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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOFITEL ANGKOR PHOKEETHRA GOLF & SPA RESORT

**HOTEL EVENTS
NEWS**

APSARA DANCE



Enhance your experience in Siem Reap and discover a bit more about one of the Khmer culture traditions: dance. The hotel gives you the opportunity, three times per week, to enjoy the graceful and suppleness of the traditional Apsara dancers. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night, enjoy this one-hour show representing 5 dancers of Cambodian life and discover how each movement has a paramount meaning. Ask our Guests Relations for the time and location.



Eric Stocker

Thierry Stocker



HOTEL EVENTS NEWS

**ERIC & THIERRY STOCKER – MASTERS OF LACQUER
15TH AUGUST – 15TH OCTOBER**

We will be very proudly showcasing, in our lobby, the talented work of Eric & Thierry Stocker from the 15th August until the 15th October. With the use of different techniques and textures, the two brothers are able to create fabulous masterpieces, exhibited for your biggest pleasure. Whether using natural imprints, lacquer, gilt leaf egg shell or straw marquetry, the result is breathtaking.

Discover through this exhibition not only the art of the Stocker brothers but also all the patience and dedicated work that goes behind. One of Eric and Thierry's mission is to save the last Cambodian lacquer trees in order to protect a huge part of the Cambodian culture. Indeed, lacquer has been a key ingredient in Cambodia... for example to coat betel boxes and baskets in order to carry water or on some of the Angkorian temples to preserve the carvings.

If you have time during your visit to Siem Reap, we highly recommend you go and visit their workshop situated around 15 minutes from the hotel. Please ask our concierge for more information.

Eric Stocker, the older brother, first came to Cambodia in 1998 to help revitalize the lacquer art as part of a European Union project after his art-related studies. In 1980, he created a lacquer workshop, copying and restoring old lacquers but also gildings.

Then, he participated in diverse projects of restoration and starting teaching to young underprivileged Cambodians all the techniques he learned. In 10 years, he can proudly affirm he trained and past his knowledge to more than 350 craftsmen to the art of lacquer and gilding in Southeast Asia.

Among his different experiences, he worked for UNESCO in Luang Prabang (Laos) where he learnt all the different techniques of restoration of temples and also evaluated all the materials used.

In 1998 his brother Thierry, who shared the same passion in France, came to join him and they created together "Angkor Artwork", a workshop based in Siem Reap that has for goal to transmit the lacquer art to young underprivileged and hard-of-hearing Cambodians.

CITY EVENT

**FRIENDLY
MONTHLY GOLF
TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 3RD**



The Phokeethra Country Club, located 25 minutes from the hotel, is hosting its monthly golf tournament on the 3rd of August.

For the very special price of 70\$, enjoy the green fee for 18 holes, buggy, caddie, friendly challenges, fun... and maybe you will get the chance to win a prize!

Don't forget to reserve in advance.

CITY EVENT

**1ST ANGKOR EMPIRE FULL AND HALF MARATHON
AUGUST 17TH**

Every year in December, Siem Reap is home to a half-marathon but this year for the first time ever, a full marathon is organized and will take you around the wonders of Siem Reap and its surroundings on Sunday 17th August. The most courageous will be participating to the 42km race while others will run "only" 21km, 10km or 3km. Departure time is as below:

Marathon (42Km)	Men / Women	4:30am
Half Marathon (21km)	Men / Women	6:00am
10km Road Race	Men / Women	6:10am
3km Family Run	Men / Women	6:20am

A great occasion to get up a bit earlier that day, enjoy the sunrise and encourage the brave runners before visiting the temples...

We are very proud to share that last year; one of our Kitchen Ambassador participated to the 21km race and arrived in the top 10, being the first participant from Siem Reap to cross the arrival line. This year, he will be running his first full marathon. Good luck to him and to all the runners!



TOURISM INTEREST

ELEPHANT RIDE AROUND THE TEMPLES



Did you know that the Ancient Angkorian Kings used elephants to get from one point to another and it is also thanks to them that they were able to build the temples so fast! Elephants can be taken from the South Gate of Angkor Thom; they will then lead you down the road to the majestic Bayon. Once within Bayon, the elephant will take you around the perimeter of Angkor Thom's signature temple. You can also take an elephant up to Phnom Bakheng to watch the spectacular sunset over Angkor Wat.

