PROPOSAL ITINERARY WITH ONE DAY VISIT TO ANGKOR TEMPLE PASSES ONLY

please notes that this itinerary is flexible and most of the thing is upon your request.

DAY 1 – 16 NOV 2011: SIEM REAP ARRIVAL AND FLOATING VILLAGE OF CHONG KNEAH CRUISES

Upon arrival at Siem Reap airport via AK1480@7:30AM, met and welcomed by your English speaking guide and then transferred to hotel for check in.

Siem Reap is the provincial capital of Siem Reap province. This small town crossed by a river coming from the Kulen Mountain is the gateway for the visit of the Angkor Park which is over 40 km2 and is home of more than 100 temples dating from the 9th to 13th century.

In the morning, transfer to the Phnom Krom pier for boat on **Tonle Sap Lake** to visit **floating village Chong Khneah** at the edge of Tonle Sap Lake. Cambodia's Great Lake, the Boueng Tonle Sap (Tonle Sap Lake) is the most prominent feature on the map of Cambodia – a huge dumbbell-shaped body of water stretching across the northwest section of the country. In the wet season, the Tonle Sap Lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes in Asia, swelling to an expansive 12,000km2. During the dry, half of the year the lake shrinks to as 3000 km2, draining into the Tonle Sap River, which meanders southeast eventually merging with the Mekong River at the "Chaktomuk" confluence of river opposite Phnom Penh.

Lunch at local restaurant in Siem Reap.

In the afternoon, it's time for visiting **Artisans D'Angkor,** where to observe young Cambodians being trained in the making of traditional crafts, wood and stone carvings, silk painting, lacquering… and silk farm.

Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

DAY 2 – 17 NOV 2011: SIEM REAP TEMPLE TOURS TO ANGKOR NATIONAL PARK

In the morning, after breakfast, tour begins to visit to **Great City of Angkor Thom,** the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. This city is surrounded by an 8 m high wall; each side of the city is 3 kilometers long. It draws a perfect square you access this town through 5 gates, 4 of them represent the cardinal points and the 5th one the Victory Gate was the one leading directly to the Royal Palace Area.

You will arrive via the **South Gate**, an impressive stone gate carved with Elephants and 4 giant faces. On each side is a row of 54 gods or demons holding the sacred Naga snakes.

After passing through the south gate, you will go down along this shady road to the **Bayon** temple. This temple lies exactly in the center of the city. The particularity of this monument is the 54 towers representing the 54 provinces of the then Great Khmer Empire. Each tower has 4 faces. This is the only temple in Cambodia depicting scenes of the everyday life at the time of the empire.

From the Bayon continue by walk to the **Baphoun** recently re-opened to the public. There you will pass by the **Phimeanakas** the location of the **Royal Palace.** The only remaining are a pound and a temple. The palace was made of wood and did not survive the time and the wars.

Then continue to the **Terrace of the Elephants.** This Terrace was the place where the parade was done for the king. Next is the **Terrace of the Leper King,** depicting the water world.

Continue to **Ta Prohm.** Ta Prohm is one of the most popular temples of the Angkor Complex. This temple was built in the memory of the King Jayavarman VII's mother. When found by the French conservators at the end of the 9th century, they deliberately left this temple in the same condition as it was discovered, overgrown by strangler fig and silk-cotton trees, giving the temple a mystical and romantic appeal.

Lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit the magnificent **Angkor Wat Temple** was built by Suryavarman II in early 12th century. Angkor Wat is constructed following the model of the temple mountain symbolizing the mount Merou, home of the gods. Considered as the masterpiece of the Khmer architecture, this Vishnuite temple is the King's funerary temple that is why the temple is oriented to the west. Inside the temple the walls are covered by carvings and bas-reliefs depicting the Hindu mythology and the wars Suryavarman II made during his reign. As well Angkor Wat is well known for the 1800 Apsaras dancers decorating the all temple. But like most say, it takes a life time to discover all the wonders of this temple.

Return to hotel in Siem Reap after watching sunset over Angkor Wat.

DAY 3 – 18 NOV 2011: ANKGOR NATIONAL MUSUEM OR REMOTE TEMPLE OF BENG MELEA EXCURSION

In the morning, after breakfast, visit to **Angkor National Museum,** indoor nice and cool, learn more about the great glory of the great Khmer history architecture and civilization.

Lunch at local restaurant in Siem Reap.

In the afternoon, **go for a massage** or **excursion to Beng Melea temple** (*optional tours).*
Overnight at your hotel in Siem Reap.

DAY 4 – SIEM REAP DEPARTURE FOR PHNOM PENH

In the morning, after breakfast, time free at your own leisure at your hotel till maybe after breakfast or at lunch time, transfer to board your express bus for Phnom Penh.

End of visit Siem Reap

Inclusion of:
Tours and transfers by your private luxury vehicle
English speaking guide

Exclusion of:
Camera / video entrance fees
Visa for Cambodia (visa issued on arrival, USD20/pax, please bring 1 passport photo)
Other domestic flights in Cambodia not mentioned in the inclusive
International departure airport tax PHN or REP 6 USD /pax
Optional tour
Drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips, insurance … and expenditure of a personal nature
Any services other than mentioned