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WILD TEMPLES AND CRITICAL WILDLIFE



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This overnight safari camping tour brings together pre-Angkorian culture at mysterious outlying forest temples, and Cambodia's most Critically Endangered wildlife. We take you from the wildlife and history of the outlying deserted temples to the depths of the Northern Plains to our world famous Vulture Restaurant deep in a remote wildlife sanctuary, an essential community based conservation project keeping 3 species of Vultures alive in South East Asia.

Day 1: Siem Reap to Betreed via Bengal Florican site

Day 2: Betreed to Prey Veng Village

Day 3: Prey Veng Village

Day 4: Prey Veng Village to Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant

Day 5: Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant to Siem Reap

DAY 1: BENGAL FLORICAN CONSERVATION AREA AND BETREED

ITINERARY

For full Bengal Florican Conservation Area bird list: [CLICK
HERE](#)

05:00 – Pick up from your hotel

This is a 2 hour drive from Siem Reap to Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area. A prepared breakfast will be provided when we arrive at the site.

06:30 – Birding at Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area

Our guides have a very good track record of finding these Critically Endangered birds, the first of the six targets, they should be seen within the first few hours of the trip. Whilst we are enjoying the floricans, other birds we typically see include Sarus Crane, storks, Manchurian Reed Warbler, Pied and Eastern Marsh Harrier, Small Buttonquail, Bluethroat and Red Avadavat.

10:00 – Leave Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area for Prey Veng Ecolodge

We will travel to the Prey Veng Ecolodge, birding in dry forest along the way. During our birding stops, we will have lunch and hope to see White-rumped Pygmy Falcon.

14:00 – Arrive at Betreed

Here you can experience raw nature and find yourself finally away from the madding crowds of Cambodia. It is home to endangered and threatened species of Cambodian wildlife: Banteng (wild cow), Pileated Gibbons, Silver Langurs, Barking Deer, Sambar Deer and many species of birdlife. And you might be lucky enough to see these special creatures.

18:00 – Dinner and night at Betreed

To find out more about the accommodation and food at Betreed, please [click here](#)



Drive Time:

6 hours

Walking Distance:

3-5km

Key Species:

Stoung Bengal Florican
Conservation Area:

Bengal Florican, Sarus Crane,
Small Buttonquail, Manchurian
Reed-warbler, Pied Harrier.

Habitat:

Stoung Bengal Florican
Conservation Area: Seasonally
inundated outer-floodplain
grassland with some small areas
of scrub.



DAY 2: BETREED TO PREY VENG VILLAGE

ITINERARY

For full Prey Veng village bird list: [CLICK HERE](#)

05:00 – Wake up to explore Betreed

Prepared breakfast will be provided. You can explore Angkorian era “cave-temples”, and the quarries where the ancients carved out their stone. And specially constructed for the adventurous, our pair of 300 metre ziplines traversing a saddle of the mountain provides panoramic views of the surrounding forest. Find out more

11:00 – Return for Lunch in Betreed

12:00 – Leave Betreed for Prey Veng

This trip will take 2 hours. Prey Veng is one of the most remote locations in Cambodia- be prepared for a bumpy ride!

14:30 – Arrive at Prey Veng Village

Check in and get settled before exploring near the White-winged Duck roosting site.

16:00 – Arrive at the White-winged Duck roosting site

The short trek from where we park the car and the hide can reveal many beautiful species.

18:00 – Arrive back at Prey Veng Ecolodge

Hot dinner will be provided. If requested, soft drinks and beer or wine can be bought to toast on the baray platform watching the sun set over Cambodia.



Drive Time:

3 hours

Walking Distance:

3-5km

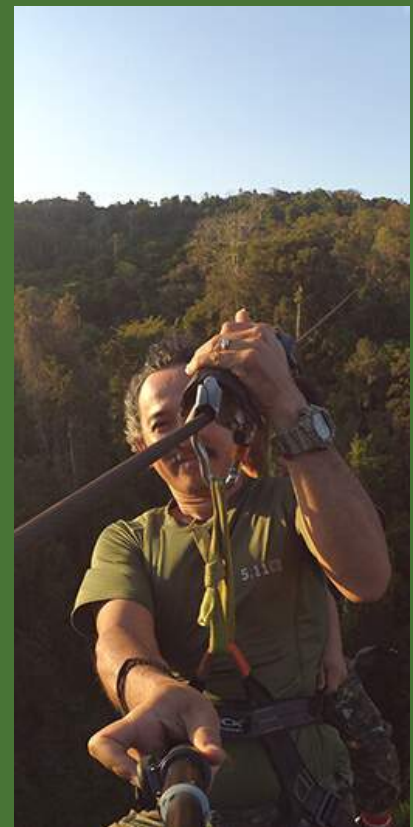
Key Species:

Birds: Giant Ibis, White-winged Duck, Sarus Crane, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Black-headed Woodpecker, White-bellied Woodpecker, Grey-headed Fish-eagle, Rufous-winged Buzzard, White-rumped Pygmy-falcon, Brown Prinia, Indochinese Bushlark, White-browed Fantail

Mammals: Indochinese Ground Squirrel, Cambodian Striped Squirrel, Muntjac

Habitat:

Stung Bengal Florican Conservation Area: Seasonally inundated outer-floodplain grassland with some small areas of scrub.