*\$15 USD per person for a 25-minute ride (morning tour)
\$20 USD for a 15-minute ride up to Phnom Bakheng.*

GREEN E-BIKE

Discover the wonders of Siem Reap while driving your own electric bike... and at the same time, help the environment by being ecologically friendly. This motorized bike has an autonomy which will give you all the freedom of discovering Siem Reap and its surroundings. "Our e-bike is an eco-friendly way to explore the temples of Angkor, without effort, pollution or noise. Travel responsibly for a greener tomorrow."

\$15 for a full 24 hours (with included transfer from Sofitel to the Green e-bike shop)

Open from 7.30am to 7.00pm (booking at least 24 hours before)



INDULGE YOUR SENSES AT OUR SO SPA WITH L'OCCITANE



Looking for a place to relax and spend a delightful moment whether alone, with your love one or with your kid? Step in the So SPA and ask our Ambassadors for our original menu. Designed as if you were going to a gourmet restaurant, you can choose your starter, main or dessert. Our skillful therapists will be delighted to assist should you need any recommendations on treatment depending on special allergies, illness you may have or simply according to your mood.

Discover our 2 signature treatments hereunder which will be performed with customized music:

So Exhilarating Body Massage (M)

An exhilarating treatment to awaken the senses, surprise you and give you a "let go" sensation, combining Deep Tissue massage and Lomi-Lomi techniques to invigorate the mind and body.

60 min - \$55

So Rejuvenating Facial Treatment (F)

A plumping and refreshing facial care. Honey and cucumber combine harmoniously with the best of French techniques to revitalize and bring back youth to your skin.

60 min - \$70

So Spa offers a selection of the best and most effective health & beauty treatments inspired from time, proven world traditions, combined with forefront and refined French cosmetology for an outstandingly deep rejuvenation. Transform a Spa Experience into a So Spa "ExperienSenses"

LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE... IN PHNOM PENH

FOCUS ON THE SOFITEL PHNOM PENH PHOKEETHRA



Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra is set riverside amongst pristine landscaped gardens in the old quarter of the city. This 5 star hotel offers an upscale SPA, two swimming-pools, a sport club and state-of-the-art conference facilities, the finest in Phnom Penh. Also, an impressive array of chic restaurants and bars can be found within the hotel. Guests can enjoy international food at La Coupole, taste Italian gourmet menus at Do Forni and explore Chinese flavors at Fu Lu Zu or Japanese delights at Hachi.

Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra is pleased to announce the appointment of Ivan Chai Yee Wai as the new Chef of Fu Lu Zu Chinese restaurant. Chef Ivan Chai Yee Wai will certainly bring innovation to Fu Lu Zu Restaurant, by offering Cantonese specialties and a new unique range of traditional dishes with a modern twist. He wishes to serve Cantonese cuisine to Sofitel's guests and to reveal the richness and variety of Chinese Gastronomy.

DEAR GUESTS



The Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra wishes you to enjoy your stay in Siem Reap, one of Sofitel luxury addresses, symbol of French elegance around the world. This letter presents the program of the month at Sofitel.

We are delighted to recommend some Magnifique local events related to Sofitel Art de vivre: culture, design and gastronomy. Please feel free to contact our dedicated concierge team.

Mr. Visal,
Chief concierge

PERFORMANCES AND SHOWS

FAMOUS ATTRACTIONS OF THE CITY

PHARE PONLEU SELPAK



Do not miss out on this breathtaking exhibit of dance, acrobatics, humor and music performed by Cambodian youth. The different shows count a relevant story on culture and evoke topics such as love, war, friendship...

*Price: \$15 USD per person
Daily shows from 7.30pm*

SMILE OF ANGKOR



"Smile of Angkor" is the first grand Epic show that revives the Angkor dynasty in all aspects. From foundation to prosperity, tale to folk customs, past to present, Smile of Angkor expresses the original culture with the highest technology. This legendary show revives all the myths from the beliefs of Angkor Temples.

*Price: from \$38 USD
Daily shows from 7.15pm
Location: Grand Theatre*

