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Rostropovitch in Angkor Wat on Dec 14, 2003

The Angkor Wat Revisited Benefit Concert, "*Rostropovich in Angkor*" will be held in the World Heritage Site of Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia on December 14th, 2003, in aid of the Nginn Karet Foundation for Cambodia (NKFC).

This unique event is on the personal initiative of the world acclaimed Cellist and Conductor Maestro Mstislav Rostropovich, who has graciously offered this concert to the Foundation, under the High Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk and with the full support of the Royal Cambodian government and UNESCO. A dinner will be served in front of Angkor Wat, followed by the concert of Maestro Rostropovich accompanied by 85 musicians from the Philharmonic Orchestra of Malaysia. The Royal Ballet of Cambodia will end the evening.

4th "Nuit d'Angkor" at Angkor Wat

As we already informed in our Newsletter No 9, the 4th "Nuits d'Angkor" will take place in Siem Reap within the Angkor Wat temple site on December 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2003. The programme will be as follows:

19 & 21 December 03: Contemporary French ballet "Que Ma joie demeure" choreographed by Brigitte Massin and the Royal Ballet of Cambodia which will play a show on the foundation of the Kingdom.

20 December 03: The Royal Ballet will present the "Ko Samot Tek Dos" (The fight between God and Demon); Due to the success of this performance last year, the show will be is replayed this year for one evening.

Asian Trails Cambodia will have ticket for the event and can include the show in your program to highlight the trip of your guests during that period.

AIRLINES / BOAT NEWS

New airline company in Cambodia: Progress Airlines

Progress Multitrade Airlines is a russian-cambodian company which operates since 1999 with three Antonov 24 for charter flight only. Since November 3, 2003 the airline starts to operate two new flights between Siem Reap - Sihanoukville and Siem Reap - Ratanakiri with one Antonov 24 (48 seats).

They intend to operate 3 flights per week on Sihanoukville (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and two flights per week on Ratanakiri (Tuesday, Thursday).

We will keep you informed later on about the evolution of this new airline company.

President Airlines cancel the flight Phnom Penh/Battambang and Phnom Penh/Banlung (Rattanakiri)

The company has decided to cancel all the flight from Phnom Penh to Battambang and Banlung (Rattanakiri) from now on .

The only company which operate the flights from Phnom Penh to the two cities is now Royal Phnom Penh Airways as follows:

RL 521 - Phnom Penh - Battambang : 07:05 - 07:50 9 (Daily)

RL 522 - Battambang - Phnom Penh : 08:30 - 09:15 (Daily)

RL 341 - Phnom Penh - Banlung (Rattanakiri): 10:00 - 11:40 (via Stung Treng) (Monday /Friday)

RL 341 - Phnom Penh - Banlung (Rattanakiri): 10:00 - 11:00 (Direct)(Wednesday)

RL 342 - Banlung (Rattanakiri) - Phnom Penh: 11:30 - 13:10 (via Stung Treng) (Wednesday)

RL 342 - Banlung (Rattanakiri) - Phnom Penh: 12:10 - 13:10 (Direct) (Monday /Friday)

Remarks : The Royal Phnom Penh Airways will be operate only with a minimum of 20 passengers.

New schedule for the Victoria Boat confirmed

Confirmed on November 1st, 2003, the Victoria Boat runs daily to and from Phnom Penh to Chau Doc. The departure to both places will be at 7:30 am with the return at 13:30.

Domestic departure operations relocated in Terminal A in Phnom Penh International Airport

On October 26, all domestic departure operations have been transferred to Terminal A, which is an extension of current international Terminal B. Domestic arrival terminal remains in the present location until 2004, then it will be integrated to a completely refurbished Terminal A, as part of the 2004-2006 program for the upgrading of services and infrastructure at Phnom Penh and Siem Reap Angkor International Airports

HOTELS & RESTAURANTS NEWS

Hotel in Siem Reap

*** City Riverview opened on Nov**

The new City Riverview in Siem Reap opened its doors on November 4, 2003.

This medium hotel class comes with 60 rooms, a restaurant and a souvenir shop.

*** Renewal of all the Deluxe rooms at Angkor Village**

The Angkor Village has redecorated its 38 Deluxe rooms with new furnitures, beds, curtains as their standards rooms has been re-called "Budget rooms".

We would like to take this opportunity 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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With kindest regards,
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