

# Global Service Corps

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friends and Family Service-Learning Journey Special Two-week Program September 8 – 22, 2019

(Additional 2020 program being planned; contact GSC for updates)

This Cambodia cultural immersion service-learning program will be hosted in Cambodia by GSC Founders, Rick and Maxine Lathrop. Program participants will join the Lathrops in this special experience to learn about the Cambodia culture and history, and to participate in a service project. Participants will gain insight about the ongoing effects of the Khmer Rouge genocide in the 1970's. Learn why GSC has been working in Cambodia over the past ten years and how your participation can make a difference. The program will include:

- Sunday Welcome
  - Meet and Greet cultural orientation with GSC In-Country Coordinator, Ratha Tieng
  - Special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Welcome Dinner and presentation by the Lathrops
- Three-day orientation
  - Tours of Cambodian historical sites in Phnom Penh including
    - Royal Palace complex
    - National Museum
    - Independence Monument
    - Khmer Rouge sites including a Killing Field and Tuol Sleng prison
  - Meetings and discussions with Cambodian experts and GSC staff
    - Lecture at Pannasastra University on Cambodian culture, education and development
    - Visit to Buddhist monastery and lecture on Buddhism by a senior monk at an historical Phnom Penh monastery
    - Project preparations
- Seven-day service project, choice of:
  - Child and Orphan Care/Teaching English (teaching experience not required) **OR**
  - Buddhist Immersion/Teaching English (teaching experience not required) (choice of Meditation or Contemplative program)
  - Accommodations at host organization or monastery guest rooms and dining facilities
- Weekend free day and visit to historical monastery
- Special 25-year Anniversary Offer - Concluding two-day Siem Reap visit
  - Airfare Phnom Penh-Siem Reap (departing Siem Reap back to the States)
  - Tours of Angkor Wat and other historical temples
  - Visit to Floating Village and silk factory
  - Shopping at Night Market
  - Two night's accommodations in a comfortable tourist hotel

### Buddhist Immersion/Teaching English Programs (Teaching experience not required)



**Option 1: The Buddhist Immersion - Meditation Program** introduces and provides the opportunities for Western teachers/participants to live on a rural historical large monastery and to practice Theravada meditation with Buddhist monks and nuns at a Cambodian monastery. This program is in partnership with a senior monk and meditation teacher with the assistance and participation of Cambodian monks and nuns at a large Cambodian monastery.

**Option 2: The Buddhist Immersion - Contemplative Program** provides opportunities for participants to live on a large monastery near Phnom Penh which includes a training center for young monks. Time is available during the day to tour the wat grounds, and spend about one hour/day discussing Buddhism in English with senior monks when available.

Participants on both programs will also be actively involved in the monastery including interacting with monks, and nuns at the Meditation Program site. All participants will also teach English to young monks or local elementary school children in the evenings. Accommodations will include housing in on-site guest rooms and meals prepared by monastery staff. (Meditation Program dinners at local restaurant.) (Local guesthouse accommodations are available for an extra charge. Contact GSC for details.)

### **Child and Orphan Care Program**



The Child and Orphanage Care program provides opportunities for participants to assist the GSC local partner organization in providing care, education and psycho-social support to orphans and/or marginalized kids aged 3 to 18. Participants teach English (prior teaching experience not required), or other skills, provide arts and crafts activities and engage in recreational and other support activities. Participants with specific hobby or educational backgrounds and skills are welcomed to share these with the kids. Accommodations are provided at the headquarters home of our partner and include delicious Khmer food and air-conditioned double rooms with Western bathrooms. (Local guesthouse accommodations are available for an extra charge. Contact GSC for details.)

**Program Fees:** \$2,662

Contact GSC for details on service project guesthouse accommodation options. Extra weeks can be added. Contact GSC for details.

**Program fees include:** Airport pick-up, drop off, and project transportation; accommodations including all meals; language and cultural orientation and project preparation guidance, project administration; donations to partner organizations. And **Special 25-year Anniversary Offer:** Two-day excursion to Siem Reap and Angkor Wat not normally included in a two-week program.

**Program fees\* do not include:** Airfare, travel health insurance, required background checks, and visas.

**Tax Deductibility:** All program fees, including airfare, may be tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Consult your tax advisor for full details.

**Reserving your spot:** Due to additional planning required for this program, a \$300 deposit/person will be due no later than May 20. There is a maximum group size of around 10 participants, and reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

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