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PRIVATE ISLAND





Luxury that treads lightly...

Song Saa Private Island, nestled in Cambodia's turquoise waters, remains as nature intended – pristine white beaches, virgin rainforest, fringing reefs teeming with life.

Stop ... Breathe ... Rejuvenate ... in our overwater, jungle and beach sanctuaries.



Cambodia's Islands

In the sapphire waters of the Gulf of Thailand, Cambodia's islands nestle like dazzling natural jewels.

Song Saa Private Island lies secluded in this magnificent seascape, just 30 minutes by boat from the international airport of Sihanoukville.

Most of the islands remain undeveloped — deserted oases of virgin rainforests, tropical reefs and glistening white beaches.

As a guest, you'll be among the first foreigners to experience this beautiful, untouched world, where rare hornbills will land on your balcony. In this private intimate setting, you will lose yourself in the natural world. No intrusions. No work. Nothing but play.

While Cambodia's islands share the same dazzling qualities that made Thailand's islands so famous, they remain a truly unspoiled paradise.

If you visited Koh Samui or Phuket before Thailand's tourist boom, you would have a sense of what Cambodia's islands have to offer.

While Cambodia's islands will see some growth, we are committed to maintaining the natural assets that make this location so unique.

If you are in search of a truly private tropical island experience, where you can forget the bustling world, few places rival Cambodia's islands.









Villa

Arrival Jetty

Foot Bridge

Nature Trails

Star Gazing Platform/Bird Watching Platform

Wellness Centre

Private Mediation Area

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Song Saa Island Resort

In Cambodia's untouched Koh Rong Archipelago, two pristine islands lie side by side. They are known locally as Song Saa - Khmer for 'The Sweethearts'.

The Song Saa Private Island is as seductive as the name implies. Think intimate. Think luxurious. But above all think harmony — with all the elements of nature that make this place so special.

The resort spans the islands of Koh Ouen and Koh Bong, connected by a footbridge over a marine reserve we have established to safeguard the islands' reefs and marine life including dugongs, seahorses and exotic species of tropical fish.

At the resort's heart is a world-class restaurant and lounge, spectacularly positioned just off the island's shoreline and surrounded by sea. A short stroll on the boardwalk will leave you perfectly positioned to take in dramatic sunsets, seascapes and starry nights.

Guests can explore the islands' reefs, wander among virgin rainforest and lie on the pure white sands of Song Saa's beaches.

With more than 20 deserted islands close by, opportunities for offshore adventure also abound.

Other features include:

- A large infinity edge swimming pool straddling both east and west sides of the island
- A spa and wellness centre suspended among the rainforest
- A yoga and meditation centre on the eastern shore, ideal for yoga at sunrise
- A beachside water-sports centre offering sailing, diving, kayaking and snorkeling
- A fascinating ecological program to experience the area's flora and fauna
- A breath-taking wedding venue
- Two exclusive boutiques to take home a slice of island life









The Founders

Where there's a will, there's a way.

For Rory and Melita Hunter their desire to create a sustainable sanctuary of uncompromising luxury has underpinned their entire married life. In fact, the entity behind Song Saa Private Island was born the day the couple returned to Cambodia from their honeymoon.

Since then Rory and Melita have faced mountainous personal and professional challenges, making it all the more satisfying to watch their vision take shape.

Melita has fought and beaten cancer. The couple has survived the wild ride of the global economic crisis. And they have become first-time parents to a Cambodian boy named Naryth.

And while all that was going on, they've been breaking new ground in Cambodia, becoming the first to develop a private island, and setting new tourism standards that match any in the world.

Melita is the creative mind behind the project, responsible for the architecture, master planning, and interior design.

But she admits she can't lay claim to the name.

The island where guests will stay — and its partner on the other side of a narrow ribbon

of turquoise sea - are known to Cambodians as Song Saa, or 'The Sweethearts'. "We didn't come up with the name. There's something pretty special about it, especially when we think about what the islands have meant to us," Melita says. "Perhaps they found us, not the other way round. Who knows, but one thing's for sure, our futures are intrinsically linked."

Having broken new ground in the tourism industry, with Rory at the helm of negotiations that have involved every level of government, the couple is now firmly focused on the future of their paradise found - guarding its natural assets and providing new opportunities for local communities.

