

General information

National Flag



Official Name

Kingdom of Cambodia.

Constitutional Monarchy

His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromoneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of the Kingdom of Cambodia.
Samdech Chea Sim, President of the Senate. His Royal Highness Samdech Krom Preah Norodom Ranariddh,
President of the National Assembly.
Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister.

Land Area

181,035 Square Kilometers.

Population

Approximately 13 Million.

Climate

Rainy Season: June – October (27° C-35 ° C).
Cool Season: November – February (17° C-27° C).
Warm Season: March – May (29° C-38°C).

Religion

Official religion: Theravada Buddhism.
Others: Islam, Christianity.
Ethnic Group
Cambodian or Khmer: 95%
Other: Cham (Khmer Islam), Hill Tribes, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Language

Official language: Khmer
Other languages spoken: English, French and Chinese.

Emergency services

Police: 117
Fire: 118
Ambulance: 119

Electricity

220 volts

Local time

+ 7 hours, GMT



Business hours

Banks

0800-1500 Mon-Fri, 0800-1200 Sat

Offices

0700-1130 & 1400-1700 Mon-Fri

Shops

07-1800

Currency

Riel (US \$1=4,072 riels)

US dollars widely accepted. Major credit cards and travelers checks accepted at major hotels, restaurants, shops and banks.

Notes KHR: 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000, 50000, 100000

Telecommunications

Telephone networks, including landlines and cellular are readily available and accessible in the capital city as well as most of the provinces. GSM international roaming system is operational throughout. International direct dialing can be done from hotels or via cellular phones.

Food

Rice, fish are the basic foods enjoyed by Cambodians. Delicious noodles soups are available at cafes. Fresh seafood is plentiful at Sihanouk Ville beach. Other specialty foods are Chinese, Thai, French, Korean, Japanese, Indian, Vietnamese, Middle Eastern and others.

Visa

A one-month tourist visa is available on arrival at Phnom Penh Pochetong International Airport, Siem Reap Angkor Wat Airport and the Vietnam and Thai borders for US\$ 20. Visas can also be issued at Cambodian Embassies overseas.

Visitors crossing the border checkpoints from Laos are required to obtain entry visas at embassies abroad. (Visa application form and two passport photographs are required).

Customs Regulations

An unlimited amount of foreign currency can be brought in to Cambodia. Currency must not exceed 100,000 Riels per person. Tourists and non-resident carrying amounts over USD10,000 in cash or the equivalent must declare so in order to ensure that they will be allowed to leave with the declared amount. Leaving the country, luggage will be x-rayed and inspected at Phnom Penh airport as well as at Siem Reap.

Airport Tax

It's already included in the airticket

No vaccinations are presently required unless you are travelling from or through contaminated areas. It is recommended that you be immunized against polio, typhoid, tetanus, and both hepatitis A and B. It is suggested that you bring adequate supplies of any essential personal medication along, as they may not be available in Cambodia.

Shopping

There are a wide variety of items available for purchase in Cambodia. The country was once well-known for its superior silk weaving, metal work and woodcarving. After decades of neglect, many of these arts are being revived. Visitors can find silver items, jewelry, gems, colorful cloth for Sarong and Hols (variegated silks), wood carving, stone copies of ancient Khmer art, brass and bronze figurines and oil painting in the different markets and shops. Jewelry is generally not up to international standards for design and workmanship and buyers should use caution when purchasing gold and gems. The export of antiques is subject to approval of the Ministry of Culture. Bargaining is essential for all souvenirs shopping, if travelers are to obtain reasonable prices. Reductions of up to 20 percent are possible.



Public holidays 2013

- January 1st: International New Year's Day
- January 7th: Victory Day over Genocidal Regime
- February 25th : Meak Bochea Day
- March 8th: International Women's Day
- April 13th – 15th: Khmer New Year
- May 1st : Labor Day
- May 9th : Royal Ploughing Day
- May 13th – 15th: King Sihamoni's Birthday
- May 25th : Visaka Bochea Day in Cambodia
- June 18th: Queen Mother's Birthday
- September 24th: Constitution Day
- October 14th- 16th: Pchum Ben Festival
- October 31st: King Father's Birthday
- November 9th: Independence Day
- November 27th- 29th: Water Festival or The Boat Racing Festival
- December 10th: International Human Rights.