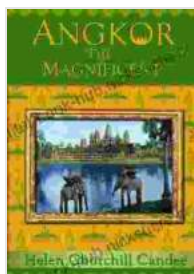


# Angkor: The Magnificent Wonder City of Ancient Cambodia

Nestled amidst the dense Cambodian jungle, Angkor is an ancient city that once served as the capital of the Khmer Empire. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most popular tourist destinations in Southeast Asia. Visitors come from all over the world to marvel at Angkor's awe-inspiring temples, intricate architecture, and fascinating history.

Angkor was founded in the 9th century by King Jayavarman II. Over the next several centuries, the city grew and flourished, becoming one of the largest and most powerful empires in Southeast Asia. At its peak, Angkor was home to over a million people and covered an area of over 400 square kilometers.



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The city's decline began in the 15th century, when it was sacked by the Siamese. Angkor was eventually abandoned and swallowed by the jungle. It was not until the 19th century that European explorers rediscovered the ruins of Angkor.

Today, Angkor is a major tourist destination. Visitors can explore the ruins of Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world. They can also visit Angkor Thom, the former royal city, and see the Bayon Temple, with its famous smiling faces. Ta Prohm is another popular temple, known for its massive tree roots that have grown over the ruins.

Angkor is a truly awe-inspiring place. Its temples are a testament to the skill and artistry of the Khmer people. The city's ruins offer a glimpse into a lost world and a fascinating chapter in human history.

## **Angkor Wat**



Angkor Wat is the most famous temple in Angkor. It was built in the 12th century by King Suryavarman II and is dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu. The temple is a masterpiece of Khmer architecture and is considered one of the most important religious monuments in the world.

Angkor Wat is a massive structure, with a central tower that rises 65 meters above the ground. The temple is surrounded by a moat and a series of walls. The walls are decorated with intricate carvings that depict scenes from Hindu mythology.

Visitors can explore Angkor Wat on foot or by bicycle. There are a number of guided tours available, which can provide visitors with more information about the temple's history and architecture.

## Angkor Thom



Angkor Thom, the former royal city of the Khmer Empire.

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Angkor Thom is home to a number of important temples, including the Bayon Temple, the Terrace of the Elephants, and the Preah Khan Temple. The Bayon Temple is famous for its smiling faces, which are carved into the towers of the temple.

Visitors can explore Angkor Thom on foot or by bicycle. There are a number of guided tours available, which can provide visitors with more information about the city's history and architecture.

## **Ta Prohm**



Ta Prohm is a temple in Angkor that is known for its massive tree roots. The temple was built in the 12th century by King Jayavarman VII. It was dedicated to the Hindu god Brahma.

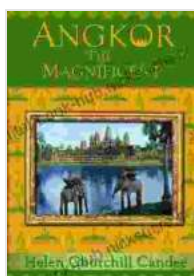
Ta Prohm is a popular temple with tourists. Its tree roots have grown over the ruins of the temple, creating a unique and atmospheric setting. Visitors can explore the temple on foot or by bicycle.

## Visiting Angkor

Angkor is a popular tourist destination, and there are a number of ways to visit the site. Visitors can purchase a one-day pass, a three-day pass, or a seven-day pass. The passes allow visitors to enter Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom, as well as a number of other temples.

There are a number of ways to get to Angkor. Visitors can fly into Siem Reap, the nearest city to Angkor. They can also take a bus or train from Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

Once in Siem Reap, visitors can book a tour to Angkor. There are a number of tour operators that offer tours of Angkor. Visitors can also rent a bicycle or



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