If you only have time to see one Angkor temple, the lesser-known Preah Khan almost has it all. While you won’t see the huge smiling faces of Bayon temple nor the multi-tiers of Angkor Wat, Preah Khan has most of the other Angkor features you want to see and have in your photographs. There are plenty of trees seemingly growing out of the walls, just like at “Tomb Raider” temple Ta Prohm. There’s crumbling piles of bricks, a maze of re-built rooms, plus intricately-carved decorations much like you’d see at far-off Banteay Srei. The ruins are even surrounded by a small forest and a moat, complete with bridges to cross and watery reflections to photograph. Best of all, Preah Khan’s large size and lack of crowds means that if offers a nice respite from Angkor's top temples.

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When is the best time to visit?

Mornings and afternoons.

How much does it cost?
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All temples within the main Angkor complex can be seen for the same price, a $37 1-day ticket, $62 3-day ticket, or $72 7-day ticket.

Do you have any tips?

Most drivers will drop you off at the west gate. Clarify if he will pick you up at the east or north gate. Follow Google Maps to tell which direction you're headed. This is one temple where you don't want your driver to pick you up where he dropped you off.

Walk outside the temple proper to the moat, also called a baray. The garuda statues on the outside walls make for great photos.

Is there an official website?

Yes, you can visit www.tourismcambodia.org
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