



Phnom Penh

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Situated at the crossroads of three great rivers - the Mekong, Tonle Sap, and Bassac - Phnom Penh is the heart of a country steeped in tradition, overflowing with rice paddies, jungles, and rural communities. Once a sleepy backwater, Phnom Penh now buzzes with commercial activity as the country develops after years of isolation. Old French colonial mansions stand alongside newly emerging designs, which make the city's mixed architecture and communities fascinating to explore.



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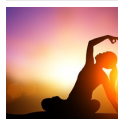
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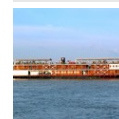
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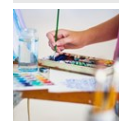
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THE CITY



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Phnom Penh took its name from a legend after a woman called Penh, thought to have found four Buddha washed ashore by the great river.

The French took over in 1869 and ruled until King Norodom Sihanouk declared independence in 1953. The colonial regime left behind impressive villas and large avenues, which form today's city centre. By the 1960s, the town was swinging, and cafes were overflowing the streets.

April 17, 1975, is the day Phnom Penh changed. It emptied in one day as the Khmer Rouge took over the country. After four years Cambodians came back from across the country to reinvigorate their capital city. From a small riverside village, it grew to become the country's commercial hub. Today it is a burgeoning Asian capital crawling with activity; the landscape is still void of skyscrapers. Phnom Penh remains an untouched Asian gem where cyclo drivers get lost in a sea of motorbikes.

DO & SEE



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Spend a day walking through the historical streets surrounding the Royal Palace, ride a tuk-tuk hopping from market to market, and end your day gazing at the shimmering lights reflecting off the Tonle Bassac. The city's life never ceases as the old and the new live alongside each other.

Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda



Immerse yourself in beautifully manicured gardens, delightful royal abodes, and in the serene calm of this classic Khmer palace. The throne, used for coronation and important ceremonies, sits in a finely decorated room. At its side stands a small delightful ornate maisonette offered by Napoleon III to King Norodom. Walk across to the Silver Pagoda and observe the golden Buddha, encrusted with 9,584 diamonds, the largest one weighing 25 carats.

Please remember to dress a bit formally when visiting the Silver Pagoda - wear long trousers or a long skirt.

Photo: Xuanlu Wang/Shutterstock.com

Address: Samdach Sotheros Boulevard, Phnom Penh

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11am and 2pm-5pm

More Info: Entrance at the gate on Sothearos Boulevard,

about 100 meters north of Street 240

Tuol Sleng Museum



A former school known as S-21, this building became the hub of the Khmer Rouge's interrogation and torture of more than 17,000 'enemies' of the state. School rooms were turned into cells and today victims' portraits align the corridors of this daunting building. This is an emotional visit, at a place to pay respect to the victims of Cambodia's tragedy.

Photo: meunier/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corner of Street 113 and Street 250, Phnom Penh

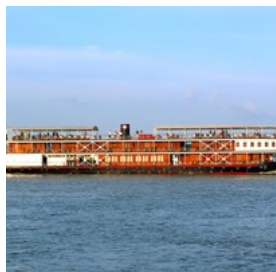
Opening hours: Daily 7am-5:30pm

Phone: +855 93 388 988

Internet: www.tuolslenggenocidemuseum.com

Email: info@tuolslenggenocidemuseum.com

River Cruise



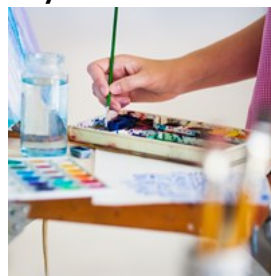
View the city whilst cruising on the Mekong or Tonle Sap. You can choose a one-day trip, or a longer excursion including accommodation. Boats can be hired on the riverside banks, and size varies according to the number of passengers. There is also an array of tour operators offering different kind of tours.

Photo: thoron/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mekong River, Phnom Penh

Internet: www.maads.asia/floatation

Reyum Institute of Arts and Culture



This is a leading art institution for young Cambodians. Its main vision is to be a forum for the research, preservation and promotion of Cambodian arts and culture. In contrast to traditional Angkor Wat paintings, Reyum students are taught to approach art in a thoughtful way which incorporates Khmer culture. Down the street from Reyum there are numerous art shops. This is the city's artistic hub and an interesting place to explore and meet the local artists in their workshops.

