



# DISCOVER CAMBODIA



Dear Readers,

Welcome to our comprehensive guide on Cambodia, a captivating country nestled in the heart of Southeast Asia. In these pages, you will explore the cultural and natural wonders of this captivating country, with a special focus on sustainable and signature travel experiences. Renowned for its rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes, Cambodia indeed seamlessly blends ancient traditions with modern experiences

This guide aims to provide you with an in-depth understanding of the country's diverse attractions, from the awe-inspiring temples of Angkor to the bustling streets of Phnom Penh, and the serene beauty of its countryside and coastal regions.

In this guide, we will explore Cambodia's historical and cultural heritage, delving into the legacy of the Khmer Empire and the resilience of its people. We will journey through its dynamic cities, uncovering the best places to eat and stay and we will venture into its natural wonders, highlighting the lush jungles, pristine beaches, and exotic wildlife that make Cambodia a paradise for adventurers and nature lovers alike.

Each experience highlighted in this guide meets our criteria for affordable sustainability, exceptional quality, and beneficial impacts on local communities and nature. By making these sustainable travel options more visible and accessible, we aim to help you connect deeply with our destinations in a meaningful way.

Happy reading and safe travels!

**Frédéric Amat** Country Manager, Cambodia

#### OUR TAILORED PRODUCT COLLECTION

Through this guide, discover ASEV Travel's curated collection of tailored products and signature experiences. Each offering is designed to provide unique, immersive journeys that showcase the best of our destinations.

Our product portfolio is categorized into **12** *travel styles*. This offers a streamlined experience for our partners to explore products while aligning with the latest travel trends. Look out for these travel style icons as you navigate through the guide.



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## Multi Country Signature collection

Explore ASEV Travel's Multi-Country Signature Collection, where we bring together our most exceptional tours across several countries. Each journey is meticulously crafted to offer a seamless blend of unique experiences, cultural immersion, and stunning landscapes. Discover a world of possibilities as you traverse diverse destinations with below our premier, signature offerings.

"Greater customization of our combo tours is possible as to fit to your client's specific travel requirements".

# Combos including CAMBODIA



Cambodia / Singapore Cultural Odyssey: Exploring Cambodia's heritage and Singapore's modern wonders Vietnam / Cambodia Halong Bay and the Legends of the Temples of Angkor



Laos / Cambodia The sacred temple trail Laos / Cambodia & Vietnam Indochina Grand Tour



### FAST FACTS

#### Capital City: PHNOM PENH

Language: Khmer / Cambodian, but many people speak and understand English

- Currency: Riel (KHR) but USD is also accepted
- Time Zone: UTC / GMT +7 hours
- Dial Code: +855
- Electricity: 220V
- Population: Just under 17 million

Visa requirements vary depending on nationality.

► Validity: Valid for 30 days.

▶ Procedure & Fee: Can be obtained in the form of an E-VISA at evisa.gov.kh.or in local embassies prior to travel. The fee varies depending on the visa type and application method. Express Visa with English-speaking assistance is available in Siem Reap (+\$40/pax) or Phnom Penh (+\$45/pax).

▶ Note: To enter Cambodia, you will need a valid passport with at least two blank pages. For the most current information and specific details, always refer to official Cambodian government resources or contact the nearest Cambodian embassy or consulate.

<u>Important</u>: Since July 2024, Cambodian authorities have introduced a mandatory E-arrival Card to enter the country. This form must be completed online via a mobile app or the official website, generating a unique QR code to be presented to immigration authorities upon arrival.

Webiste link: https://www.arrival.gov.kh/

### TRANSPORTATION

We offer a range of modern fleet vehicles from 45 seat coaches to minivans, off road jeeps, spacious seven seat cars and luxury limousines. All of our vehicle fleet have passed strict audits and have international standard health and safety specifications.



Phnom Penh International Airport (PHN), is the busiest and, largest airport in Cambodia. There are also international flights from Siem Reap near the Angkor temples (SAI) and in the south of Cambodia near the Gulf of Thailand at Sihanoukville (KOS).

#### **OUR FLEET & SERVICES**

- 45 seat air-conditioned coaches with space for 20 pieces of luggage
- 11 seat air-conditioned minivans with limited luggage space
- Reliable suppliers for limousines and coaches
- For groups we can provide separate luggage trucks
- Accompanied by an English-speaking local guide (other languages are available on request).

