

SAIGON TO ANGKOR WAT CYCLE KIT LIST

One of the most common pre-trip questions we receive is all about what to pack, and what the essential items are. This is a list of recommended kit to take on the Saigon to Angkor Wat cycle. We have tried to pare down this kit list to the absolute must-haves for your cycle, but above all you should use your common sense and your own personal preferences when you are packing. Check out our additional guidelines at the bottom of this list!

RUCKSACKS AND BAGS

- ☐ Day sack 30-35L/bum bag/handle bar bag
- ☐ Soft-shelled holdall

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Comfortable footwear for cycling
- ☐ Training/comfy shoe for evenings
- ☐ Socks

CLOTHING

- ☐ Cycling Helmet (MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILST CYCLING)
- ☐ Cycling Shorts x 3 (padded for cycling is advisable)
- ☐ Lightweight fleece top
- ☐ Long Trousers / Sarong (to wear over your shorts in order to respect the local culture, when in villages – men & women)
- ☐ Long-Sleeved Shirt (Mosquito protection in the evenings)
- ☐ T-Shirts (Dri Fit technical T-shirts for cycling recommended) Bandana/buff for the cold
- ☐ Cotton Scarf or Buff (protect you from the dust)
- ☐ Insulated gloves/mittens
- ☐ Underwear (cotton light & loose – to avoid saddle sore in the heat)

GENERAL CYCLING EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Water bottles/bladder min 3l
- ☐ Sunglasses

- ☐ High energy snacks (tracker bars, dried fruit, chocolate, nuts)
- ☐ Plastic bags for keeping clothes and docs dry
- ☐ Cycling Gloves
- ☐ Sweat Band – to protect from sweat in your eyes

SMALL FIRST AID KIT

- ☐ Pain killers
- ☐ Plasters
- ☐ Zinc oxide tape
- ☐ Compeed blister pads
- ☐ Antiseptic wipes
- ☐ Diarrhoea tablets
- ☐ Rehydration sachets
- ☐ Your own medication
- ☐ Vaseline/Chamois Cream
- ☐ Anti-histamine tablets

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Personal toiletries
- ☐ Shampoo/conditioner
- ☐ Travel towel
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Tissue/toilet paper
- ☐ Insect repellent containing DEET
- ☐ Malaria tablets under advice from your GP
- ☐ After sun/moisturiser
- ☐ Sun protection (min factor 30)

DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ 2 passport pictures
- ☐ Tickets (given to you at the airport)
- ☐ Photocopy of passport
- ☐ Cash in US dollars

- ☐ Debit card
- ☐ Travel insurance

OPTIONAL

- ☐ Alarm clock/watch
- ☐ Bike Bell
- ☐ Camera and spare batteries
- ☐ Celebratory meal
- ☐ Contact lenses (plus spare glasses)
- ☐ Cord or string
- ☐ Dextrose tablets for extra energy
- ☐ Dry shampoo
- ☐ Dry wash
- ☐ Ear plugs
- ☐ Gaffa tape for emergency repairs
- ☐ Gel seat
- ☐ Light weight cycling wind/waterproof jacket
- ☐ Smart clothes for the
- ☐ Spare laces
- ☐ Swimwear dependant on hotel
- ☐ Toe clips
- ☐ Waterproof liner
- ☐ Wide Brimmed Hat

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR KIT

PACKING

Check out Outdoor Hire's useful tips on how to pack your kit bag [here](#). Remember the general rule that if you don't need it, don't bring it. A soft duffel is easier to find your kit in and less likely to be damaged than a framed backpack and should weigh no more than 15kg, so don't over pack!

On a bike a decent [bum-bag](#) is hard to beat for carrying valuables and essentials. Protect valuables from rain with a small roll top dry bag.

CLOTHES

A pair of padded cycling shorts will make a huge difference to your comfort and dedicated [cycle gloves](#) help to protect your hands while in the saddle. For all round usefulness in the great outdoors Outdoorhire recommend the [Montane Prism Midlayer](#) jacket, it's lightweight, windproof and warm and does everything a fleece does but better.

SUN PROTECTION

To protect yourself from the sun use a lightweight peaked cap that's comfortable under your helmet and at other times wear a wide brimmed hat. On a bike the back of your neck and the back of your legs are more exposed than usual, don't forget sunscreen on these areas.

HYDRATION

When exercising your fluid needs increase dramatically and adequate hydration is vital. There are various ways to get the right fluids into your body, with many people using water bladders or bottles. Another alternative is a wide mouth bottle with a drinking tube adaptor. Adding oral rehydration tablets or electrolyte powders to your water helps to maintain a correct electrolyte balance and also makes your water more palatable. Make sure you follow the mixing instructions on the pack and wash bottles and bladders thoroughly after use because the nutrients can help promote bacterial and mould growth.

See Outdoor Hire's top tips for hydration [here](#).

HEALTH

Make sure you take a first-aid kit with you, as the group medical kit is designed for emergencies. Zinc Oxide tape is a handy addition, as it is often a lifesaver for blisters. Good hand hygiene is very important on any sort of challenge and will help to prevent tummy problems. Wash your hands whenever you eat and use Dry Wash Gel when washing facilities are not available.

NB

If you do not own some of this equipment and do not wish to spend a lot of money on buying equipment then we would highly recommend hiring equipment from our partners at [Outdoorhire](#). They can hire really good quality outdoor equipment. Often hiring a high quality piece of equipment is better than purchasing a cheap version.