Photo: Lena May/Shutterstock.com

Address: 47, Preah Ang Eng Street, Phnom Penh

Phone: +855 023 217 149

Wat Phnom



Wat Phnom is said to be the first pagoda in town, dating back to 1373. It is located on a small hill and locals come here to pray for good luck. When visiting Wat Phnom, be aware that due to the site's popularity there will be a number of beggars, street urchins and other vendors trying to gain your attention. Some may try to sell birds in cages and you pay to set the bird free as locals claim the birds are trained to return to their cage afterwards.

Photo: Michael Gunther(image cropped)

Address: Norodom Boulevard, Phnom Penh

Opening hours: Daily 7am-6:30pm. Museum 7am-6pm

National Museum of Cambodia



This red-stoned traditional royal Khmer building offers a glimpse of the Khmer Empire's rich heritage. With artefacts dating back to pre-Angkorian times, the museum's pieces are some of the only remaining historical items that survived the Khmer Rouge. Relax in the quiet garden in the museum's central courtyard.

Photo: Clay Gilliland / Flickr.com(image cropped)

Address: Street 13, Phnom Penh

Phone: +855 023 211 753

Internet: www.cambodiamuseum.info

Email: museum_cam@camnet.com.kh

More Info: Entrance at the corner of Street 13 and Street 178

The Killing Fields & Choeng Ek Memorial



This field reminds its visitors of a time with brutal executions and torture. More than 17,000 people were killed here during the Khmer

Rouge regime, and today there are mass graves and a memorial stupa (a Buddhist reliquary) with thousands of human bones. An audio tour tells the heart-braking history.

Photo: shankar s.(image cropped)

Address: Roluos Village, Sangkat Cheung Aek, Phnom Penh

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +855 93 388 988

Internet: www.killingfieldsmuseum.com

More Info: 15km southwest of the city

The Flicks Community Movie Houses



For a different film experience, visit one or all of the Flicks Community Movie Houses. This volunteer-run cinema has

three different outlets, but all of them are unique. Instead of chairs there are sofas and pillows on the floor and there is also an outdoor cinema during dry-season. Book your ticket online: you are allowed to stay and watch as many films as you wish.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39b, Street 95, Phnom Penh

Internet: www.theflicks.asia

Phnom Tamao Zoological Park and Wildlife Rescue Center (PTWRC)



This is the biggest zoo in Cambodia, and here you can see many different animals from the local fauna. The Wildlife Rescue Center saves

animals that have been trapped or injured, to set them free again after rehabilitation. If you book a tour you will get the chance to see the staff's heroic work and to meet some of the animals.

Photo: Phalinn Ooi(image cropped)

Address: National Road No. 2, Takeo, Takev, Cambodia

Phone: +855 95 970 175

Internet: www.wildlifealliance.org/wildlife-phnom-tamao

Email: wildlifetourspt@wildlifealliance.org

More Info: About 45 kilometres southwest of the city

Phnom Chisor Temple



About one hour drive from the city, you can visit the ruins from the Phnom Chisor Temple, a temple from the Angkorian era. From the hill where it is located you will have great views over the country side, but keep in mind that it can be very hot to climb all the way up during mid day.

Photo: JM Travel Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Phnom Chisor, Stairway of Chiso Mountain from the East, Takeo Province, Cambodia
Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-5pm
Phone: +855 69 568 375

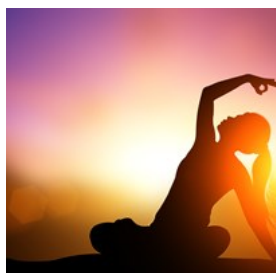
Sovanna Phum Art Association & Art Gallery



Shadow-puppet theatre is a tradition in this part of the world, and Sovanna Phum Art Association & Art Gallery hosts this kind of performances. After the 50-minute long show, the audience is welcomed to try and handle the puppets themselves. They also host classical dance and traditional drum shows.

Photo: gnomeandi/Shutterstock.com
Address: 166, Street 99, corner of Street 484, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm
Phone: +855 10 337 552
Internet: www.sovannaphumtheatre.com

Yoga Phnom Penh



For all the Yogis and Yoginis out there, this is a must visit. At this beautiful and calm studio you can attend different kind of yoga classes or

maybe one of their work shops, for example on raw food. You can either pre-book a class or go to one of the drop-in classes.

