



Mekong River Community Development Trip

Tour overview

CRDTours creates this package for people who would like to discover the life in communities and meet Cambodian people, learn and share the culture. This trip is a unique experience. It will be also the occasion to help the local, setting up a project like construction of chicken pen, pig pen, water container, toilets, home garden. Your involvement is very beneficial for the local people, after this experience you will realize that you will learn from them, and they will learn from you.

This trip can take place in several locations, since we are working with the following communities:

◇ 1) KOH PHDAO:

Koh Phdao is an island located in Kratie Province in the Northeast of Cambodia. It is 45 km away from Kratie Town. Koh Phdao Community Based Ecotourism has got the Certificate of Appreciation issued by the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia within the competition of "Clean City, Clean Resort and Good Service". This community has been recognized as having a good environment and providing good services in Kratie Province. Koh Phdao is also well known for its still existing fresh water dolphins living in the Mekong River. Tourists can enjoy the beautiful landscape of the Mekong River scenery while watching Irrawaddy dolphins swimming next to their boat. Most of the villagers are farmers. Besides that, they are fishermen. There are 168 families in Koh Phdao, 48 eco-tourism members, 17 homestays.



◇ 2) KOH THNOUT:

Koh Thnout Community Based Ecotourism hosts and provides the services to visitors since it was established in October 2014. Koh Thnout is a beautiful and quiet island, six kilometers away from Sambor district and 30 minutes transferring by fast boat. The local music with traditional dance cheerfully hosts the tourists all nights. There are 80 families and 375 people living in this village, most of them they are farmers. Besides farming and growing rice, they are fishermen. There are three homestays, and seven achievement projects which provided by CRDT (Cambodian Rural Development Team) such as three chicken pens, two pig pens, one water container and one toilet.

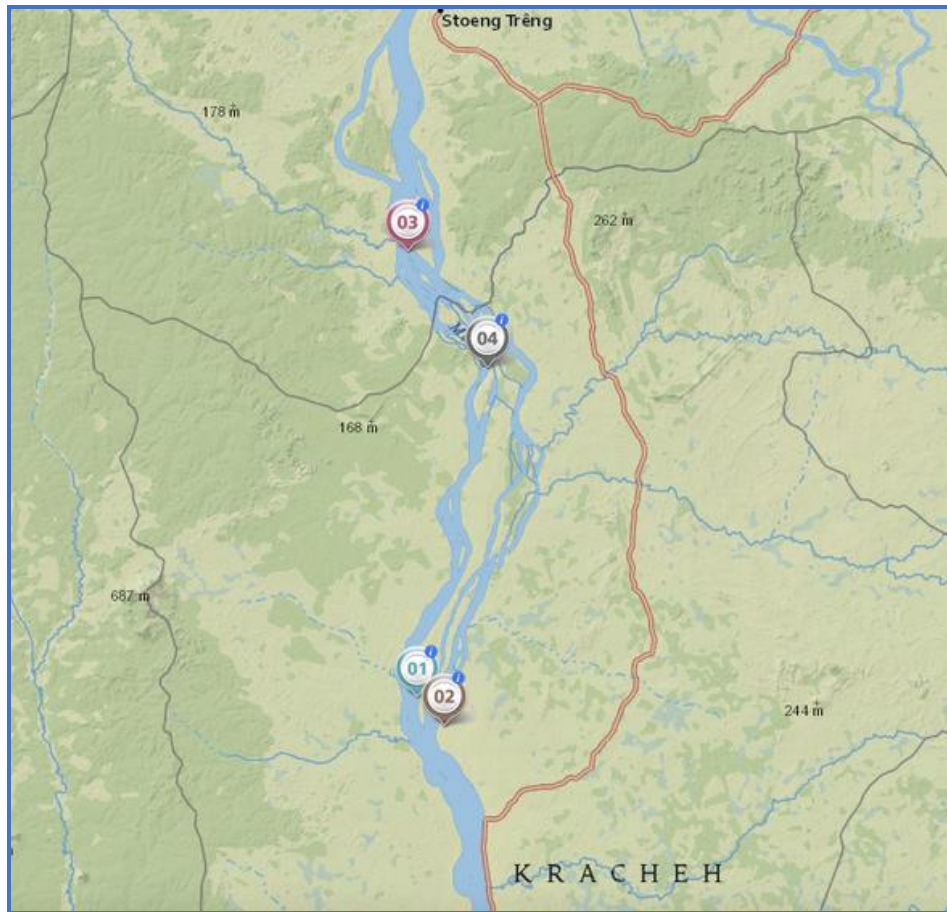
◇ 3) KOH PREAH:

