

## PRESENTATION OF THE EVENT

# Ultra Trail Angkor<sup>®</sup> 2018



128 km

3<sup>rd</sup> EDITION

19 & 20 january 2018

### 6 options

128 km / 64 km / 42km / 32 km / 16 km  
and 16 km of Nordic walking



Come and run in very heart  
of the Angkor Temples,  
a Jewel of Cambodia.

BAYON TRAIL  
Angkor  
64 km

MARATHON TRAIL  
Angkor  
42 km

Jungle Trail  
Angkor  
32 km

TEMPLE RUN  
Angkor  
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## THE ANGKOR ULTRA TRAIL: a worldwide reputation!

*Initiated by Jean-Claude Le Cornec and his team, an unprecedented sport event was held in Cambodia for 2 years in a row! A 128 km breathtaking race is programmed, in exceptional surroundings. Explanations:*



A specialist of races overseas, Jean-Claude Le Cornec just launched a new challenge by creating the “Angkor Ultra Trail”, a singular race of 128 km in Siem Reap, the Cambodian archeological site ranked as a World Heritage by UNESCO.

### **An unforgettable challenge**

“A worldwide event for the world’s first”: 400 KM2 of exceptional sites, covered of mountain temples where runners will evolve through impressive landscapes over a vast area where rice fields, forests, villages offer panoramas of surprising diversity.

It is, without a doubt, one of the most wonderful races in the world set in an amazing location in which everyone is free to participate.

## THE ANGKOR ULTRA TRAIL

After China, we are the first organization in the world to create an event on the Silk Road, in India, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Turkey... We continue our journey in Asia, specifically in Cambodia. Successful challenge for Jean Claude Le Cornec with this second edition of the Angkor Ultra Trail.

This second edition gave a strong impression: 473 runners from 37 countries had the privilege, worldwide unique, to run in the very heart of the Siem Reap archeological site considered as the world’s largest and listed by the UNESCO. An original discovery and the right exotic dose that runners experienced for 128 km (Angkor Ultra Trail), 64 km (Bayon Trail), 32 km (Angkor Jungle Trail) or 16 km (Angkor Temple Run). And let’s not forget the 16 km Nordic walk.

Many of you having experienced Ultra Trails asked us to organize this type of event in surroundings and context that you were used to enjoy through those long years of running on the “Foulées de la Soie”. Based on our experience in races overseas, we have listened to you and launched **the “Angkor Ultra Trail” in Siem Reap, the Cambodian archeological site ranked as World Heritage by UNESCO.**

The desire of Jean-Claude Le Cornec, organizer of the race, is not only to promote contacts and interactions between runners and walkers but also with the local population. The visits of the famous sites, meetings with local personalities, sharing with the minority tribes of Cambodia.... It is through this innovative program that the first edition of the Angkor Ultra Trail is structured.

This first and unique edition in Angkor will allow all competitors to challenge their physical ability while keeping an open eye on the historical, cultural and human aspects of the region. Competitors will tread the most prestigious tourist sites of the world.

Jean Claude Le Cornec didn’t forget the Cambodian children and a humanitarian walk was organized with the Mr Nez Rouge association, bringing together over 100 participants. The goal was to collect money for three NGOs. SDPO is the patron of the “Mr Nez Rouge” association.



For a safe race, Jean Claude Le Cornec was able to count on the precious help of the Cambodian police, the local NGOs as well as the support of Mr Vath Chamroeun, secretary general of the Cambodian National Olympic Committee and Dr Thong Khon, tourism minister.

**New:** In 2018, a Marathon Trail of 42 km will be added to the event ... For even more challenges.



- **Ultra Trail Angkor – UTA 128 km**
  - **Bayon Trail Angkor - 64 km**
  - **Marathon Trail Angkor – 42 km**
  - **Jungle Trail Angkor - 32 km**
  - **Temple Run Angkor – 16 km**
  - **Nordic Walking Angkor – 16 km**
- **Humanitary Walking Angkor Mr Nez Rouge (HWA – 8km)**

### **Nordic Walking – MNA 16**



The Angkor Ultra Trail is also open to Nordic Walking. This exercise is an outdoor sport consisting of accelerated walking with specific walking sticks, usually made of composite material.

Beyond the temples, this trail will allow you to move within lush vegetation and cross many villages and rice fields. The Cambodian people will also accompany you along the trails !

The temples and nature form one setting combining charm and serenity!