Photo: sakepaint/Shutterstock.com
Address: 39, Street 21, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 087 800 978
Internet: www.yogaphnompenh.com
More Info: Opposite Pagoda Wat Svay Popey, Near TchoTchou School

Wat Ounalom



This temple is the headquarters of Cambodian Buddhism, and it's home to 350 moments. At the entrance five golden Buddhas welcomes the visitors. It was founded in 1443 and it is conveniently located close to Royal Palace and the river bank.

Photo: Tepikina Nastya/Shutterstock.com
Address: Samdach Sothearos Boulevard, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 6am-6pm
Phone: +855 12 890 010

Kids City Asia



Ice skating in Phnom Penh? Inside this house of fun, it is possible. At Kids City Asia, children and parents can revel in the many different choices of indoor activities. Among other things, here you will find a playground, a climbing wall and a science gallery.

Photo: iPortret/Shutterstock.com
Address: 162a, Preah Sihanouk Boulevard, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm. Sat-Sun and holidays 9am-8pm
Phone: +855 23 220 088
Internet: www.kidscityasia.com

Email: info@kidscityasia.com

Independence Monument



This tall building is a symbol of Cambodia's freedom from France, gained in 1953. This Angkorian style tower is mostly used as a

landmark now, but the parks surrounding it are popular for picnics.

Photo: Peter Stuckings/Shutterstock.com

Address: Intersection of Norodom Boulevard and Sihanouk Boulevard, Phnom Penh

DINING



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Composed by a mix of Thai and Vietnamese cuisine, Cambodian cuisine is varied, simple and delicious. A diet is usually based on fish and soups while the local food offers healthy and abundant Asian surprises. Khmer highlights are fish amok (fish cooked in coconut) and barbecued beef, which can be found on most street corners in the early evening around the Central Market. As the city is made up of many communities including Vietnamese, Chinese and Expatriates, there is a variety of delicacies and restaurants catering to a large expatriate community.

Malis



savouring flavourful dishes like Takeo Sausages and Saraman beef.

Stylish restaurant serving an upscale Khmer dining experience. Start the evening by enjoying a cocktail by the impressive water fountain and

Photo: sharonang / Pixabay.com

Address: 136 Norodom Blvd, Phnom Penh

Opening hours: Daily 6am-8:30pm

Phone: +855 23 221 022

Internet: www.malis-restaurant.com

Email: phnompenh@malis-restaurant.com

Khmer Surin



ambiance in an old wooden house. Even though the climate outside is hot and humid for most of the year, the plants and water managed micro climate will wipe the heat out.

This sophisticated restaurant offers good Khmer and Thai food like mango salad and excellent amok in a relaxing low seating

Photo: GuoZhongHua / Shutterstock.com

Address: 9, Street 57, Phnom Penh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 7am-10pm

Phone: +855 23 363 050

Internet: www.khmersurinrestaurant.com

Email: booking@khmersurinrestaurant.com

FCC (Foreign Correspondents Club)



Considered as a Phnom Penh landmark, FCC overlooks the river with its inspiring colonial decor. They mainly serve western dishes like fried

chicken with chips and some typical Cambodian food while you will also find tasty pizzas on the menu.

Photo: Jacek Chabraszewski / Shutterstock.com
Address: 363, Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 7am-12:00am
Phone: +855 69 253 222
Internet: www.fcccambodia.com

Pho de Paris Restaurant



This is a popular lunch place to have local and Vietnamese dishes, and you will be amazed by how high value for money the food is. The menu shows pictures of the dishes, so do not worry if you can not understand all the native names. Don't forget to try the traditional fresh spring rolls and coconut shake.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com
Address: 260 Preah Monivong Blvd (93), Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-10pm
Phone: +855 89 308 525

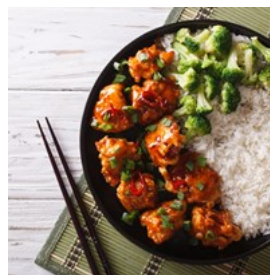
Boat Noodle



You can find extensive, tasty, and affordable Khmer at Boat Noodle. Another reason to try this out is the ambience. It has the look and feel of a traditional Khmer house, wooden decor, Khmer silk, surrounded by lush plants and fishes swimming in small ponds. Their English speaking staff enable you to tone down the spiciness of some dishes easily.

