

CAMBODIA TRIP NOTES

Cambodia had its hey-day during the Angkorian period when the Khmers ruled much of what we now know as Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. Evidence of this is seen in the sublime Angkor Wat, which is easily on a par with Machu Picchu or Petra. Turbulence and instability have whittled away at the might of the former empire, but what hasn't been diminished is the radiance of the Cambodian people. Their smiles light up the room and their unbreakable spirits and unshakable optimism impact everyone they meet.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

US citizens should apply for an e-visa at the following site: <https://www.evisa.gov.kh/>

Alternatively, visa on arrival is available in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh. You will be required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months from your date of return with at least 2 blank visa pages, two passport size photos and \$30 cash in exact change. Visa on arrival requirements are subject to change without notice.

MEDICATIONS & INNOCULATIONS

No medication or vaccinations are required for entry to Cambodia.

CURRENCY

The Cambodian Riel is the currency of Cambodia. The currency code for Riels is KHR. A convenient currency converter can be found at <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

CREDIT CARDS

In both Siem Reap and Phnom Penh there are several ATMs that distribute US dollars. US Dollars are accepted as widely as the riel, although change will likely be given in riel. Visa and Mastercard are accepted only at major hotels, American Express less so. Cash is needed at markets.

TIME DIFFERENCE

Siem Reap is 12 hours ahead of US Eastern Standard Time and 15 hours ahead of US Pacific Standard Time.



SHOPPING

Cambodia has a wide range of souvenirs – colorful cotton and silk fabrics, wood and stone carvings, lacquerware and jewelry.

ELECTRICITY

Cambodia operates on 230 volts, 50 hertz and requires plug type A or C.

For more information on plugs and voltage, please visit

<http://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets/>

LANGUAGE

Khmer is the official language of Cambodia. English is widely spoken in tourist areas. Older people may speak French as a second language rather than English.

CLIMATE

The northeast monsoon season runs from December through April, when it brings sunny and dry weather.

The rains come from May to November, with the most precipitation in the months of September and October.

Temperatures rise from February to April, peaking as high as 100°F in April. Temperatures remain high in May and June, and the southwest monsoon brings in more humidity.

From July through October there will short rain showers.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

Tipping is appreciated. Before you tip in a western style restaurant, check to see if a 10% service charge has already been added, if it has not, 10% is appropriate. Guides should receive \$10 a day, drivers about \$5 a day. Housekeeping staff appreciate a gratuity at the end of the stay.

ETIQUETTE

Modest dress is the rule, particularly for women, who should not wear short skirts or show their shoulders. Always dress conservatively when visiting temples.

This information is provided as a guideline to the country you will be visiting, and is up to date to the best of our knowledge. Further information is available to you on the official Cambodia Tourism Office website - <https://www.tourismcambodia.com/>

Covid-related entry requirements

Cambodia welcomes all travelers, regardless of vaccination status.

Upon Arrival

- Travelers displaying symptoms may be required to undergo a health screening and rapid antigen test at a cost of US\$ 5 per person.

If positive, travelers will be required to quarantine at their own expense at an approved quarantine hotel.

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<https://kh.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>