



CITY TOURS

COLONIAL RIVER

- Bridges over the Siem Reap River

1928 from route 6 to 1965 at Psah Chas (Old Market)

- Old Market

1920s shop houses and covered stalls on an earlier open market site

- Conservation d'Angkor (admission)

Angkor Conservation is a Ministry of Culture compound that houses more than 5000 statues, lingas (phallic symbols) and inscribed stelae, stored here to protect them from the wanton looting that has blighted hundreds of sites around Angkor.

- Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient (exterior, library)

Founding organization for the conservation & restoration of the Angkor monuments, founded in 1901

- Grand Hotel d'Angkor & municipal gardens

1929, 1932-33 & 1936-1937

- Royal Residence (exterior only) :

The Royal Residence is located on the other side of Road 6. It isn't open to the public, but you can see the front of the building and it can be a nice place to take some photos. It's the king's official residence when he is in town.

- Preah Ang Chorm & Preah Ang Chek & Yeay Tep shrine

Middle period bronzes in mudra of 'dispelling fear' renamed as tutelary spirits of Siem Reap

WATS (MONASTERIES)

- Wat Damnak

The biggest pagoda in Siem Reap, Wat Damnak means palace, which it also was during the reign of King Sisowath (1904 - 1927). Many Buddhist Monks live in this pagoda. Containing the Center for Khmer Studies (Research Library & public access library) Popular with students

- Wat Bo

Founded in the 18th century as the Thai Lord Governor's wat. It contains very spectacular wall paintings of colonial Siem Reap life. Look for the ordinary-life scenes, such as an opium-smoking Chinese merchant, a colonial era French officer at the market, and French soldiers attending a traditional dance performance. Also of interest is the large collection of Buddha statues located behind the main Buddha. (by donation)

- Wat Enkosei

Located in beautiful surroundings, along the Siem Reap river, this pagoda houses pre-Angkor brick temple ruins. Two laterite and sandstone prasats and a gate sit to the East of the old vihear. Some of their lintels and carved sandstone details have been restored. One of the prasats also houses a damaged Shiva lingam on a yoni.

- Wat Thmei

This pagoda, located on one of the roads leading to Angkor Wat, is worth pausing at particularly if you won't be visiting Phnom Penh. Here at this active monastery you can understand more about Cambodia's tragic history since this now relatively built up area of town was formerly a site of killing fields in Siem Reap during the Khmer Rouge era. Has a small memorial stupa containing the skulls and bones of victims of the Khmer Rouge.