Koh Preah is a small, remote and picturesque island in the heart of the Mekong, as it passes through Stung Treng province. CRDT have been working in this important location for biodiversity for the last three years and it is an excellent place to begin your Cambodian experience. CRDT provided a lot of projects such as water containers, home gardens, chicken raising pens, pig raising pens and bio-gases. It became Eco-tourism site since 2008. There are 6 homestays and 36 members. 345 families live in this village; most of people are farmers and fishermen.

◇ 4) KOH DAMBONG:

Koh Dambong Community Based Ecotourism hosts and provides the services to visitors since it was recently established in 2014. Koh Dambong is a good place to discover the real Cambodian way of life, especially, to learn about local people and be able to experience a real homestay on the Mekong islands. There are 32 family living in this village which is 5 homestays for hosting tourists and 16 eco-tourism members. There are 17 greatest achievements which provided by CRDT such as 7 toilets, 1 raising chicken pen, 8 water containers, and 1 home garden.





Source: National Geographic

Itinerary

DAY	ACTIVITY	MEALS	ACCOMMODATION	TRANSPORTATION
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Transfer from Kratie to the community > Presentation about project > Home stay installation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Lunch at community center > Dinner at community center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Homestay at the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Boat > Bicycle



	> Bicycle tour			
II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Khmer Lesson > Building project > Discussion with elder people to talk about Polpot Regime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Breakfast at community center > Lunch at community center > Dinner at community center 	> Homestay at the community	> Bicycle
III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Khmer Lesson > Building project > Made handicraft weaving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Breakfast at community center > Lunch at community center > Dinner at community center 	> Homestay at the community	> Bicycle
IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Khmer Lesson > Boat trip to visit 100 pillars pagoda and Turtle Conservation Center > Building project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Breakfast at community center > Lunch at community center > Dinner at community center 	> Homestay at the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Boat > Bicycle
V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Khmer Lesson > Building project > Cooking class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Breakfast at community center > Lunch at community center > Dinner at community center 	> Homestay at the community	> Bicycle
VI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Khmer Lesson > Food offering ceremony at pagoda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Breakfast at community center > Lunch with your homestay family 	> Homestay at the community	> Bicycle



	> Building project	>Dinner at community center		
VII	> Khmer Lesson > Building project > Boat trip to see dolphin and swim (if possible) > Own free time > Enjoy local traditional dancing	> Breakfast at community center > Lunch at community center >Dinner at community center	> Homestay at the community	> Bicycle
VIII	> Departure	> Breakfast at community center	> None	> Boat

- ◇ **Note:** CRDTours would like to keep the right to change the program up to 15% of the original itinerary. Changing the program will be done, including the cancellation of activities due to unforeseen activities, only for the purpose of safety, increasing tourist's experience, or at the request of tourists. Changes will always be made in agreement with tourists. If the program is changed upon tourist's request, possible additional costs will be charged directly to tourists.

Cost

- ◇ The price range is **USD1800 - USD393** per person (1 to 16 pax). The price is decreasing, it varies depending on the number of persons.

Included in the tour

- ◇ Transportation for the whole trip



- ◇ Accommodation at homestay for 7 nights
- ◇ Meals
- ◇ Activities that have mentioned
- ◇ A project to build for community
- ◇ Snack and Drinks
- ◇ A Tour leader

Not included in the tour

- ◇ Flight ticket
- ◇ Travel insurance
- ◇ Personal payment
- ◇ Tips
- ◇ Transportation from and to Kratie to Phnom Penh
- ◇ Accommodation in Kratie
- ◇ Meals in Kratie

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