JT31 From Jungle Temple to Local Cuisine

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Intro

It's time to trade the ordinary for the extraordinary and embark on a journey that will challenge and inspire you. Your vintage jeep whisks you through the Cambodian countryside to Beng Mealea Temple, an unrestored jungle ruin offering an "Indiana Jones" experience. After exploring, drive to Preah Dak Village and switch to bicycles for a peaceful ride through rice paddies and villages. Next, join a Khmer Family that makes traditional Nom Banh Chok. This full-day tour blends jeep exploration, cycling, and hands-on cultural insights, connecting you to authentic Cambodian life beyond the temples.

Day by Day

DAY 1:	Siem Reap

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Begin your day with a scenic ride in a vintage Jeep, journeying through the Cambodian countryside toward the mysterious Beng Mealea Temple. Located about 60 kilometers from Siem Reap, this ancient jungle temple is one of the most impressive and atmospheric in the region. Largely unrestored, Beng Mealea offers a true “Indiana Jones” experience—wander through crumbling stone corridors, admire the intricate carvings hidden under moss and vines, and marvel at towering trees growing

through centuries-old walls. It's a remarkable place for history lovers and adventure seekers alike.

After exploring this temple ruin, your cultural journey continues with a short drive to nearby Preah Dak Village, a peaceful rural community nestled on the outskirts of the Angkor Archaeological Park. Here, you'll trade your vintage Jeep for a bicycle and take a gentle ride along quiet village roads, passing through beautiful rice paddies, stilted wooden houses, and rows of swaying palm trees. This part of the tour allows you to slow down and fully absorb the charm of the Cambodian countryside.

Next, visit a local home where you'll be welcomed into a traditional Khmer kitchen. Join a friendly village family and discover how to make Nom Banh Chok, Cambodia's beloved traditional rice noodle dish. Watch and participate in each step of the process—from grinding soaked rice to shaping and boiling the noodles. Then, enjoy the reward of your effort by tasting this delicious, freshly made meal, often served with a fragrant green fish curry and crisp local herbs.

This full-day adventure combines culture, history, food, and soft adventure, offering you an authentic connection to Cambodia's living traditions. With the blend of off-road Jeep exploration, scenic cycling, and hands-on experiences, this tour is perfect for those who seek deeper insight into local life beyond the temples.

Included meals:

Lunch

Included today:

- Vintage jeep with driver
- English speaking guide
- Drinking water, fruit
- Lunch
- Preah Dak Village food tasting
- Bicycle village tour

Additional info

Price per person in US Dollar: