



Description : Not far from the ancient temples of Angkor, in the heart of Cambodia,--- lies the huge Tonle Sap lake, the largest in Southeast Asia. The Tonle Sap is connected to the Mekong by a short river also called Tonle Sap.

During the rainy season, from May to October, the river reverses its flow into the lake causing it to expand to more than six or seven times its normal size of approximately 2,600 square kilometers. Each year, millions of fish come to spawn in the seasonally flooded forest surrounding the lake, attracting myriad waterbirds.

Prek Toal is one of the most attractive floating fishing villages on the Tonle Sap lake. Just behind the Prek Toal village there are flooded forests with bird sanctuaries.

It is an astonishing site to visit. Prek Toal is globally important for eight species of bird; Spot-billed Pelican, Greater Adjutant, Lesser Adjutant, Milky Stork, Painted Stork, Black-headed Ibis, Oriental Darter and Grey-headed Fish-Eagle. Thousands of commoner waterbirds also breed here, and over 150 species have been recorded. The colony is at its busiest between December and April, but most species can be found throughout the year.

We will take you into the flooded forest to the core area of the breeding colony where observation towers give great views at treetop height.

**Attractions and Activities** : Bird sanctuary in flooded forests; Enjoying paddle boat tours through the floating village; Visiting the core bird reserve in the flooded forest guided by SVC bird guides and Wildlife WCS rangers; Visiting crocodile and fish rising farms; and Staying overnight in the Environmental Research Station