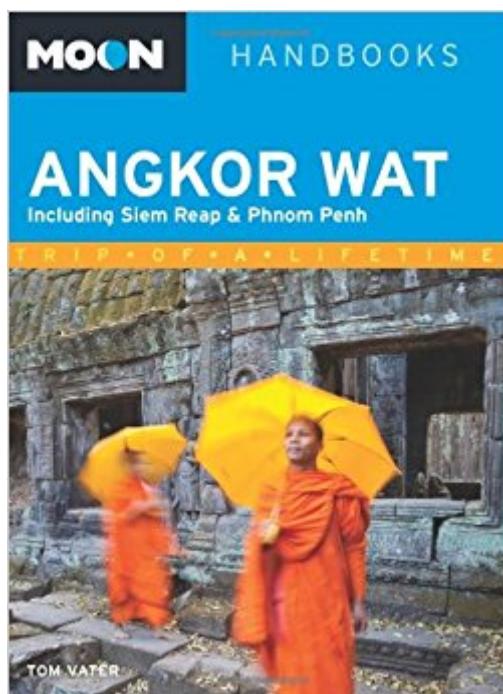


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# Moon Angkor Wat: Including Siem Reap & Phnom Penh (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

A group of young monks, their robes a luminous orange, cross the causeway. A stone's throw away, rice paddies and golden temple roofs of Angkor shimmer in the morning sun. Monkeys swing from the trees and elephants stand in the shade nearby, waiting for passengers. This is the trip of a lifetime. It will leave you with a new sense of wonder; and some great stories to share.

Expert traveler Tom Vater tells you everything you need to know to make this trip possible in *Moon Angkor Wat: Including Siem Reap & Phnom Penh*: How to get there, how long it will take, and where to stop along the way; including information on the cities of Siem Reap, Battambang, and Phnom Penh as well as excursions to remote temples. How to choose the best means of transportation, whether you're traveling by tuk-tuk, taxi, motorbike, or bicycle. Background on authentic cultural experiences, from street food feasts to New Year's celebrations; and where to find them. Day-by-day itinerary suggestions.

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## Customer Reviews

Tom Vater first visited Cambodia in 2001 to document the indigenous minorities in Mondulkiri for the British Library's International Sound Archive, and instantly fell in love with the country. A year later, Tom cowrote and managed the production of a documentary on Angkor for German-French television, which gave him the opportunity to spend several weeks among the temples. Since then, he has been back to Cambodia several times a year to cover the country's politics and culture for many different publications. On his journeys around the country, he has joined kings, pilgrims and soldiers, secret agents, pirates, hippies, policemen, and prophets. Tom is the author of

numerous books&#151;nonfiction titles, guidebooks, and a novel&#151;and has cowritten several documentary screenplays for television and cinema. Tom&#39;s feature articles, mostly on Asian subjects and destinations, have been published around the world, by The Wall Street Journal, The Guardian, The Times (UK), Marie Claire, and many others. He is The Daily Telegraph&#39;s Bangkok expert. His most recent nonfiction book, *Sacred Skin*, published with award-winning photographer Aroon Thaewchatturat (aroonthaew.com)&#151;is an international bestseller, featured in TIME Magazine and on CNN. Visit his website at [tomvater.com](http://tomvater.com).

I ordered the newest edition of this book (January 2013) from for a trip that I have not yet taken and, without having left home, the back index pages have fallen out. The content of the guide book is excellent, especially suggestions for one two three days of Angkor. The set up is typical - history, highlights, accommodations, transportation, people and culture, activities, and safety. What is not typical is a poorly bound travel book! An alternative is "Insight Guides Laos and Cambodia" (also 2013 edition).

The writing style was poor and hard to follow. It made the history portions and religious mythology much more complicated than necessary, and harder to understand than they should have been. I only found a few of the pages to be particularly helpful, though they did the trick.

The writer comes across as a bit jaded about certain of the attractions but overall this is an excellent guide to Angkor and Cambodia's other main sites.

I was able to obtain this book at the last minute for a trip to Cambodia (Phnom Penh) and unexpectedly had an extra day to explore. It was PERFECT!! Looking through gave me a good overview and through reading gave me the details needed.

Great content - extremely poor binding - pages are falling out after a few hours of use - second book received with the same problem

This guidebook work well for, arrived on time and we were able to piece together a good history of the temples.

Very helpful resource in planning an upcoming vacation.

Helpful book for planning my trip to Cambodia.

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