

# City Hot Spots

### The Riverfront

The riverfront area is popular with locals and tourists alike. North of Royal Palace and National Museum, the riverfront area roads are lined with restaurants, bars, shops and spas. Busiest in the early evening but a great place to stroll any time of day or relax at a streetside cafe to watch the passing scene.

#### **Royal Palace area**

The Royal Palace and National Museum sit side by side at the riverfront. Street 240 behind the Palace is home to a small collection of boutiques, shops and a few restaurants. Street 178 next to the Museum is lined to the riverfront with art shops and cafes. Nearby Street 172 is now a busy and burgeoning budget traveler street lined with inexpensive bars, restaurants and guesthouses.

#### The Independence Monument area and BKK1

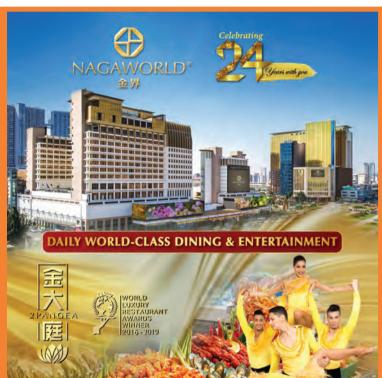
BKK1 is the 'foreigner's quarter,' home to NGOs, expats and dozens of hotels, restaurants and shops, especially at the northern end. East of Norodom Blvd the narrow streets are dotted with boutique hotels, little restaurants and bars, especially along Streets 308, 29, 21, and in the micro-bar enclave of Bassac Lane

#### Phsar Toul Tom Poung (Russian Market) area

The TTP area is a residential part of town centered on the 'Russian Market,' the city's most popular traditional market. The surrounding blocks are dotted with unique little cafes and bars - from Mexican, to Indonesian and Spanish tapas.

#### Street 51 bar street

Late evening Street 51 (between Streets 174/154) becomes one of the hottest bar strips in town. Several hostess bars, a few neighborhood pubs, a beer garden market and some of the town's most popular clubs including Pontoon and The Heart of Darkness, all busy till early morn.



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#### Hospitals and Doctors

Most local medical facilities are not up to international standards. The international clinics and main hospital are best, but serious illness may still require evacuation. The international dental clinics are very good and quite affordable.

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| Calmette Hospital (Main hospital)                                   | #3 Monivong            | Tel: 023-426948 |
| Intl SOS Medical Clinic                                             | #161 Street 51/228     | Tel: 023-216911 |
| Royal Phnom Penh Hospital                                           | #888 Conf de la Russie | Tel: 023-991000 |
| International Dental Clinic                                         | #193 Street 208        | Tel: 023-212909 |
| Roomchang Dental                                                    | #6 Street 184          | Tel: 023-211338 |
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## Money and ATMs

Though Cambodian riel is the official currency, US dollars are in common use. Regardless of small variations in the daily exchange rate, many businesses treat 4000R=US\$1 as the standard. ATMs dispense in US dollars.

## **Internet and Phones**

Phone and internet are easy. Phnom Penh offers what is probably the most widely available free wifi in Southeast Asia. And SIM cards with phone number and internet access are available at any of the many phone shops scattered across town, and even on-arrival at the airport. Passport and visa required.

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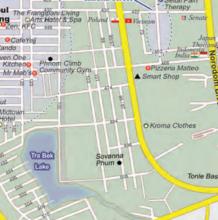