With their vision almost complete — the island will open to visitors in late 2011 - Rory and Melita are already looking ahead.

"Song Saa is a very important part of our future. We plan to open another two Song Saa sanctuaries in Cambodia over the next three years, modelled on the same mix of environmental protection and social responsibility alongside world-class luxury," Rory says.

As for Naryth, his focus is firmly on fish. "Look fish! Fish, fish, fish Papa!" he says on his trips to the islands.

Ah the simple things



Food and Beverage Experiences

In keeping with Song Saa's ethos of luxury that treads lightly, our executive chef Neil Wager is developing a unique style of food that draws its inspiration directly from the surrounding environment.

It will make use of sustainably produced local ingredients wherever possible, celebrating the natural gifts of the islands in a delicate fusion of traditional Khmer cuisine and western influences.

But most excitingly, Song Saa's menus will draw their inspiration from the chosen site of your dining experience. In a unique concept, we will tailor our food and beverage offerings to match the various charms of each location on the island. Our unique overwater restaurant will feature contemporary Cambodian cuisine. In Villa experiences will draw upon more traditional and homely Khmer dishes. Location dining on fishing boats, on the beach or at our beach bar will have a relaxed and rustic feel.

No matter where you choose to dine on Song Saa Private Island, each food experience will be crafted with the finest and freshest ingredients to enhance the beauty of your environment.

Even our carefully constructed list of cocktails, wines and beers will reflect where you are on the island and further enhance the seductive experience of our private hideaway.

A fine balance

The typical Cambodian meal consists of at least three or four separate dishes

capturing a palette of sweet, sour, salty and bitter flavours. Chili is usually left up to the individual to add themselves. We want to expand on this concept and introduce a balance of traditional with new.

Creating our own sea SALT, smoking our own fish with a unique SCENT, using RAW essential ingredients found around the islands, offering HEAT in the form of chili and other spices grown in our own organic garden, and of course finishing each meal with something SWEET.

Dining at Song Saa Private Island will reflect the harmony and balance we aim to reach in all things in this special part of the world.

Growing with us

Our own ongoing education and awareness as chefs is an exciting and important part of life in the Song Saa kitchen, and we aim to share this experience of growth and enlightenment with our guests.

A visit to our organic garden on the island of Koh Rong will excite the taste buds before lunch or dinner, which we will prepare from the daily harvest. We aim to reduce our carbon footprint and utilize what is available locally, supporting and developing local farms and building farmers' knowledge of new ingredients.

Our experienced chefs will train local kitchen staff, and we will build local skills through a Chef Exchange Program — providing the opportunity for ambitious local staff to work alongside chefs from Australia, the United Kingdom and the Caribbean to name a few.

Weddings

A bride steps onto an elegant cruiser and sets off over turquoise waters to meet her groom at a Buddhist monastery on a nearby private island. It's impossible to imagine a more romantic start to life together.

Song Saa Private Island offers couples an exquisite and unique setting for their ceremony — a Buddhist temple on nearby Koh Toch, which literally means intimate island.