DAY 3: PREY VENG VILLAGE

ITINERARY

For full Prey Veng village bird list: [CLICK HERE](#)

04:10 – Leave Prey Veng Ecolodge to return to the roosting tree to view the White-winged Duck

If we didn't see White-winged Duck the previous day then we will return to the roost tree for a second attempt. If requested, you can choose not to do this and rest. Prepared breakfast will be provided. When the sun rises, we will explore around the roosting site in search for Black-headed Woodpecker and White-rumped Pygmy Falcon. We will continue birding in this area until 10:00.

11:00 – Return to the Ecolodge to rest.

Lunch at 12:00

14:30 – Explore the Chen Srom Temple complex whilst birding

This temple is a 15 minute walk from the lodge and is one of the most remote temple sites in Cambodia with no visitors.

17:00 – Return to the Ecolodge for rest

18:30 – Dinner

19:15 – Option for owling in the evening

Collared Scops Owl and Brown Boobook are common around the site. This will take 30 minutes to 1 hour.



Drive Time:

2 hours

Walking Distance:

7-10km

Key Species:

Birds: Giant Ibis, White-winged Duck, Sarus Crane, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Black-headed Woodpecker, White-bellied Woodpecker, Grey-headed Fish-eagle, Rufous-winged Buzzard, White-rumped Pygmy-falcon, Brown Prinia, Indochinese Bushlark, White-browed Fantail

Mammals: Indochinese Ground Squirrel, Cambodian Striped Squirrel, Muntjac

Habitat:

Lowland deciduous dipterocarp forest, often mistakenly referred to as dry forest. Trapeangs dot the landscape and there is tall semi-evergreen forest in riverine areas.



DAY 4: PREY VENG TO BOENG TOAL VULTURE RESTAURANT

ITINERARY

For full Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant bird list: [CLICK HERE](#)

07:30 – Wake up for last morning in Prey Veng

Prepared breakfast will be provided. We will be concentrating on anything that we have not already seen before we travel to Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant.

11:30 - Lunch at Prey Veng Ecolodge

12:30 – Leave for Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant

We will spend one hour in T'beng town to resupply our trip. It will take 3 hours overall to get to Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant.

15:30 – Arrive at Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant and late-afternoon birding

Our local guides will have already set up large safari-style tents for us to sleep in. The vultures will not be fed until the next day, so there will be time for some birding in the dry forest in the later afternoon and certain species may be easier to see here than at Prey Veng.

19:00 – Dinner and sleep at Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant.

Hot dinner. We have the option to do some owling before bed with the hope to see Oriental Scops Owl and Large-tailed Nightjar. This will take 30 minutes to 1 hour. Rest before early start the next day.



Drive Time:

3 hours

Walking Distance:

4-6km

Key Species:

Birds: Slender-billed Vulture, Red-headed Vulture, White-rumped Vulture, White-throated Rock Thrush, Black-headed Woodpecker, Rufous-winged Buzzard, White-rumped Pygmy Falcon, Brown Prinia, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Burmese Shrike, White-browed Fantail, Rufous-bellied and Streak-throated Woodpeckers

Mammals: Golden Jackal

Habitat:

Deciduous dipterocarp forest, Semi-evergreen forest.



DAY 5: BOENG TOAL VULTURE RESTAURANT TO SIEM REAP

ITINERARY

For full Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant bird list: [CLICK HERE](#)

04:30 – Wake up to go to Vulture Restaurant site

As vulture populations have crashed across Asia, Cambodia has held onto populations of the three species currently considered Critically Endangered. However, owing to a decline in wild cattle populations, Cambodia's vultures are now reliant on supplementary feeding. Joining this tour offsets the cost of running the 'vulture restaurant' and includes the local community in the efforts to save these impressive, macabre birds. A cow will be provided to the vultures and from dawn we will be able to watch the spectacle of up to fifty White-rumped, Slender-billed and Red-headed Vultures feeding on the carcass. A prepared breakfast will be provided at the Boeng Toal Vulture Restaurant site.

11:00 – Return to camp for an early lunch

12:00 – Leave camp for Siem Reap.

17:00 – Arrive at your hotel in Siem Reap



Drive Time:

6 hours

Walking Distance:

4-6km

Key Species:

Birds: Slender-billed Vulture, Red-headed Vulture, White-rumped Vulture, White-throated Rock Thrush, Black-headed Woodpecker, Rufous-winged Buzzard, White-rumped Pygmy Falcon, Brown Prinia, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Burmese Shrike, White-browed Fantail, Rufous-bellied and Streak-throated Woodpeckers

Mammals: Golden Jackal

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Deciduous dipterocarp forest, Semi-evergreen forest.

