

Painting Holiday

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Award winning Australian Artist - **Craig Penny**



Join us for a Holiday you will not forget.

10 days Painting Holiday near famous Angkor Wat temples. See the Great Lake and floating villages, amazing temples Painters and Partners tours, Painting Master class, galleries, local artists studios - [Enquire and book online](#)



The RiverGarden

Hotel Siem Reap Cambodia

www.therivergarden.info/painting-holidays.html

Painting, Arts, Archaeology and much more

Introduction

An artists Painting Holiday and a classic adventure that we think would inspire Gauguin.

This is nothing less than the opportunity to personally indulge in your passion for painting and be mentored by an inspiring award winning Australian Artist - Craig Penny in tropical in Siem Reap, northern Cambodia.

Our back drop is the world famous Angkor Wat and ancient Khmer empire's lost city of Angkor Thom
Your base is a boutique hotel, The RiverGarden, Siem Reap which comprises 2 large Traditional wooden Khmer Style villas with tropical jungle gardens which was once the family home and painting studio of world renowned French (naive style) artist Michel Delacroix.



The location is idyllic.

The RiverGarden jungle gardens will give you a rich creative experience the steady guidance of our award winning artist who is prepared to share his experiences and knowledge with you. Acrylics, watercolour, oil pastel and drawing all these wonderful mediums can be explored.

We won't neglect the wonderful Temples and include private tours with a private Temple Guide, studio and gallery visits and if your up for it, maybe an elephant ride, a sunset experience as the locals do it, and some pretty amazing craft venues as well. Partners share parts of painters itinerary and also have things we have added in for them. Quite a lot to pack in to 10 days.

A truly amazing experience awaits you, this is certainly an adventure you will not forget.

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Painting Holiday Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival & Welcome Dinner in The Restaurant

Arrive at the Siem Reap International Airport and transfer to The RiverGarden. Settle in and we meet up for dinner and cocktails in The Restaurant at 7pm.

Day 2 - Orientation, Artisans de Angkor and The Silk Farm

After breakfast we meet for a city orientation, we stop at Artisans d' Angkor. Return to The RiverGarden for a tour to the The Silk Farm and a sunset experience at the West Baray and island temple. Evening at leisure.

Day 3 - Angkor Adventure

Today will be an amazing day. We start after breakfast with our Temple Guide and visit Angkor Wat, followed by the ancient city of Angkor Thom and Bayon then off to the famous jungle temple of Ta Prohm. There is a bit of walking so wear sturdy shoes and bring your camera.

Day 4 - Painting Class & Studio visit

After breakfast we begin our painting classes on the lawns under the trees at The RiverGarden. We break for lunch and meet up about 2pm for a local artist studio visit. Evening is at leisure.

Day 5- Kompong Phluk & The Great Lake Tonle Sap

We are up early, bring your camera, you're in for a wonderful treat - Kompong Phluk, The Stilted Village is located on the Great Lake Tonle Sap. We travel through local villages and stop at the farmers market along the way before boarding a boat that takes you through the Flooded Forest, past fish farming, to Kompong Phluk - a truly amazing experience. We return around 4pm in time for a leisurely dip in the pool to freshen up.

Day 6 - Master Class Painting Demonstration & Gallery Visits

After breakfast we are treated to a Master Class Painting demonstration by our artist with a break for lunch and maybe a special cocktail or two to help us along the way. After lunch we set off to visit some popular and unusual Galleries around town. Back around 5pm.

Day 7 - Far Temples & Butterfly Project

The Far Temples is a full day guided tour to the beautiful women's temple Banteay Srei, then a jungle trek (about 1 km along a jungle path with your guide) to the waterfall at "The River of 1000 Lingas" also called Kbal Spean. Later we stop at the Butterfly Conservation Project and maybe the Landmine Museum on the journey back to town.

Day 8 - Painting Class & Studio visit

After breakfast we continue our painting class under the trees at The RiverGarden. We break for lunch and meet up about 2pm for a local artist studio visit. Evening is at leisure.

Day 9 - Painting class & afternoon at leisure, Dinner and Art Show

Final painting master class this morning by the pool or your chosen location with the afternoon at leisure. We all meet up for Dinner, cocktails and our own "Artists Show" around the pool at 7pm.

Day 10 - Depart The RiverGarden, Siem Reap

Transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your flight.



Artist

Craig Penny

Award winning Australian artist - Craig Penny is a experienced and dedicated practicing artist with a reputation for quality contemporary landscape and cityscapes throughout Australia. He is represented by a select range of prominent galleries around Australia, USA and South East Asia. Craig regularly runs classes for painters and artists in Melbourne, Australia and teaches all mediums and a range of popular and contemporary styles. Craig's loyal and dedicated following extends beyond the galleries to many private collections and is only out shone by his paint class groups who appreciate and admire his teaching style and his generosity with his significant knowledge of painting and materials that he never hesitates to share.

www.craigpennyart.com.au

A selection of paintings of Siem Reap by Craig Penny in his contemporary impressionist style.