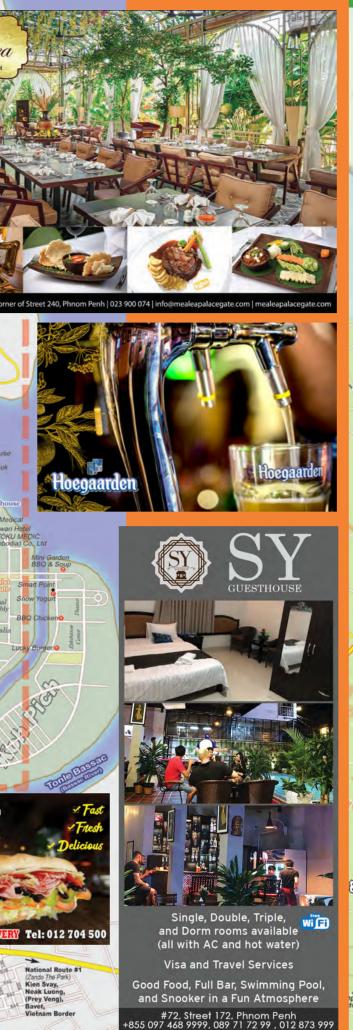






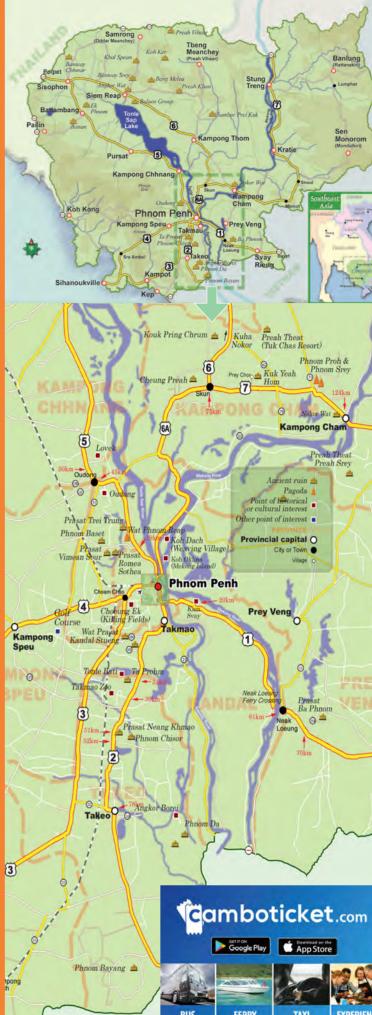


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# Day Trips

There is a lot of Cambodian history and culture within a daytrip's distance of Phnom Penh - Silk Island on the Mekong, Angkorian ruins in Takeo, the old capital of Oudong - and just the process of getting there offers a nice glimpse of rural Cambodia. It is easiest to arrange a tour or transportation through a travel agent or your hotel, usually a daily tourist van or boat.

Silk Island (Koh Dach)





Set aside a half-day for a boat trip to a rural silk weaving village on Koh Dach island. Arrange a visit through your guesthouse, travel agent or contact CamboCruise at 092-290077. Oudong

The abandoned 17th century capital sits amongst the hills west of Phnom Penh. Stupas containing the remains of Cambodian kings cover three hills, which also provide an excellent countryside view.

## Phnom Chisor

Atop Phnom Chisor sit some well preserved 10th century Angkorian ruins. The 503 steps to the top make for a rigorous climb but the quality of the ruins and the amazing view make the effort worth it.





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City Sights

#### **National Museum**

Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM Entry: US\$5.00 - US\$10 Street 13, next to the Royal Palace The museum has over 5000 objects on display, much from the Angkorian era, including the legendary statue of the 'Leper King.'

# Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda Hours: 8:00-11:00 / 2:00-5:00 Entry: 40,000R

Sothearos Blvd. between Streets 240 & 184

The Palace and Silver Pagoda compounds sit together behind the yellow walls of the royal combound on the riverfront. Tour: 1-2 hours.

### Nat Phnom

Hours: 7:00AM-6:00PM Entry: US\$1 North end of Norodom Blvd. The legendary founding place of Phnom Penh. A small hillock crowned by an ornate old pagoda and an enormous royal stupa.

#### Phsar Thmey

Intersection of Street 130 and 63 This distinctive building is a city landmark, a unique colonial era, Art Deco interpretation of a traditional market. Souvenirs, t-shirts, gems and jewelry, active local market.

#### Russian Market (Phsar Toul Thom Poung) Street 450, between 155 and 163

A classic traditional market and the most popular with visitors - a sprawling, single level collection of stalls offering a huge selection of souvenirs, curios, textiles, clothes, DVDs, ewelry and more.

## as a Genocide Museum. **Choeung Ek Memorial** Hours: 7:30AM - 5:30PM Entry: US\$6

15 km southwest of Phnom Penh Formerly a 'Killing Field' during the 1975-1979 Khmer Rouge regime, now a group of mass graves and a memorial stupa.

#### dependence Monument

Corner of Street 113 & Street 350

Intersection of Sihanouk & Norodom The Independence Monument is a city landmark and celebrates Cambodia's independence from foreign rule and serves as a monument to Cambodia's war dead.

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## Getting Around Jown

Tuk-tuks are the favored form of local transport by tourists and visitors, with motodups and taxis also always available. You can travel the length of the city in 30-45 minutes and get between most attractions in less than 15 minutes.

#### Moto-remorques (Tuk-tuks)

The 'tuk-tuk' - a covered sedan and motorcycle - is the most popular form of transportation. Tuk-tuks tend to gather in tourist areas such as the riverfront and can be hired for short hops (\$1-\$3) or by the day (\$12-\$15+).

#### Motodups (Motos)

Motorcycle taxis - 'motos' - are the fastest and cheapest form of transportation. Motos cost from 3000R-6000R in-town and \$8-\$12 per day. Prices go up at night. Not as common as they used to be but still easy to find in tourist areas.

Cyclos The humble bicycle rickshaw known as the 'cyclo' is a romantic form of transportation if time is not a factor, the shaded forward seating providing an open air view of the passing scene. Cyclo tours are available though tour/travel agents.

#### Taxis

Several companies offer on-call 24/7 taxi service, sometimes waiting in tourist areas. Choice Taxi: 023-888023; Global Taxi: 011-311888. Unmetered taxis can be arranged through your hotel or travel agent for about \$30-\$35/day.

#### **Tour Buses**

A 'Hop on-Hop off' a/c tour bus circles past all of the major in-city attractions once per hour, allowing a flexible itinerary. \$15 for one day, \$25 for two. Book through your hotel or call 016-745880.





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## More to See & Do...

#### clo and Walking Tours For a more intimate experience of the city consider touring by cyclo or even foot. Bring your camera and a sense of adventure. Take time to explore pagodas,



(012-837056) both stage weekend performances. rchitecture Tours ALA IAA

markets and cafes. Tour route:

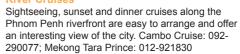
The city offers an eclectic mix of classic Southeast Asian buildings dotted with architectural gems from the colonial and pre-war ('New Khmer Architecture')

Unlike Siem Reap, Phnom Penh offers only a few

performance venues. Plae Pakaa at the National

. Museum (017-998570) and Sovanna Phum

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