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Angkor Wat:

The Most Impressive Religious Monument

Angkor Wat is a complex of temple buildings located in Cambodia, known as one of the largest religious monuments in the world. This temple complex was constructed in the early 12th century (1113-1149) as a state temple by King Suryavarman II in Yasodharapura, now known as Angkor, the capital of the Khmer Kingdom. The Angkor Wat temple complex comprises over a thousand buildings and is one of the most significant archaeological sites in Southeast Asia. With the artistic beauty of ancient architecture, this temple was designated as a World Heritage Site in 1992 by UNESCO. Furthermore, this historic temple also emerged as a finalist in the Seven Wonders of the World as designated by the New Open World Corporation (NOWC).

Originally a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, this edifice of royal patronage, established by King Suryavarman II, has undergone a religious transformation to a Buddhist temple towards the end of the 12th century. The national flag of Cambodia prominently displays Angkor Wat, a symbol of the country that has great cultural significance. This imposing temple complex is a major draw for tourists visiting Cambodia and represents the nation's architectural and historical legacy.

A trip to Cambodia is considered incomplete without a visit to Angkor Wat. This majestic temple, a source of national pride for Cambodia, is replete with fascinating facts. Among them, Angkor Wat stands out as the largest religious monument in the world, covering an area of over 400 hectares or 1.6 km². Since around 1850, the illustrations of Angkor Wat have been featured on Cambodia's national flag, reflecting the deep pride Cambodians hold for this ancient monument. In the Cambodian language, known as Khmer, 'Angkor' means 'city' or 'capital', and 'Wat' means 'temple ground'. Thus, 'Angkor Wat' translates to 'City of Temples'. Angkor Wat is associated with two different religions. Initially, Angkor Wat had been constructed as a Hindu temple dedicated to God Vishnu, breaking the tradition of previous kings who have worshipped Shiva. Gradually, it transitioned into a Buddhist temple towards the end of the 12th century and continued to be a place of worship to this day.

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Approximately, five million tons of sandstone have been used in the construction of Angkor Wat. History suggests that this sandstone has been sourced from the sacred mountain of Phnom Kulen, located about 50 kilometers or 31 miles from the temple site. According to historians' estimates, these sandstone blocks have been transported by using canals and floated down the Siem Reap River on rafts. Inscriptions indicate that 6,000 elephants and 300,000 labourers have been used in the estimated 35 years it took to build Angkor Wat. There are thousands of reliefs adorning the temple walls that tell stories. These carved reliefs depict important characters and gods from the Buddhist and Hindu faiths, together with pivotal moments from their respective story traditions.

Those who enjoy art and architecture may find additional enjoyment in seeing these historical ruins. Those who have seen Angelina Jolie's action and adventure Tomb Raider movie may also recognise Wat Ta Prohm as one of the featured temples. Trip to Angkor Wat starts from Siem Reap, a vibrant city in Cambodia. Situated just under 10 miles (about 16 kilometers) from Siem Reap, you can reach the park by hiring a private tour bus, riding a bicycle, or taking a tuk-tuk. Hiring a private guide is quite affordable and offers you a unique insight into the temple.

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