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Angkor!

Overview of Angkor Wat as seen today. One of the most famous tourist destinations in Southeast Asia.

Monuments of Angkor

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The historical vestiges of a vanished civilization have been found hidden deep in a forest in Cambodia. Overgrown by the strangler figs which form the jungle, stone by stone these ruined giants returned into the earth from which they were drawn. Angkor dates from the XI and XII Centuries. The slow work of clearing and restoring the temples re-conquered from the jungle had to be undertaken by the same archaic means with which they were built.

Maximum Card cancelled Hanoi 1925

Angkor is the largest religious monument in the world. Aryan tribes from the plateau of Iran, migrating toward the east around 1000 BC, built the monumental buildings that make up Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom. Although today areas of Angkor are used by Buddhist Monks, many of the Gods depicted are from the Hindu pantheon, especially Vishnu and Shiva, and were brought from India.

Many aspects of the Monuments of Angkor have been shown on labels as propaganda, fiscals (revenue stamps) and postage stamps from Indo-China since the early 20th century, and Cambodia under it's various political names. Angkor has always symbolized Cambodia.

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