# THE ULTRA TRAIL D'ANGKOR IN PICTURES



**Christophe Le Saux, Parrain de l'épreuve et Antoine Guillon, Champion du monde des Trails en 2015**





## **The organizing team (to mention only the main ones)**

This event will be supervised by a team of enthusiasts and volunteers who build together each year, an “amateur” race-adventure open to all.

### ***Jean-Claude LE CORNEC (Founder of SDPO)***



The founder and organizer of “Les Foulées de la Soie”, Jean-Claude Le Cornec is an avid runner and a lover of travel.

A former Quality Technician at Eurocopter, he already dragged himself onto the Paris-Dakar-Gao, crossing the United States through the famous Route 66 (Chicago to Los Angeles), the Marathon des Sables (in south-Moroccan desert), the Colorado, the Trans Atlas, the Trans Cappadoce...

After winning the “Route 66” in 1995 with his team, Jean-Claude le Cornec ended his career as an athlete.

Attempting the trail from another angle requires experience! He began to think about organizing a race with the involvement of his British friend, Mark KNIGHT.

So naturally, he created SDPO (Sport Development and Performance Organization) and with the necessary logistical Chinese support, he launched for the 1<sup>st</sup> time “Les Foulées de la Soie” in 1996.

### **Edouard DANA, President of RIVA Editions**



President of the Riva group, Edouard works in the media world. Runner and passionate about Asia, he also is a professional photographer. As such and for the joy of all, he realizes a photo report of all the Angkor Ultra Trail. Pictures that will be published in the sports press, including the RIVA group magazines such as 5running Attitude, ESPRIT Trail, RUNNING pour Elles...

### **Linh Tuan LINH, Associate director of PHOENIX Voyages and SDPO Partner**



Founding member of PHOENIX Voyages, this fine tourism technician is SDPOs direct link for all races. Linh Tuan uses all his network for SDPO to get all authorizations necessary for the race to take place on the Angkor Archeological site. With a base of operations in Cambodia, the events complex organization is planned by PHOENIX Voyages. Linh Tuan also takes care of all tourism surrounding the Angkor Ultra Trail.

### **Grégoire PICHENOT, Race Director**



Since leaving higher educational establishments, this programmer, director of PIROG Ingénierie became a member of the SDPO staff. After conceiving and managing the first SDPO websites as well as the timing system for all races organized in Asia, his sense of dialogue, his passion for entrepreneurship and his curiosity led him to become Race Director. He has the hard task to be the bond between local authorities, sponsors, partners and runners, for the success of this event.

## Germain PICHENOT, Technical Director



Working in the construction industry, Germain has always known how to manage teams where cohesion is the key to success. His commitment to SDPO, his initiative, his will to do well and his curiosity naturally led him to become technical director.

Passionate about computer science, Germain, with the help of the PHOENIX asian team and the Race Director, finalizes the race tracks and ensures the correct logistics for the race, the marking of the tracks, the placing of the refueling spots and the race security.

## Christian NOEL (ex-Medical officer FIDELIA)



A resuscitator doctor specialized in emergency, Christian Noel has long been part of the medical teams of the prestigious firefighters unit in Paris. Today, this emergency practitioner works lends a hand to SDPO, combining the pre-hospital emergency techniques and his experience as Chief Medical Officer at the PARIS DAKAR Rally for years.

## Philippe ARMENGAUD (Osteopath and Physiotherapist)



A Physio-osteopath for more than 20 years in the high-level sports community (FF Athletics, Rugby, Squash, Auto-motor sport), Philippe ARMENGAUD was a rugby player during his early years (Castres Olympique, Blagnac SC). It was Guy Noves, while top athlete, who brought Mr. Armengaud to athletics (France school junior champion 4x100m, Pyrénées junior champion 200m).

He became a national physiotherapist at the FFA in 1984 and worked for several World and European junior and senior tournaments.

He left the FFA in 2000 and joined Alain Blondel, coach of **Heike Dreschler at that time, in the Olympic Games of Sydney. Heike Dreschler was awarded the Olympic Champion of the Long Jump competition.**

## Official partners

The Angkor Ultra Trail is supported by VITTEL, CELLIER D'ASIE, DECATHLON, QUAD AVENTURE, AQUARIUS, RUNNING Attitude, CAMBODIA BEER, PUNCH POWER, the Cambodian National Olympic Committee, the MALIS RESTAURANT, BLUE MOBILITY, SALA BAÏ, the Cambodian Tourism Ministry and the Val D'Oise department, enriched of a historical heritage and associated for this event next to SDPO.

## The RIVA Editions



The RIVA's companies (Riva Editions, Riva Corporate, Riva Media) offer several journals and magazines on many topics such as sports... **RUNNING ATTITUDE, RUNNING COACH, ESPRIT TRAIL, RUNNING pour ELLES**, have already relayed the information about our new event offering us full pages.