Photo: PJjaruwan/Shutterstock.com
Address: 184, St, Preah Trasak Paem St. (63), Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 7am-8pm
Phone: +855 11 952 120

Yi Xian



Packed with the local Chinese community, this tiny restaurant serves large portions of Chinese food like small steamed buns. Don't forget to take the chance to try the dumplings and the sweet and sour chicken - they are impressively delicious.

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 697A, Preah Monivong Boulevard, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 23 224 183

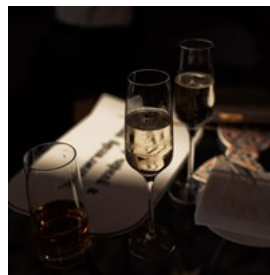
Friends the Restaurant



The organisation Friends has helped young people on the street by teaching them how to work as chefs and service staffs since 1994. This is their own restaurant and here you will not only enjoy a delicious meal like crispy noodles and the buttermilk chicken burger but also help with the future work of this organisation.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com
Address: 215, Street 13, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 12 802 072
Internet: www.friends-restaurant.org
Email: contact@friends-restaurant.org

Dine in the Dark



It is said that we eat as much with our eyes as with the mouth. At Dine in the Dark, you can experiment it. Here you will have the whole meal in complete darkness. The blind staff will guide you through it and the experience will leave a

memory for life.

Photo: Andrey Nastasenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: 126, Street 19, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 6pm-11:30pm
Phone: +855 77 589 458
Internet: www.didexperience.com
Email: phnompenh@DIDexperience.com

Do Forni



For night of romance and delightful Italian cuisine bring your loved one to Do Forni. The food is in the highest quality and so is the service. This is the

place to indulge in Italian specialists like Saltimbocca Pork with Parma Ham and fine wines.

Photo: Mauro Pezzotta/Shutterstock.com
Address: 26 Old August Site, Sothearos Boulevard, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 6pm-10pm
Phone: +855 23 999 200
Email: h6526-fb@sofitel.com

CAFES



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Just like Siem Reap, Phnom Penh is a haven for fruit lovers, from mangoes of all shapes and sizes to delicious mangosteens. All markets have a fruit section, and sellers walk along most main streets selling fresh papaya, pineapple, and

whichever fruit is in season. However, you will still find cafes serving a strong cup of coffee and western-style pastries.

The Shop

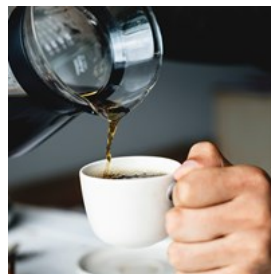


Run by a Belgian couple, The Shop offers a tasty selection of healthy breakfast options, delicious juices, sandwiches, and quiches.

Splurge on the dessert selection and the homemade pralines. They have a couple of outlets across town, and you find one of them here:

Photo: Hans / Pixabay.com
Address: 39 Street 240, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-7pm
Phone: +855 092 955 963
Internet: www.theshop-cambodia.com
Email: marketing@theshop-cambodia.com

Feel Good Café



The coffee at Feel Good Café is made with lots of love and here you can choose from lattes, cappuccinos, or other western coffee drinks.

They also have a menu offering lighter snacks, and it is a popular breakfast place.

Photo: rawpixel.com / Pexels.com
Address: House 79 Street 136, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 7am-6pm
Phone: +855 77 694 702
Internet: www.feelgoodcoffee.com.kh
Email: info@feelgoodcoffee.com.kh

Story Coffee Roasters



Spread over three floors, this comfortable cafe is a good place to relax, as well as study and work (it has WiFi). They offer great breakfasts and brunches, and their coffee is well appreciated.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Pexels.com
Address: 2, Street 21, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 12 623 555

Vibe



Vibe offers tasty burgers, bowls and drinks for every meal of the day, and it's the first vegan cafe in Phnom Penh. It has a very tasteful decor, with lots of plants, elegant wooden tables and beautiful detail. Its reasonable prices and its yummy recipes make it one of the best places to stop near the Russian Market.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com
Address: 26A, Street 446, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 7am-8pm
Phone: +855 061 764 937
Internet: www.vibecafeasia.com
Email: info@vibecafeasia.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Known for being a city without limits, Phnom Penh's reputation as a nightspot rings true. With the local population out and about at night after years of unrest, bars and clubs have mushroomed in the last years.

