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The Programme of the 5th Edition of "Les Nuits d'Angkor 2004": 17 - 19 December 2004

The Programme of the fifth Edition of "Les Nuits d'Angkor" from 17 to 19 December 2004 on the Site of Angkor Wat, especially illuminated for this event is quite different from the ones from the previous year.

This year a closest collaboration between the French Ballet of Jean-Claude Galotta and the Royal Ballet of Cambodia is expected. The Ballet of Jean- Claude Galotta from the "Centre Chorégraphique National de Grenoble" is working on a

masterpiece "Blick" but on a traditional Khmer music by the Royal Ballet of Cambodia.

On the other side the Royal Ballet of Cambodia will play an extract from the Ramayana (Legend and history of the Kingdom of Cambodia) "Réamké

Choupleak on 17 & 19 December and on 18 December they will play the representation of "Preah Sothon", created this year when the Royal Ballet has been declared as the World Heritage by the UNESCO.



Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor has re-opened on May 1, 2004 after the closing for 1 month

The Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor has re-opened on May 1st, 2004. According to the Management of the hotel, the difficulties have been solved and the hotel is now able to welcome back the clients.

However we remain cautious and in this sense for the upcoming booking in May and June, we do not recommend to move the clients back to Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor yet. We suggest to keep the alternative hotel offered until further information.

The visit of the Floating Village on the Ton Le Sap is more and more difficult

The low level of the water in the Ton Le Sap makes the visit of the floating village quite difficult and unpleasant. Indeed the lake is for the moment too muddy and the bad smell due to the heat is really inconvenient. In this sense we will suggest to the clients who still have a boat trip in the floating village mentioned in their itinerary to visit the Silk Farm of Puok and the Chantiers Ecoles instead. However if the clients want to keep this excursion we will follow the itinerary accordingly to their wish.

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RV Mekong Boat cancels all its cruises from Jun 19 to Sep 18, 2004

According to the Pandaw Cruise Company, due to their recent problems with the renewal of their flag registration under an international cruise ship and the consequence of this - which is that a foreign flagged ship can not stop for sight seeing at the Delta ports between My Tho and the border, the cruise will stop operating from Jun 19 to Sep 18, 2004, time for the company to get their new permit.

We are under negotiation with the Toum Teav Boat for an substitute programme. We will come back to you with a solution.

New Compagny: Royal Khmer Airlines

Since April 24, the Royal Khmer Airline has started to flight between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap with a Boeing 732-200 with 2 flights per day:

PNH/REP- RK 212: 07:10-07:45

REP/PNH - RK 213: 08:20-08:55

PNH/REP - RK 214: 15:40-16:15

REP/PNH - RK 215: 16:55-17:30

HOTELS & RESTAURANTS NEWS

Hotel in Phnom Penh

New GM at Sunway Hotel

Mr. Jean Gablin, French Citizen, has been appointed as the New General Manager of the Sunway Hotel, in replacement of Mr Manfred Haeger. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Gablin and we wish all the best to Manfred.

Hotel in Siem Reap

FCC is opening a hotel in Siem Reap

The FCC was known first in Siem Reap for its restaurant, modern and design. Now the FCC has open thirty-three new guest rooms, which will represent a culmination of experience and design. Built from the ground up, at the back of the restaurant in the nice garden, the FCC comes with 33 rooms and a nice small swimming pool surrounded by trees. Out fact sheet is available

New charming Guest House: Villa Loti

This brand new yet traditional Khmer villa is an elegant wood and brick little country house of 10 rooms. Located along the Siem Reap River on the way to the Angkor temple, just a stone throw from the old market. La Villa Loti is decorated uniquely with authentic Khmer furniture of quality (beds, chairs, tables, chests...). On the first floor the four bedrooms open on a large and fresh amply shaded terrace, which can be enjoyed privately but invites equally to a peaceful discussion with the other guests, at teatime for example. Four rooms on the ground floor have direct access to the garden. Out fact sheet is available

Hotel in Kep

Champey Inn is expanding!

Champey Inn & Resort is now offering 8 new additional rooms with air conditioning, television and private bathrooms (which are in open-air). The Champey Inn & Resort comes now with a total of 16 nice rooms including the 8 bungalows with fan around the swimming pool.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish to thank all of you for your continued support!

Please do not hesitate to contact us should further assistance be needed.

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