

As the massive influx of camera-toting tourists makes it quite a challenge to find one's footing at Angkor Wat, follow the Oxford-educated scientists behind ABOUTAsia Travel (aboutasiatravel.com) away from Angkor's well-trodden path. Kayak into Prek Toal Core Bird Reserve on Tonle Sap Lake in search of spot-billed pelicans, black-headed ibis and the elusive masked finfoot. Then stay overnight with a Khmer family on a floating village or return to the regal refinements of Amansara, the former guest villa of King Norodom Sihanouk near Siem Reap (amanresorts.com).

Explore like Indiana Jones on ABOUTAsia's three-day trek to rarely-seen temples along the historic Angkorian Highway inside Khulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary where the locals have agreed to stop hunting and logging in exchange for guide training



FROM TOP: ACCOMMODATION AT KAMPUNG PHLUK ECOTOURIST VILLAGE; SPOT PELICANS ON TONLE SAP LAKE; CONTEMPLATIVE MONKS AT ANGKOR WAT

by eco-conservationists at the Sam Veasna Centre. Through the centre, guests can visit the 700-year old façade of Phnom Sondark Temple.

Camp on the banks of an Angkorian baray, or reservoir, a few hundred metres from Prey Veng Temple, on the same scale and significance as Beng Melea, the main temple complex at Angkor, yet virtually unknown.

ANGKOR DOWN

Escape the masses at Cambodia's iconic temple with a trip through the jungle to a virtually unknown wonder of the world