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Paints and Supplies

Materials lists*

Watercolours, acrylic paints and equipment can be pre-purchased for your holiday or brought with you. We offer a range of quality paints (Windsor & Newton), brushes, canvases, papers and supplies. Our Painting Materials order sheet with pricing is available on our website.

Painting Colours - Craig recommends you include tubes of the following colours:

2 tubes Titanium White, 1 tube of Cobalt Blue, Prussian Blue, Cadmium Red, Cadmium Yellow, Hookers Green or Viridian Green, Purple, Australian Sienna, Burnt Umber.

Others you might consider: Pthalo Blue, Cerulean Blue, Yellow Ochre, Terre Verde, Indian Red, Raw Umber, Raw Sienna, Burnt Sienna, Paynes Grey, Ivory Black and of course there are many more.

WaterColour Travel set: Hotel will supply each painter with a WN Water Colour set

Brushes: We suggest you bring an assortment of acrylic and water colour brushes.

Drying Retarder Medium: will be available in classes

Canvases: 1 small/medium size for our Master Class.

Papers: Watercolour pads (A2 or A3 size) are easy to manage and work with, highly portable and very convenient for on site sketching and development work prior to taking it to your studio to paint a finished piece.

Easel: easels, support boards and masking tape will be supplied at the hotel.

Graphite Pencils: We will supply a good range of 2B to 6B pencils and erasers for your use

Coloured Pencils and Pastels: Great mediums that can enhance your paintings or become finished pieces in their own right - again easy to transport light and compact.

Disposable Palette: Plastic or disposable palettes are easy to manage, light and compact.

*All materials mentioned and more are available to preorder when you book your Painting Holiday.

Prices are very competitive. See our Painting Materials Order form on the website.

Please note some supplies are available locally in Siem Reap *however* if they are not pre-ordered we cannot guarantee availability in this provincial country town.



Important stuff

Holiday Costs

Painting Holiday artist and Partner rates are per person for the Holiday itinerary described in this document and do not include accommodation or air fares.

Accommodation

Additional nights are available at reduced rates. All rates include VAT, breakfast and airport transfers
Deposit - accommodation value of your booking is payable when you book (non refundable).
For shorter stays (less than the 9 nights/10 days) we will quote you on your holiday period.

Book Early for *Discount Rates

Early Bird Accommodation Discounts for bookings 3 months or more prior to the start date.
Pay 100% of your booking and get 15% accommodation discount.

*Excludes paint supplies and bookings less than 7 nights.

Inclusions

- Partner rates (not painting but joining the tours) are listed above.
- Airport transfers arrival and departure.
- All transport for tours, studio visits, galleries and locations included on the itinerary.
- Welcome Dinner and cocktail per person on arrival night.
- Painters Art Show and Final Night Dinner and cocktail.
- Studio and gallery entry fees
- Private tours - Angkor Adventure, Far Temples, Kompong Phlluk, Artisan de Angkor, Silk Farm and West Baray temple visit - all fully guided and include a temple guide, transport, lunch or nibbles and drinks.
- Painting Master Class demonstration by our artist
- 4 sessions of tuition and mentoring in painting classes
- Easels or support boards and masking tape, chairs, water colour travel set, a range of graphite pencils, drying retarding medium

What is not included

- Airfares
- Elephant or balloon rides, additional sunset/sunrise experiences not included in the itinerary.
- Personal transport not included in the itinerary.
- Artists canvases, paints, brushes, papers and other consumables are available for prepurchase
- Travel and Medical insurance - we highly recommend that you are covered by insurance that covers you for travel and medical emergencies and ask that you provide a copy of your insurance documents to The RiverGarden Reception on check-in in case of an emergency.

Shipping your paintings home

We can arrange to ship your larger paintings home on your behalf. Simply let us know and we will secure a competitive rate and arrange for packing and shipment direct to your chosen address.

Your Health & other precautions

See your doctor before you go. Check with your GP about any shots they recommend for SE Asia and environs. There are very few problems with mosquitos as pest control is regularly done throughout Siem Reap. Further inland they can pass on Malaria and Denghi fever and precautions should be taken. Ensure you are covered by travel and health insurance. There are International standard hospitals and clinics in Siem Reap.



More important stuff

Weather

From December to April the climate in Cambodia is at its driest with abundant sunshine and temperatures that range from 20 - 32°C . Seasons change in late March with April being the hottest month.