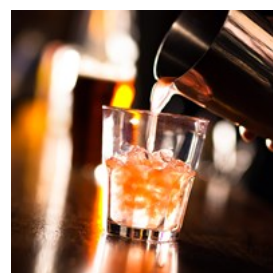
The Riverhouse Lounge



The Lounge is a cool hip bar and club, and the place to be at weekends where Phnom Penh's cool locals and expats mingle. It features hip-hop on Fridays and a mix of music on Saturdays, so come here to soak up the atmosphere whilst drinking a cocktail at the balcony overlooking the riverside.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 23 212 303
Internet: www.riverhousecambodia.com
More Info: Corner of Sisowath Quay

Heart of Darkness



This popular night spot is packed every night after midnight. A mix of backpackers, locals and long term residents keep the place grooving until

the sun comes up.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 38, Street 51 Pasteur, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 77 837 777
Internet: heartofdarknessclub.com.kh

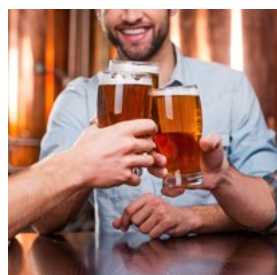
Elephant Bar



Set in the most luxurious hotel in town, Le Royal, the Elephant Bar's happy hour (4pm to 9 pm) serves some of the best cocktails in town. Dress up and indulge in live piano music and comfortable seating. A must try is their Femme Fatale cocktail, specifically created in 1967 for Jacqueline Kennedy during her visit to Cambodia.

Photo: 453169 / Pixabay.com
Address: 92, Rukhak Vithei at Preah Monivong Boulevard, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am
Phone: +855 23 981 888
Internet: www.raffles.com
Email: Dining.LeRoyal@raffles.com

Score! Bar & Grill



This lively sports bar is the perfect spot to catch a live game or just have a few beers while in town. There is a huge screen on the wall, which is visible from every corner of the large sitting area.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5, Street 282, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Daily 8am-2am
Phone: +855 23 221 357
Internet: www.scorekh.com
Email: livesports@scorekh.com

Top Banana



Top Banana is a guesthouse and bar popular among the hip backpacker crowd. The atmosphere here is very laid-back, live band performances are common, and new acquaintance is easily made. Don't miss the outdoor rooftop area.

Photo: Domakhina Mariia
Address: 9E0, Street 278, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 128 85 572
Internet: www.topbanana.biz
Email: topbanana.guesthouse@gmail.com

Bouchon



Bouchon is a trendy, dimly-lit wine bar with nice background music and an impressive selection of French wines. With its unbeatable location very close to the Royal Palace, this bar is an easy favourite among locals and expats alike.

Photo: kaboompics.com / Pexels.com
Address: 82, Street 174, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 4pm-12am
Phone: +855 77 881 103

Le Moon Rooftop Bar

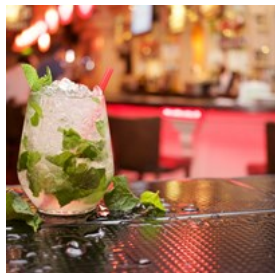


For a great view of the city at night, head to this chill and relaxing bar at the top of a hotel. The drinks are well-made and refreshing - a bit pricey, but worth it for the beautiful location.

Photo: Thoom / Shutterstock.com

Address: Amanjaya Pancam Hotel, 1, Street 154, Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 023 214 747
Internet: lemoon.amanjaya-suites-phnom-penh.com
Email: lemoon@amanjaya-suites-phnom-penh.com

Cloud



This garden bar in Tonle Bassac has gained a reputation as a chill, comfortable cultural hub in the city. They boast a decor inspired by modern

urban art and indie aesthetic, surrounded by vegetation. Along with their careful choice of beer, they also serve food. Board games are available, and many kinds of events take place here.

Photo: Picography / Pexels.com

Address: 32, Street 9, Phnom Penh

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 2pm-11pm. Thu 2pm-11:45pm.

Fri-Sat 2pm-1am

Phone: +855 89 467 345

SHOPPING



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Phnom Penh has an eclectic shopping scene. Some major international clothing chains have already hit the town, and with the several bustling markets and diverse communities, everything is here - from fragrant markets to modern malls.

Street 240



Street 240, behind the Royal Palace, offers higher end choices from clothes to jewellery. The Bliss shop sets the scene with its beautiful silk

clothing, bedding and accessories. Further down is Veggies, the local delicatessen. The rest of the street has small boutiques selling jewels, art and antiques.