All these magazines, from the tracking trip planned in January 2015, will also feature stories to their readers. Other sports magazines of the RIVA Editions, additional to the Ultra Trail, are being researched.

Created in April 2000 by a team of passionate, famous coaches, doctors and nutritionists, Running Attitude has become today a reference in the running press. Road racers, trailers, beginners, regulars or experienced, appreciate its good workout plans, the advice of its coaches and its presence on the ground in the middle of the field all throughout the year.

### **PHOENIX Travel Group**



Phoenix Voyages Group is an inbound travel agency created in 1999 in Vietnam, and it is now also established in Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and both Koreas. It specializes in tours for individual as well as Incentive events and sport tours.

In fact, SDPO has appointed Phoenix Voyages as a regional partner for its editions « Les Foulées » in Laos and Vietnam in 2000-2012 and 2014

Phoenix Voyages is a team of more than 120 people, made-up of local and expatriates staff, trained to deliver high quality standard of services in English, Spanish and French. These professionals have an extensive experience in the tourism industry around the globe.

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### **DECATHLON, official partner for the Angkor Ultra Trail**



Decathlon places innovation in the heart of their activities: from research to sale, through conception, production and logistics.

The teams of the 20 passion brands put all their efforts and energie to conceive technical products, simple and nice, always with the lowest price possible. These products are designed for passionates, beginners or more experienced athletes, and are available exclusively in Decathlon shops.

"Deacthlon acts every day to make sport a source of pleasure and a chance for all."

<https://www.decathlon.fr/>

### **VITTEL, water supply for the Angkor Ultra Trail**



The mineral water VITTEL gushes in the heart from the French Voges Mountains. Highly loaded in essential minerals by an underground journey of several years, VITTEL has long been recognized for its pure and exceptional qualities. The source water was bottled and made available for curative purposes and, more and more since 1854, sold to the public. Vittel was the water supplier for the London Marathon for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row in 2008. After helping us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Angkor Ultra Trail in 2016, they will be by our side once again for our third edition.

### **PUNCH POWER, natural energie and performance**



Punch Power offers a variety of natural products, efficient and with an unequivocal taste quality, answering to all athletes needs. Most of their products are certified organic. Contributor to the anti-doping campaign, we respect the athlete's health. Since it's creation in 1997, SDPO has been by Punch Power's side and it is with Jean Claude Le Cornec's help that was developed the initial dietetic Punch Power range.

## The Medias

Other than the RIVA editions, many sports magazines have asked to accompany us. Thanks to all our partners help and their press officers, should be able to affect other European countries, other continents, especially Asia.

### Our current relays

**In France and French speaking countries:** Various websites in France, including those of RIVA Editions, SDPO and ULTRATRAIL-ANGKOR, the AEIFA (French coach association), My TRAILS, facebook, friendly internet sites, partner races, etc...

In France, exhibitions and presentations are present on events such as the Paris Marathon, the Médoc marathon, the Beaujolais maraton, the Grand raid du Morbihan, the UTMB, the Paris half Marathon to mention only the major ones. The Angkor Ultra Trail will be featured through our booths during these events.

**Millions of athletes have been informed via press, flyers, facebook, twitter and internet connections.**

**In other countries,** we count on our race correspondants.

Rapidly, the new challenge seduced the international sports world and many countries are already represented: South Africa, Australia, USA, Canada, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Malaysia, Thailand, UK, Singapore, Japan, China, South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Ireland, Poland, Swiss, Latvia, Philippine, Mexico, New Zealand, France, Nederland, Taiwan, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Croatia, Russia, Portugal, Hungary, Israel, Hong Kong, Cambodia, the Brunei Sultanate.... We hope to see many more. The Cambodian athletes will of course be present. Our French and international partners are engaged in promoting this race and we would like to thank them all for their enthusiasm.



