



FCC Angkor by Avani offers travellers a stylish base in the heart of the French Quarter in Siem Reap

An extensive renovation of one of Siem Reap's most treasured sites has reopened its doors as FCC Angkor, by Avani (www.avanihotels.com/angkor-siem-reap). From the moment you enter, the scents and scenes of Cambodia's storied past permeate the senses. Walking through the lemongrass paths, you enter a timeless space.

Surrounded by towering, centuries-old trees and lush tropical flora, FCC Angkor is a beautiful re-creation, from the restored Mansion restaurant to the newly built Scribe and 80 welcoming, classically renewed rooms and suites. Inspired by nature, the entire property exudes warmth and perfectly reinforces the vision from the original architect Gary Fell, who effortlessly blended tropical modernity with the city's French colonial history.

When FCC Angkor began its restoration, it was imperative that the cultural foundations of the property and its surrounding community were carefully maintained. Spearheading this unique project was Malee Whitcraft – the Dutch-born, Bangkok-based talent – in collaboration with Phnom Penh-based Bloom Architecture. This dedicated team of talented designers elegantly presented the vision of the reception area, room façades, and Scribe.

The Mansion remains the focal point, anchoring the resort's look and feel from the past into the present. Discrete references of the signature architectural style are used throughout the new structure. From the vertical louvers and whitewashed façade to the Khmer art and open spaces that overlook the picturesque gardens, every structural element highlights true elegance, charm and beauty.

Conceptually, the design is influenced by the landscape, and the intimate scale gives it a distinctly residential feel, with airy rooms and natural light streaming in through large windows framing the tropical paradise outside. Guests with an eye for inspiring detail will delight in discovering charming old clocks, rotary dial phones, vintage typewriters, Khmer art, and tiles with traditional designs. Those seeking more exhilarating activities can plunge into the saltwater pool or keep fit at the well-equipped indoor gym.

Restored to its former glory as the place to dine in town, The Mansion restaurant boasts high ceilings that radiate natural light and take advantage of tropical breezes. The restaurant creates the perfect venue for guests to savour local Khmer dishes and international culinary favourites whilst soaking in the vibrant atmosphere. Guests also have the option to enjoy Scribe, adorned with copper, wood and sandstone. Day or evening, visitors can wander across the bridge literally connecting old to new, admire local artwork exhibited in the Gallery or explore the gardens.

As part of FCC Angkor's community outreach and commitment to empowering women, local villages have been engaged to produce hand-woven bed runners and chair cushions exhibiting the kind of exquisite craftsmanship that makes the resort a treat for all the senses. The use of natural materials, such as stone slabs and recycled wood, adds warmth and character to the otherwise deliberately minimalist décor.



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The hotel's central location across from the Royal Independence Gardens and Royal Residence is only 10 minutes' drive from Angkor Wat and is within walking distance of Kandal Village, Pub Street, the night market, and a wide range of restaurants, boutiques, and galleries.

FCC Angkor is managed by Avani Hotels & Resorts and is a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts. FCC Angkor is the first renovated heritage hotel within the FCC Collection, with sister property FCC Phnom Penh currently undergoing renovation and anticipated to open in December 2020.

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