **Black-browed Reed-warbler, Brown Shrike** and **Siberian Rubythroat**.

Tour finish in Phnom Penh airport, then it is time for both our guide and driver to say good bye to the group.

**Meals : Breakfast / Lunch**

**Stay : N/A**

**Price USD Payment / Person + Tour Leader FOC**

Number Pax.	4+1	5-6+1	7+1	8-9+1	10+1	11+1
USD./person	3,120-	2,785-	2,550-	2,435-	2,360-	2,240-

**Note : Single room supplement = USD 230** ( single supplement is not valid for Tmatboey/OKoki/BoengToal, however if there's room available at these sites, then we could arrange it with no extra charge.)

**Price included**

- Birding guide speak english-speaking
- All ground transportation
- All accommodation
- All meals as indicate in the itinerary and drinking water
- All entrance fees as indicate in the itinerary
- local guide/ranger and conservation contribution.

**Price excluded :** Sightseeing entrance fee, souvenirs, massage, any kind alcohol and drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance, flights, laundry, personal expense and personal tip.

**Payments and Cancellation Policy****1. Payments Policy**

Please note that payments can be made via bank transfer or PayPal.

In order to secure your booking we need 40% deposit. At once your payment is initiated then your booking will be saved, fixed and confirmed. First-Come, First-Served. OR you can pay in full amount (100%) just once if you are ready. Request of payment via PayPal charge 4.5%. Money transfer through bank accounts, bank transfer fees are the expenses of the sender.

**Remaining cost (60%) is to be paid**

- Payment required 30 days prior to scheduled arrival via PayPal or bank transfer OR
- Payment also can be done on the first day of the tour via credit smart card SIMs (charge 3.5%) OR pay in cash directly to our birding guide with your country currency or in Thai Baht.

If you prefer pay by the two latter methods, please let us know as soon as possible not later than

30 days before the tour starts. If the service is already carried half-way through of the itinerary, but you still do not pay the remaining cost. We will drop the service immediately until you pay the outstanding amount.

## **2. Cancellation Policy**

- In case of a cancellation occurring 60-31 days before the tour starts, a cancellation fee is the 50% of the deposit or full transferred money.
- A cancellation made within 30 days before the tour starts is subject to no refund.

Please note, in case of no show or cancellation made by any case during the tour is carrying out, the total price of the tour is subject to no refund.

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### **Required information, please send to us :**

- ✎ A copy of your passport for travel insurance & your most recent photo for our guide or driver to promptly recognize you when picking you up from the hotel or the airport
- ✎ Your main focus; bird watching OR bird photography
- Food preference or limited; no spicy at all, vegetarian, food allergy etc.
- The type of breakfast you want.
- Name & Location of the hotel OR Which one Airport for guide pick you up on first day tour & drop you on last day tour.

### **Things to bring :**

- ✎ Bird guide of Thailand hand book, eBird app.
- ✎ Light walking or trekking boots, or sport shoes
- ✎ Long trousers and long-sleeved shirt for walking in the forest
- ✎ Mosquito repellent
- ✎ Sunscreen lotion, hat or cap
- ✎ Flashlight or head lamp
- ✎ Warm clothes (Dec.-Jan.)
- ✎ Raincoat or rain jacket (Apr. – Oct.)
- ✎ Bird guide handbook, Field notebook, eBird app.
- ✎ Personal medications