



# Angkor Wat

Cambodia



The **temple complex** of Angkor Wat (**Cambodia**) is the largest religious monument in the world, covering an area of **1,626,000 meters<sup>2</sup>**. It was originally built as a **Hindu temple** for the **Khmer Empire**, but was then gradually transformed into a **Buddhist temple** around the end of the **12<sup>th</sup> century**. It was built by **King Suryavarman II** in the in **Yaśodharapura**, the capital of the Khmer Empire, as his state temple and, possibly, mausoleum. As the best-preserved temple at the site, it is the only one to have remained a significant religious center since its foundation. The temple represents the apogee of the high classical style of **Khmer architecture**. It has become a **national symbol of Cambodia**, portrayed also on its flag, and it is the country's **major tourist attraction**.

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