Photo: kowit sitthi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Street 240, Phnom Penh

Tuol Tom Pong Market (Russian Market)



The Tuol Tom Pong Market, otherwise known as the Russian market, is the mecca for any shopping devotee. From Gap t-shirts to the newest

DVD Hollywood blockbuster, to teapots and antique sabers, a whole day of rummaging around may still seem short. Take a break, enjoy the noodle soups and excellent Vietnamese coffee, and lose yourself in the fabulous rows of silk on sale.

Photo: Etienne Hartjes / Shutterstock.com

Address: Corner of Street 163 and Street 444, Phnom Penh

Central Market



The grand Central Market, with its inspiring art deco architecture, offers an enormous variety of products, in an open and spread out

space. Come here for clothes, produce, jewelry, all sorts of souvenirs and to get a feel for what a bustling Southeast Asian market is like.

Photo: shankar s. / Flickr.com(image cropped)
Address: Central Market, Street 128, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 7am-6pm

Sorya Mall



For a more 'modern' shopping experience, try out Sorya Mall, just off the Central Market, which is the country's first mall. Hip clothes, mainly for teenagers, electronics, beauty parlours and jewellery can be found in this shopping complex.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 13-61, Street 63, Sangkat Phsar Thmei I, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 023 210 018
Internet: www.soryacenterpoint.com

Night Market



No trip to Southeast Asia is complete without a visit to the local Night Market, where exotic mouthwatering foods are sold by local vendors, the variety of colors and flavors make your head spin, and real bargains are available on all sorts of items.

Photo: Alan Wat / Flickr.com(image cropped)
Address: Between Streets 106 and 108, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Fri-Sun 5pm-12am

Aeon Mall



If street hawkers and market haggling are getting a little too overwhelming, head to the air-conditioned Aeon Mall and shop for

everyday items and clothing at a fixed price.

Photo: VannPhotography/Shutterstock.com
Address: 132, Street Samdach Sothearos, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 23 901 091
Internet: www.aeonmallphnompenh.com

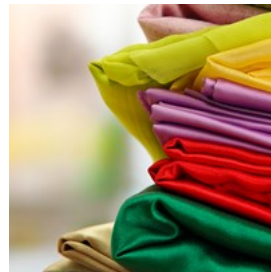
Monument Books



This book store is popular with English speakers, and sells more than just books - here you'll find post cards to send home, for example. There is also a huge selection of toys here, so kids are likely to also have a great time.

Photo: Suzy Hazelwood / Pexels.com
Address: 111, Norodom Boulevard, Phnom Penh
Phone: +855 12 731 333
Internet: www.monument-books.com
Email: sambo@monument-books.com

Phka Kn'jay Fashion Boutique



This boutique is a place where clothing can be individually tailored to fit you upon request. The reputation of this particular tailor shop is impeccable, and the place boasts plenty of return clients.

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Address: 14a, Street 242, Chaktomuk, Phnom Penh
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm
Internet: www.thavypich.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Visas for Cambodia are available at airports and land borders, and are easy to obtain for citizens of most countries (see below). In order to obtain

one, make sure you can provide a passport valid for at least six months and a passport-sized self photo for your visa.

Citizens from the following countries will need to make advance arrangements for their visa:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Sudan. Visitors from an ASEAN member country do not need a visa to enter Cambodia, as long as they have a valid passport.

Be aware that overcharging can be an issue at land borders with Thailand and Laos. To avoid that, you may want to arrange a visa in advance. Online e-visas are only accepted at Phnom Penh and Siem Reap airports, and at the land borders of Bavet/Moc Bai (Vietnam), Cham Yeam/Hat Lek (Thailand) and Poipet/Aranya Prahet (Thailand).

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Best Time to Visit



Cambodia has rainy weather for half of the year and dry weather for the other half. The seasons can be subdivided into dry-cool

(November-January), dry-hot (February-May), rainy-hot (May-September) and rainy-cool (October-November).

You'll find the best weather in the dry-cool season, with an overall average temperature of 26°C - this is the most popular time to go.

The rainy-cool season can be an alternative if you want to avoid the crowds of tourists, and the green landscapes boast incredibly beautiful colours during this time. However, so much rain might be uncomfortable for some, and if you're planning day trips be aware that water may flood the streets and make it impossible to reach smaller, remote places. The rainiest months are August and September.