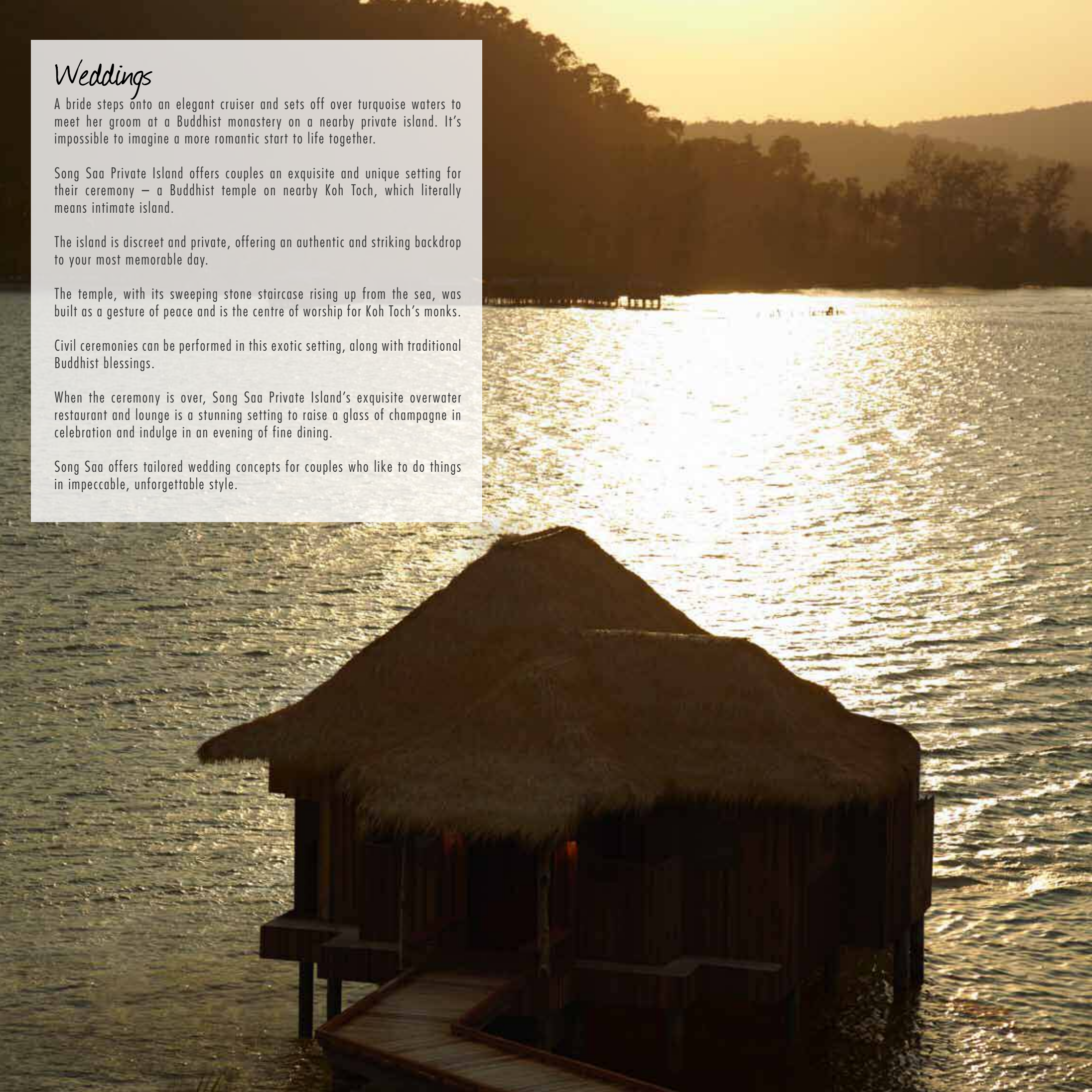
The island is discreet and private, offering an authentic and striking backdrop to your most memorable day.

The temple, with its sweeping stone staircase rising up from the sea, was built as a gesture of peace and is the centre of worship for Koh Toch's monks.

Civil ceremonies can be performed in this exotic setting, along with traditional Buddhist blessings.

When the ceremony is over, Song Saa Private Island's exquisite overwater restaurant and lounge is a stunning setting to raise a glass of champagne in celebration and indulge in an evening of fine dining.

Song Saa offers tailored wedding concepts for couples who like to do things in impeccable, unforgettable style.









Villas

Song Saa Private Island features 27 intimate villas, uncompromising on luxury and designed to reflect the simple beauty of the natural environment.

Guests will enjoy uninterrupted sunrise or sunset views from our over-water, beach and jungle villas, all complete with private pools, and all the high-end creature comforts Robinson Crusoe could only fantasize about.

After a day on Song Saa's protected reef, each villa promises a sanctuary where you can shower looking out over the sea, sip cocktails while watching the sunset from your private verandah, or have the resort's chef come and treat you and your guests to a seafood feast under the stars.

Just as enticing is the resort's world-class over-water restaurant and lounge or opt for the complete privacy of a romantic dinner on the beach under a starry sky with the cool sand between your toes.

When the day is done, crawl into your luxurious king size bed.

Each villa has a top of the range sound system and Wi-Fi broadband, so that if life as a castaway gets too much, you can easily reconnect with the outside world.

The villas are built with a strong focus on sustainable materials, low emissions and green waste management systems, including a water recycling system to ensure nothing harmful ever reaches the sea.

























