

## Special Lake Tour

# Kompong Khleang

One of the largest settlements on the Tonle Sap Lake . Kompong Khleang has over 20,000 people. It is a mixed community of fishermen and traders. Most live in high stilt houses which at low water tower up to ten metres above the river. Others live on floating houses, which move with the rise and fall of the Tonle Sap Lake.



We drive to the small town of Damdek, where we have a brief look at the market and buy fruits for the day. We approach the village by road, or by boat in the flood season (August to February) Kompong Khleang is at its most spectacular at low water, when the houses tower up to ten metres above the river. At high Water the atmosphere changes markedly. The Roads become canals, so we can enjoy cruising between the houses in this "Venice" of South east Asia.

A feature of this tour is our visit to the floating fish market, where we meet the friendly fishermen and buy fresh fish for our lunch. We return to the centre of Kompong Khleang and take a walk through the land village to see the pagoda which has a very graphic depiction of the Buddhist Heaven and Hell. We have a fish lunch at the stilt house of our boatmen; this is a unique opportunity to experience life of a stilt house community and have an excellent meal.

We depart after lunch , returning to Siem Reap approx 2pm



*Stilt House*



*Fisherman with catfish ->*



*Canoes by pagoda at high water*

**Tour Starts 7.30 am pickup from hotel from 7:15**

**Tour price is for full service minivan and boat transport with guiding;**

**Lunch at boatman's house is included (non fish option available)**

***Bring insect repellent, sunscreen and good footwear, (trekking sandals are OK)***

***Waterproofs or umbrella are recommended in Wet Season***

**For pricing and schedule please see attached list**

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