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Health and Safety Advice



Vaccinations are not mandatory to enter Cambodia, but they are highly recommended. If you will need essential medications during your

stay, bring enough of them from home - you might not find them in Phnom Penh.

A good travel insurance is extremely important. Health care is not cheap in Cambodia, and at the hospital, payment is required up front, which can be a very serious problem in emergency situations. Moreover, you might have to be transported to another country for bigger issues,

and it's very expensive (and still requires upfront payment). Please make sure you gather as much information as possible on the topic, and be safe.

Avoid tap water, even if purified - stick to bottled water, which is available everywhere. Bring a good insect repellent in order to avoid mosquito borne diseases.

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Phnom Penh International Airport



Phnom Penh International Airport (PNH) lies approximately 10 km from Phnom Penh. The easiest way to get to and from the airport is by

taxi. It takes around 20 - 40 minutes depending on traffic. You can also take a tuk-tuk, which costs about \$5. Whatever alternative you choose, you can buy a coupon inside the airport terminal to avoid the hustle outside.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Phnom Penh International Airport, Russian Federation Boulevard, Phnom Penh

Phone: +855 23 862 800

Internet: pnh.cambodia-airports.aero

Public Transport



Although many visitors still often use tuk tuks, cyclos or taxis to move inside the city, the municipality of Phnom Penh has recently

re-opened "Phnom Penh city bus", an efficient public bus service that is a bit slower, but more comfortable than the alternatives. Moreover, they don't require you to negotiate prices with

the driver, as other means of transport do. Bus tickets are very cheap, and you can find transport apps for your phone.

You can find an alternative, private bus company at:

Giant Ibis Transport

+855 969 993 333

<http://giantibis.com/contact.php>

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Tuk Tuks, Cyclos, and Motorbikes



A good way to get around in Phnom Penh is hiring a tuk-tuk, a motor vehicle combining a motorcycle and a trailer, which has become traditional in

Cambodia. Make sure to agree on a price before getting on. At night the price can increase. Cyclos, usually driven by elderly men from the countryside, are slower but provide a relaxing way to view the city and are slightly cheaper than moto-taxi drivers.

Phone apps are also available to hail tuk tuks and taxis.

Hailing a motorbike driver is also popular, but be aware: although this is a nice way to explore the city, cautious driving is required to avoid accidents. Phnom Penh's traffic can be dangerous and road regulations are not followed by most drivers. Beware of traffic police on major crossroads. If they stop you, a money transaction might be necessary.

Lucky Lucky Motorcycles has been renting bikes for years and has the largest variety of motorbikes. Find the company at:

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Address: 413Eo, Preah Monivong, Phnom Penh

Phone: +855 23 212 788

Taxi



There are two types of taxis in Phnom Penh, those with a meter and those without. You find them outside major hotels or close to the tourist

attractions. If you choose a taxi without a meter, always agree on a price before you start the journey. Two of the taxi companies offering metered taxis are Global Taxi and Choice Taxi:

Global Taxi

674, Street 271 (Yothapol Khemarak Phoumin),
Phsar Doeum Thkov Commune, Phnom Penh
+855 092 889 962

Choice Taxi

A13, Confederation de la Russie, Phumi Phlov,
Phnom Penh
+855 023 923 923

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Post



At the main post offices in the city you can find stamps and receive help for sending parcels etc. Always watch the carrier put the stamp on your

postcard, letter etc., otherwise there might be a risk it will not reach its destination.

Find a post office at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Corner of Street 13 and Street 102, Sangkat, Phnom Penh

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm

Phone: +855 023 428 080

Internet: cambodiapost.post/en

Email: carecp@cambodiapost.com.kh

Pharmacy



One of the biggest pharmacies in Phnom Penh is Pharmacie de la Gare, which is found next to the railway station, at: 124Eo Preah

Monivong Boulevard (93), Phnom Penh

+855 092 711 771

info@pharmacie-delagare.com

pharmacie-delagare.com/en

UCare Pharmacy is part of a recently opened pharmacy chain and offers one of the largest stock of medicine (from France) in town. You find one of their stores at:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 26-28 Sothearos Boulevard, Corner of Street 178,
Phnom Penh

Phone: +855 023 222 499

Internet: www.ucarepharma.com

More Info: In front of National Museum

Telephone



Country code: +855 Area
Code: 023

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Electricity

230 V, 50Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

2.282 million (2019)

Currency

Cambodian Riel (KHR): 1 KHR = 10 kak = 100 sen

Opening hours

Most shops are open Monday to Sunday from 8am–7pm. Markets open from 6am–5pm. Stores and markets are only closed on public holidays.