# Welcome to **Cambodid**



Cambodia is an incredibly beautiful country with famous breathtaking temples, fertile plains dotted with rice fields, and a history unlike any other. It has so much to offer the international traveller in terms of a rich cultural, natural and historical heritage. Not only are there the world-renowned Angkor Wat complex and surrounding temples steeped in history and mystique, and its charming and pleasant capital Phnom Penh, but for those who enjoy relaxing on tropical beaches Cambodia undoubtedly offers some of the most beautiful unspoiled beaches in the world. Offshore lie coral islands and exotic fish while inland indigenous flora and fauna,

waterfalls and tropical forests all await discovery. Cambodia assaults the senses leaving memories of a once mighty country that stay in the mind undiminished by the passage of time. The sights and sounds of a unique land with a tragic past captivate more and more people every year and offer a genuine experience for all who are fortunate enough to discover Cambodia. In recent years, the infrastructures of the tourism have been improved tremendously with the emergence of the international standard facilities such as world's renewed hotels' chains, various international flights, easy communication & transportation and high-quality services.



WITHOUT DOUBT, WITH ITS INHERITED WEALTH, CAMBODIA HAS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR TOURISM, EITHER AS AN EXCLUSIVE SINGLE DESTINATION OR PART OF A TOUR OF THE MEKONG REGION.



### **WE SUPPORT**

The Angkor Hospital for Children was founded in 1999 and has become one of Cambodia's leading

paediatric hospitals. It provides free, high-quality care to around 500-600 children every day. The hospital's strategic mission is to improve healthcare for all children in the country, train medical staff and educate the community about health.



APOPO's demining teams operate in countries, such as Cambodia, that have suffered from the legacy of past conflicts. Their mission is to protect people and the planet through innovative solutions that use trained rats to speed up the detection of landmines. To date, nineteen mine-detecting rats have passed their International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) accreditation in Cambodia and are operating in the clearance process at 4 sites in the country.



# NORTHERN REGION



Northern Cambodia captivates with its lush landscapes, vibrant culture, and historical treasures. Home to the majestic Angkor temples, including Angkor Wat, and the charming town of Siem Reap, this region offers a rich glimpse into the Khmer Empire's grandeur. Battambang, known for its colonial architecture and unique countryside, adds to the area's charm. The serene Tonle Sap Lake further enhances the natural beauty, making Northern Cambodia a blend of historical wonders and tranquil landscapes.

# NORTHERN CAMBODIA SIEMREAP & SURROUNDINGS



Siem Reap attracts millions of visitors each year from all over the world. The small provincial town has grown into a big tourist hub and continues to grow each year.

With a history dating all the way back to the year 802, visiting Siem Reap is a highlight for many people traveling through Southeast Asia with a wealth of activities and attractions that go far beyond the ancient ruins. The **temples of Angkor Wat** are Siem Reap's main draw, but there are plenty of other interesting things to do in the general vicinity. From the Angkor National Museum to the Land Mine Museum to a hot air balloon ride over the Angkor ruins, you can explore **a number of other attractions** that make Siem Reap the most popular tourist destination in Cambodia.





### Tuk Tuk in Angkor

1 Full Day

An off-the-beaten-path tour of Angkor Wat by tuktuk, surrounded by rice fields and sugar palms.

### **CULTURE & HERITAGE**

### Sunrise Alm's Giving and Angkor



1 Full Day

Join a village in the Angkor Complex for Alms Giving at sunrise, help prepare the monks' breakfast, receive a blessing, and explore Angkor Wat's grandeur.

### **CULTURE & HERITAGE**



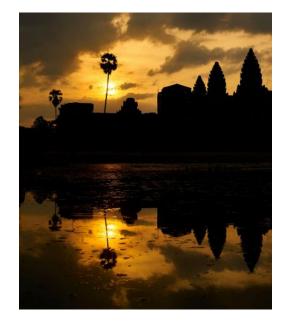
### Treasure Hunting in Siem Reap

1 Full Day

Enjoy a treasure hunt in the temple of Ta Nei, inside the Angkor Complex, an authentic Indiana Jones temple!