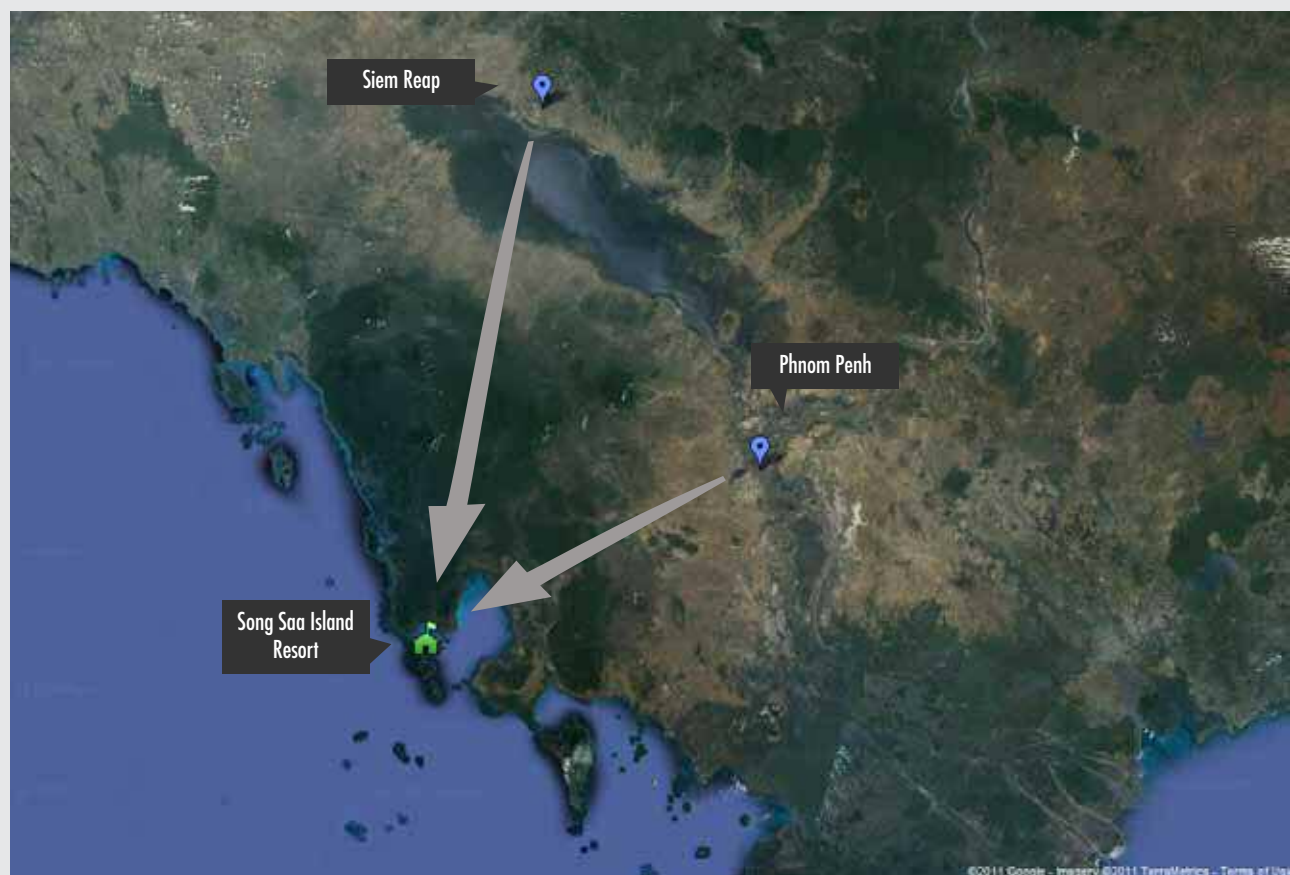


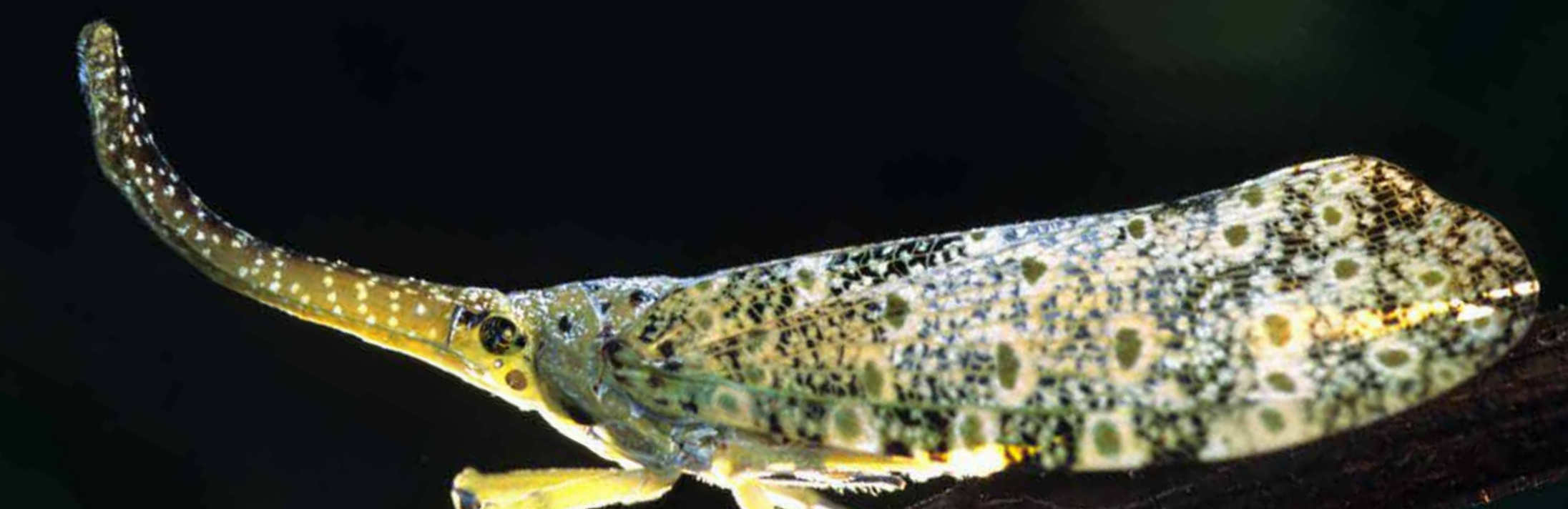


Getting There

Song Saa Private Island is only a 1 hour flight by private plane from Siem Reap — home of the world-renowned Temples of Angkor — or 30 minutes by speed boat from the city of Sihanoukville.

Siem Reap has direct, daily flights to Asia's main airport hubs such as Bangkok and Singapore making Song Saa a remarkably accessible, yet uniquely remote property.





Conservation and Social Responsibility

The protection and responsible management of Song Saa Private Island's natural assets is an absolute imperative for us, as are our social programs to support local communities.

We currently have a team of four people working with government and non-government organisations, conservation authorities and community leaders to ensure Song Saa Private Island never loses the things that make it so special.

We have established a marine reserve covering one million square metres and extending 200 metres from the outer edge of the reefs that fringe both islands. This no-take zone is being managed to international standards for marine protected areas, and scoping studies are underway to significantly expand the reach of the reserve.

In conjunction with Cambodian authorities, our marine biologist is engaged in a series of marine audits, including gathering baseline data on the health of the reef, fish stocks and other marine species.

Water quality is monitored constantly at six locations and we also have instruments in place to monitor sediment.

In terms of the terrestrial environment, a flora and fauna study has been completed, identifying bat breeding colonies, roosting sites for large ranging birds such as hornbills, sea eagles and owls, and microhabitats for orchids and lichens.

Management plans are now in place to make sure these natural assets are not disturbed.

To ensure our guests realise the value of what they see when they visit, we currently have two researchers, linked to Australia's James Cook University, working on a field guide to Song Saa's marine life.

Our social programs are also well underway.

Our marine biologist is engaged in an education program to teach local fisherman sustainable fishing methods that will ensure fish stocks remain healthy and assets such as seagrass meadows - vital to dugong, green turtles and seahorses - are not disturbed.

In the nearby village of Prek Svay, our community engagement officer is well advance in introducing a waste management system, including a regular collection service to ensure debris does not contaminate the marine or terrestrial environments.

He is also working on pilot aquaculture and organic farming projects to safeguard local livelihoods in a sustainable way.

We believe in being responsible neighbours and will prove that, with the right mind-set, tourism is good for communities and good for the environment.





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