



## ~ R.V. TOUM TIOU ~ Programs 2011 – 2012

### Phnom Penh – Siem Reap, 3 days / 2 nights ~ Low water program – from January to June ~

#### Day 1

##### Phnom Penh – Kôh Chen – Kampong Tralach

**07:45** Toum Tiou is open for embarking.

**08:00** Departure of the Toum Tiou for Kôh Chen (Chinese Island). Security briefing.

**10:30** Arrival to Kôh Chen, small village of whose inhabitants specialize in silver and copper smiting. They make ornamental items, including delicately engraved tropical fruits, used in traditional ceremonies at the pagoda or for marriages.

The distant hills of Cambodia's old capital, Oudong, and its royal stupas can be seen a few kilometers away from the ferry. At the top of the hill, the ruins of Anthareu temple.

**11:45** Passengers re-embark the Toum Tiou. Lunch on board on the way to Kampong Tralach

**15:30** Arrival at Kampong Tralach to visit its wonderful Vihara belonging to Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. To get to it, we cross Kampong Tralach Krom village along a small road perpendicular to the river, crossing some gorgeous stretches of emerald rice paddy as we leave the river behind.

The Vihara dates back to early last century. It was probably built on an older site, as indicated by the latérite foundations, and is home to some outstanding mural paintings. These, however, are starting to suffer from weathering. They remain one of the last survivors of cultural destruction that continues unabated due to widespread indifference.

Standing by itself in the middle of rice fields, it is a modest pagoda that receives very few visitors. Its isolation may well be its undoing, as was the case last May for Wat Tani Pagoda in the province of Kampot.

**17:30** Passengers re-embark. The Toum Tiou drops anchor few miles away.

**19:00** Welcome drink and info meeting about cruise, crew introduction.

Welcome dinner. Overnight on board.

#### Day 2

##### Kampong Tralach - Kampong Chnang – Chnok Tru

**07:00** Departure of the Toum Tiou early in the morning. Sail to Kampong Chnang. Breakfast during navigation.

**09:00** Arrival to Kampong Chnang.

Located some 56 miles from Phnom Penh, the town of Kampong Chnang is one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonlé Sap. Fish farming is also widely practiced in the area. The area is famous for its pottery ware, unchanged in style for centuries, which is produced in sufficient quantities to supply the entire country. And not to be overlooked are the products of the Thnot tree (sugar palm – a real national symbol) that abounds in the area: a mellow tasting, caramel-colored sugar sold in large cakes and palm wine.

**11:30** Passengers re-embark the Toum Tiou. Lunch on board on the way to Chnok Tru.

**16:00** Arrival at Chnok Tru. Local boats are coming along the Toum Tiou and picking passengers for the visit of the biggest floating village on the Tonlé Sap River

**18:00** Passengers re-embark. The Toum Tiou stays overnight in the proximity of Chnok Tru.

**19:00** Farewell cocktail (1 glass of local liquor or juice) with Master of Ship & Cruise Manager  
Captain's farewell dinner (Enriched menu + 1 glass of wine). Overnight on board.

#### Day 3

##### Chnok Tru – Siem Reap

**06:30** Breakfast and relaxing morning on the boat.

**08:00** Daily speedboat is coming along the boat and picks up passengers for crossing the Lake.

**13:30** Arrival at Phnom Krom pier.

Local tour agent picks up passengers and transfers (~5 miles) to restaurant in Siem Reap for a last lunch. After lunch local tour agent transfers passengers to hotel.

At the end of the low water period, (around late March to June) the water level may not allow anymore speedboats to cross the lake. In this case, passengers will be transferred by our convenience from/to Siem Reap by land or river way. (~5-6 hour).



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