#### FAMILY







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### Cycling Angkor Temples Experience

1 Full Day

Reach the archaeological site to relive the experience of the discoverers who revealed Angkor to the West.

### ACTIVE & ADVENTURE



### Kulen Mountain

2 Day Tour

Discover the magic of Mount Kulen with an unforgettable excursion! Explore ancient temples and breathtaking waterfalls.

### NATURE & WILDLIFE



### Hero Rats Visitor Center

Half Day Tour

Visit APOPO to witness HeroRats in action, learn about humanitarian demining, and how rats help clear explosive remnants of war to save lives.

### SUSTAINABLE & IMMERSIVE











### Soap Recycling Workshop

Half Day Tour

Attend a Workshop with Eco-Soap Bank, for Soap Recycling & Hygiene Education.

### SUSTAINABLE & IMMERSIVE

### Discover Siem Reap on electric scooters



Embark on an electric bike trip and discover the pagodas with their temple clusters hidden in the town of Siem Reap.

### SUSTAINABLE & IMMERSIVE



### Dinner at Sovan & Ke Samy's house

#### **Evening Dinner**

In a small village typical of Cambodia, we offer you a unique experience: a romantic candlelit dinner.

#### **COUPLES & HONEYMOON**









### Helicopter Tour in Siem Reap



Fly in one of a kind state-of-the-art luxury helicopters. Be amazed by the enormous scale of the World Heritage Angkor Wat.

### LUXURY

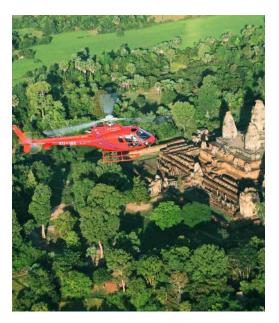


### The Culture Night Dining

Evening

Experience the thrill of an evening in Cambodia that blends luxury with tradition at Borei Angkor Resort & Spa in Siem Reap.

### LUXURY







# NORTHERN REGION \_\_\_\_\_

Battambang, 40km west of the Tonle Sap Lake, is Cambodia's second most populous city and a popular tourist destination due to the many nearby ancient temples, Buddhist shrines and the infamous bamboo railway. It is also the capital city of the Battambang province. It is popular with tourists because of its blend of modern city, small-town friendliness and some well-preserved colonial architecture, which works together to give the town a unique charm. Battambang's ever increasing variety on food and coffee is a refreshing change from more remote destinations in Cambodia, and has the potential to be as funky as Thailand's Chiang Mai, minus the hordes of tourists.





### Meeting With NGO "Phare Ponleu Selpak"

Half Day

Discover the NGO "Phare Ponleu Selpak," a Cambodian non-profit art school in Battambang.

#### FAMILY



There's something about Battambang that visitors just love.

It's the perfect blend of relatively urban modernity and small-town friendliness.

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# CENTRAL REGION

Central Cambodia is a region rich in history and art, highlighted by the vibrant capital, Phnom Penh, with its iconic Royal Palace and bustling markets. This area also showcases remarkable historical sites and cultural heritage, blending dynamic city life with a deep appreciation for Cambodia's artistic and historical legacy.



# CENTRAL REGION \_\_\_\_\_

Phnom Penh is the vibrant bustling capital of Cambodia. Once the 'Pearl of Asia', Phnom Penh's shine was tarnished by the impact of war and revolution. But the city has since risen from the ashes to take its place among the hip capitals of the region, with an alluring cafe culture, bustling bars and a world-class food scene.

The capital city maintains considerable charm with plenty to see. It exudes a sort of provincial charm and tranquillity with French colonial mansions and tree-lined boulevards amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. Phnom Penh is a veritable oasis compared to the modernity of other Asian capitals. A mixture of Asian exotica, the famous Cambodian hospitality awaits the visitors to the capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia.





### Heritage Tour in Phnom Penh

1 Full Day

Set off by electric car equipped with a digital tablet, reach and explore the old French quarter in Wat Phnom.

CULTURE & HERITAGE





### Khmer Rouge History

Half Day Tour

Explore the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a former Khmer Rouge detention center, followed by a visit to the Killing Fields.

### **CULTURE & HERITAGE**



### **Champeay Art**

Half Day

Champeay Art in Phnom Penh is an association dedicated to training young Cambodians in traditional arts.