The humid south western monsoon from late May to early October sees rain fall mostly in the afternoon, accounting for 70% - 80% of annual rainfall. Temperatures can range from 22-32° C and this is an excellent time to be in Cambodia. Forest vegetation is lush with new growth and many of the temples that have water features are full during this time.

Money

The local currency is Reil. Exchange rates varies but is currently 4200R per USD\$1. Visitors to Cambodia are generally expected to pay in USD. There are many ATM machines around Siem Reap that dispense USD. There is a \$2 bank fee for international withdrawals. We suggest you bring a small amount of USD. We also suggest you do not bring travellers cheques as bank fees are very high. Other foreign currency can be exchanged with local money changers.

Visas Passports & Costs

Tourist Visa entry to Cambodia is \$20 per person which you can apply for at the airport on arrival. Your passport must have a minimum of 6 months validity to gain entry.

Airlines

Most major airlines can arrange connecting flights into Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Main connecting capital cities are Bangkok (Thailand), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Singapore and Ho Chi Min City (Vietnam). Flights to Siem Reap also arrive from Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh, Vientiane and Guangzhou.

Siem Reap International Airport is 12km (7 miles) north of Siem Reap city, about 20 minutes driving time.

Regular Multi and Bi-weekly flights are available with JetStar, Air Asia, QANTAS, SilkAir, Vietnam Airlines, Bangkok Airlines and others who regularly fly to Siem Reap. Speak to your travel agent or buy online direct.

Khmer for Travellers

Hello - Suesday (sounds a little like Tuesday)

Goodbye - Lee Hi

Thank you - Ar-goon

How much is it? - Kli boun mann

Expensive - Kli nan

Good - La-or

Discount - Discount - it's universal!

1 - Moy

2 - Bee

3 - Bay

4 - Booun

5 - Brum

6 - Brum Moy

7 - Brum Bee

8 - Brun Bay

9 - Brum Booun

10 - Dop



More important stuff

Terms and Conditions

Joining this tour is strictly on the basis that you have agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions set out below in this document.

- Booking Security - To secure a booking we require valid credit card details. Bookings are not guaranteed or secure until this information has been processed.
- Payment of a booking fee is due at the time of booking. Booking fee is the full accommodation amount of the booking. Balance payable 7 days before departure including amount due for painting materials ordered. Generous discounts apply for Early Bird Bookings and also prepayment in full for bookings.
- Confirmation of your finalised Booking will be sent following your payment by credit card or direct deposit.
- Cancellations - Cancellations must be made no less than 30 days before the booking reservation date. The Booking Fee amount is not refundable. In the event of late cancellation or a no show you will be liable for the agreed amount for the rooms, tours or package/s you book. This will be at the agreed amount of the booking confirmed to you which will be charged to your authorised credit card.
- Early checkout – I/we authorise charge to be made to my/our credit card for early departure or late cancellation per the terms and conditions set out above at the full rate booked, be it per room night or package rate.
- Rates are quoted at rate per person based on twin share. Costs are subject change and confirmed at the time a booking is accepted.
- VAT (Value added tax) is a government tax payable on all quoted rates and services. We include all VAT and charges in the package and accommodation rates.
- Payment - We will ask for balance of payment of your booking 14 days prior to departure, if you have not already paid. This can be settled by direct deposit or credit card.
- Refunds and substitution – TRG will not substitute or refund any part (or whole) of a service that is not used during the course of your stay.
- TRG will not be liable for bookings made or the performance of, external agencies, agents or suppliers booking on your behalf. TRG will not be liable for loss of services provided by external suppliers including but not limited to electricity, telephone/WIFI/internet or fax, water, communication, pest control, loss by accidental damage, vandalism, theft or storm and other seasonal factors that may cause disruption within The RiverGarden, Siem Reap including, but not limited to drivers, guides, transport, tickets or ticketing/travel agencies or their representatives.
- By making payment of the Booking Fee you confirm you have agreed to these terms and conditions.
- All prices and rates are quoted in USD\$ and subject to variation in your local currency being dependent on the daily exchange rate at the time payment is made or due.
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- TRG will not be liable for bookings made or the performance of external agencies, agents or suppliers booked on your behalf. TRG will not be liable for loss of services provided by external suppliers including but not limited to electricity, telephone/WIFI/internet or fax, water, communication, pest control, loss by accidental damage, vandalism, theft or storm and other seasonal or local factors that may cause disruption within The RiverGarden Hotel, Siem Reap including but not limited to drivers, guides, transport, tickets or ticketing and travel agencies, tour companies or their representatives.

Please read carefully, email any questions you may have to: info@therivergarden.info

