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Culture



Who are we and what do we do?

Artisans Angkor has renewed an interest in the value of the Khmer cultural identity allowing young artisans to express their talents and develop their skills. Initially developed to assist artists trained by the *Chantiers-Ecoles de Formation Professionnelle*, we help young people find work in their home villages, allowing them to practice their crafts while providing them with a vocation. We currently have thirteen workshops operating in twelve villages in Siem Reap province, including silk, wood carving, stone carving and finishing workshops (polychromy, lacquering, gilding).

Through investing in new apprentices and skills creation, we have created over 800 jobs for both artisans and non-craftsmen, mostly in rural Cambodia. Young apprentices from the age of 18 to 25 are selected from rural areas through skill and motivation tests, and undertake six to eight months of training provided free of charge.

Maintaining our commitment to the artisans we have pioneered a new social policy in Cambodia, guaranteeing levels of pay and social and medical welfare. The artisans have formed an association called *Artisanat Khmer* which has a 20% stake in the company, giving employees a voice in the decision making process.

Formed in 1999 as part of the *Chantiers-Ecoles de Formation Professionnelle* project, we became a limited company with minor public participation in 2003 and are now completely self-financed.

What you can experience

- Discover the traditional Khmer techniques used for stone and wood carving, lacquering and gilding at our main boutique and workshop in Siem Reap town, as explained by our experienced guides.
- A complete tour of the workshop will take you from raw materials to splendid craft-wares. Tours are available in English, French, German, Japanese, Chinese, Thai and Khmer open daily from 7.30am to 5.30pm for the tour, and to 6.30pm for the shop.
- The **Angkor Café**, opposite Angkor Wat, displays items from its own collection as well as craft tableware products and Khmer scents and flavours. Open daily from 8.30am-6.30pm.
- **Angkor Silk Farm** at Puok District, 16km from Siem Reap town, is an exhibition center of silk processes and production. Located on an 8 hectare site, mulberry fields, silk worm breeding and silk weaving using traditional Khmer knowledge are highlights of the centre. Open daily from 7.30am-5.30pm.

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 and
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 and crafts