### **ARTS & CRAFTS**



### Dîner Cruise on the Mekong

**Evening Activity** 

Experience a Dinner Cruise on the Mekong in Phnom Penh.

### CRUISE







Meanchey

Stung Treng



# COASTAL REGION

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Kampot is a small town in southern Cambodia best known for its sleepy riverside atmosphere is quickly transforming into a lively tourist destination. Here, you'll find plenty of restaurants and bars with accompanying live music as you relax along the slow-moving waters. This quaint little town has a lot more to offer, whether you're looking for a full day of adventure or a relaxed afternoon of riverside lounging.





Kep is a small but cute Cambodian coastal town with a long history. A former bustling beach resort, well-loved by the French during the colonial era and then popular with Cambodians after the nation became independent, Kep's glory was shattered by the Khmer Rouge. Bullet holes can still be seen in some of the town's old buildings.

Since its comeback, it is now a nice place to spend a few days relaxing on quiet beaches, exploring the countryside, dining on tasty seafood, and slowing down the pace of life. There's a good selection of places to stay, ranging from luxurious hotels to cheaper valued beds.



### **Kampot Pepper Plantation**

1 Full Day

Embark on a culinary adventure with a cooking class set within a picturesque Kampot pepper plantation.

#### CULINARY



# COASTAL REGION SIHANOUKVILLE & ISLANDS

Located on Cambodia's southern coast, about a 5-hour drive from Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville is **a rising tourist hub** known for its natural beauty and untouched beaches. As the country's main seaside destination, it serves as a gateway to nearby **idyllic islands like Koh Rong and Koh Rong Samloem.** Koh Rong, just off Sihanoukville, is celebrated for its pristine white sandy beaches and vibrant evening atmosphere at Koh Touch, while quieter spots offer serene relaxation. Koh Rong Samloem, a 20-minute ferry ride away, features the tranquil Saracen Bay, cultural experiences at M'Pai Bay, and secluded escapes at Lazy Beach.





### Hopping Islands and Snorkling

1 Full Day

A day's boat trip to discover Cambodia's stunning islands!

### BEACH



### Koh Rong Samloen

1 Full Day

Embark on a boat trip to explore remote islands near Sihanoukville, enjoy snorkeling and pristine beaches.

### BEACH







# WHERE TO STAY? HOTEL SUGGESTIONS





La Niche d'Angkor Boutique Hotel





Lotus Blanc \*\*\*\* Siem Reap









# HM Grand Central



Passion Resort ★★★ Koh Rong Samloen



Baitong Hotel



Veranda Natural Resort



Sofitel Poketra



The Royal Sands

# WHERE TO EAT? RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS



### **SIEM REAP**

CAFÉ INDOCHINE Khmer and Western cuisine

CHANREY TREE The best Khmer restaurant in town

MALIS RESTAURANT Asian and Western cuisine PALATE RESTAURANT Asian and international cuisine

SALA BAI (lunch only) Non-profit organisation. Khmer specialities

LA CABANE, LA CUISINE DES FILLES Khmer and French cuisine



### AROUND SIEM REAP AND NEAR ANGKOR

KHMER WOODEN HOUSE Khmer cuisine

PTAS BORAN (opposite Sreas Srang) Khmer cuisine BONG THOM RESTAURANT (Banteay Srey road) Khmer cuisine

### BATTAMBANG

WHITE ROSE Khmer cuisine. Popular with locals

THE RIVER Traditional Khmer cuisine. Semi-gastronomic VINTAGE BAR Khmer, French and Japanese cuisine





### **PHNOM PENH**

THE MALIS Asian and Western cuisine

THE KHEMA RESTAURANT Asian and Western cuisine

KHMER SURIN Khmer cuisine

#### BOPHA PHNOM PENH (TITANIC)

Khmer cuisine (breathtaking view of the Mekong)

BANANA KITCHEN Khmer and Asian specialities

LE BOUCHON French and Asian cuisine

### KAMPOT

KAMPOT SEAFOOD & PEPPER AND COOKING CLASS Seafood, Khmer food

### KEP

RESTAURANTS AROUND THE CRAB MARKET Seafood, Khmer food

### **KOH RONG**

KOH TOUICH BEACH BBQs at the port

SECRET GARDEN Hotel restaurant on Pagoda Beach