Newspapers

The Cambodia Daily
The Phnom Penh Post (bi-monthly)
The Southeast Asia Weekly

Emergency numbers

Ambulance: +855 023 724 891 (or 119 if you have a Cambodian phone number).

Police: +855 023 366 841 - +855 023 720 235 (or 117 if you have a Cambodian phone number).

Fire: +855 023 723 555 (or 118 if you have a Cambodian phone number).

Tourist information

Tourist Information Center in Phnom Penh
262 Monivong Boulevard
Khan Daun Penh
Phnom Penh

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100	C1	180 Croix Rouge Khmère	B3	51 Pasteur	B2 B3 C4
102 Preah Ang Non	B1	184 Keo Chea	B3	53 Calmette	B2
103	A4	19 Preah Ang Yukanthor	B1 B2 C3	59	B4
104 Seng Thuon	C1	190	A3	61 Oknha Hing Penn	B1
105	A4	198	A3	63 Preah Trasak Paem	B3 B4
106 Preah Mohaksat Treiyani Kossamak	A1	200 Oknha Men	B3	67 Samdach Sangkhak Neayok Srey	B2
107	A2	208 Samdach Chakrei Ponn	B3 C3	85	B4
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108 Oknha Plong	B1	21 Abdul Carime	C4	88 Phsar Dek	A1 B1
109	A2	214	C3	9 Ke Nou	D4
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111	A3	214 Samdach Pan	B3	90 Chivapol	A1 B1
	A4				
113	A3	217 Boulevard Charles de Gaulle	A2 A3	92 Daun Penh	A1 B1
	A4				
115	A3	222 Samdach Sangkreach Tieng	B4 C3	96 Christopher Howes	A1 B1
	A4				
118	A2	227	A4 B4	Bassac	B2
118 Chey Chetra	B2	228 Samdach Mongkol Iem	B4 C3	Boulevard Preah Monyvong	A1 A2 A3 B4
125	A3	232	A4 B4	Boulevard Preah Norodom	B2 C3
	A4				
126	A2	236	A4	Boulevard Preah Suramarit	C4 D4
126 Nokor	B2	240 Preah Ang Phanavong	B4 C4	Boulevard Republique Populaire	A4
13 Preah Ang Eng	C2	242	A4 B4	Boulevard Samdach Sothearos	C2 D3 D4
130 Khemarak Phomin	C2	244	C3	Chan Nak	B2
134	A2	246 Vimol Thoam Thong	D3	Chrun You Hak	C4 D4
136 Oknha Inn	B2	248	A4	Confederation de la Russie (Pochentong Street)	A2 B2
	C2				
137	A2	250	A4 B4	France	B1
139	A2	252	B4	Jok Dimitrov	A2
140	A2	254 Senei Vinnavaut Oum	B4 C4	Kampuchea Krom	A2
141	A3	256	C4	Krala Hom Kong	B2 C2
	A4				
143	A3	258 Long Nget	D3 D4	Oknha Chhun	C3 D3
	A4				

144 Preah Ang Hassakan	C2	260	A4	Oknha Nou Kan	A4
148 Oknha Ouk Lonn	C2	262	B4	Oknha Peich	B4
15 Preah Chan Reachea	C2	266	D4	Oknha Santhomok	B1 C1
154 Dekcho Damdin	B2 C2	274 Boulevard Samdach Preah Sihanouk	B4 C4	Oknha Tep Phan	A3
158 Oknha Truong Cang	B3	276	A4	Preah Ang Duong	B2 C1
164	A2 A3	278	A4 B4	Preah Ang Makhak Vann	C2 C3
166	A3	280	A4	Preah Sisovath	B1 C1 C2 D3
168	A3	282 Samdach Louis Em	B4 C4	Preah Sotheavong	B1
170	A3	288	B4	Samdach Phuong	C4
172 Chey Varaman Ti Pram Pi	B3	29	C4	Samdach Preah Sangkhak Neayok Souk	B2
172 Ly Yoak Lay	C2	294	C4	Samdach Preah Theamak Lethet Ouk	C3
174 Oknha Ket	B3	5 Angkor	C2	Wat Koh	B3
178 Samdach Preah Sokun Meanbon	B3				