Press conference in Phnom Penh UTA 2017 at the Cambodian National Olympic Committee



## WHAT WE HAVE DONE ALREADY AND WITH WHOM !! ... only to mention the main one...

16 years in China with “Les Foulées de la Soie”, 16 years of partnership with:

- EUROCOPTER, known as **AIRBUS Helicopters** is now the world's leading helicopter factory and leading exporter of civil helicopters and its international network of subsidiaries and representations.
- **FIDELIA Assistance**, assistance company of GMF
- **TDCOM**, a leading distributor of radio communication equipment, is our preferred technology partner for our broadcasts. The reports of the race are relayed daily to the media.
- **France TELECOM Inmarsat**
- **CITS, China International Travel Service**
- **La Maison de la Chine**

### Airlines:

- AIR CHINA
- CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES
- AIR FRANCE
- INDIA Airlines

### Prestigious support:

- **French Senate;**
- French Ministry of Youth and Sports;
- French Embassy and Chinese Embassy;
- His Serene Highness Prince Albert of Monaco has also sponsored the event
- EEDCM, european star of civil and military dedication, sponsored by Anne Dao Traxel, adoptive daughter of Mr Chirac, former French president
- The Dalai Lama temple in India, which has welcomed SDPO runners in the past.



For 20 years, many events have been organized by SDPO: “Les foulées de la Soie” (China), “Les Foulées” of Yunnan (China), “Les Foulées” of Cappadocia (Turkey), “Les Foulées” of Sri Lanka, “Les Foulées” of Samarkand (Uzbekistan), “Les Foulées” of Havana (Cuba)... “Les foulées” in Vietnam, “Les foulées” in Laos, all successful.

## SDPO and government officials...

Everywhere meetings are organized with the government officials of the countries crossed. SDPO events are always warmly welcomed and every time hundreds of local people come to run along...





## SDPO, a spirit of solidarity

SDPO is also committed to the solidarity and helps the local inhabitant of each country that has been crossed. SDPO was also mobilized as soon as the tsunami was announced, on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2004. In Sri Lanka, SDPO gave hope again to many villages, schools, temples, local companies by investing in the rebuilding of the country.

With the help of Eurocopter and its staff, of the Principality of Monaco, of FIDELIA Assistance, of TDCOM, of the International Buddhism Centre and lots of donors, including the Lions Club of Saint Brice sous Forêt, we were able to carry through our humanitarian operations.

### We build our Nation Back Running for rebuilding



On the occasion of the ULTRA TRAIL OF ANGKOR in Cambodia, it is with the support of our **partner companies and all the registered runners** that we will carry out our humanitarian operations. Three NGO's receive donations since the first edition of the UTA.

In France, it is with the Association of Mister Red Nose, who fights against rare diseases, and Jean-Claude Le Cornec who is the patron, that SDPO is committed.

***"If running or walking was our only goal we would miss unforgettable moments, so we also offer our legs and all our hearts for the sick children."***



### Ultra-Trail® Angkor Qualifying for the UTMB



Breaking News ! We are finally Qualifying for the UTMB !!  
Ultra-Trail® Angkor 128km 2017 = 4 points  
Ultra-Trail® Angkor – Bayon Trail Angkor 64km 2017 = 3 points  
Ultra-Trail® Angkor – Jungle Trail Angkor 32km 2017 = 1 point

We got I-TRA certification so we are also automatically qualifying for [The North Face Lavaredo Ultra Trail](#) & the [Trail Verbier Saint Bernard – X-Alpine](#)

See you in little more than 1 month now...

**No time and reference required to participate in the Ultra Trail of Angkor.**

#### **RULES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE :**

- A minimum age of 18 is required to participate in the Ultra Trail of Angkor (128 km)
- The age of 18 is required to participate in the Bayon Trail Angkor (64 km)
- For the commitment of UTA 128 , it is recommended to have at least participated in one marathon or one trail of over 40 km in the calendar year.

#### **MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED BY RACES**



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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ➤ UTA 128                       | ▶ 28 h about 4,57 km/h  |
| ➤ Bayon Trail Angkor – 64 km    | ▶ 12 h about 5,33 km/h  |
| ➤ Marathon Trail Angkor – 42 km | ▶ 7h 53 about 5,33 km/h |
| ➤ Jungle Trail Angkor - 32 km   | ▶ 6h about 5,33 km/h    |
| ➤ Temple Run Angkor – 16 km     | ▶ 3h about 5,33 km/h    |
| ➤ Nordic Walking Angkor – 16 km | ▶ 4h about 4km/h        |







## Letter from the Cambodian Tourism Minister



KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA  
NATION RELIGION KING



MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
No. 194 M07

Phnom Penh, November 19, 2016

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia and the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia are pleased to endorse the Ultra Travel Angkor 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Event, which will be held in Cambodia on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.

The marathon race, being organized by the Sport Development and Performance Organization, is over 100 km and is open to any international competitor, professional or non-professional runners. It will take place within the Angkor archeological site surroundings.

We would appreciate your kind support toward the success of this event since it will also help boost tourism in Cambodia.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. THONG KHON  
Minister of Tourism

Chairman of the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia

## PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION

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