

Cambodia



Climate:

Cambodia's climate is governed by the monsoon winds, which define two major seasons. From mid-May to early October, the strong prevailing winds of the southwest monsoon bring heavy rains and high humidity. From early November to mid-March, the lighter and drier winds of the northeast monsoon bring variable cloudiness, infrequent precipitation, and lower humidity. The weather between these seasons is transitional. Maximum temperatures are high throughout the year, ranging from about 82° to 83° F (28° C) in January, the coolest month, to about 95° F (35° C) in April.

Currency: The local currency is the Riel. Once foreign currency is changed to Riel it is impossible to change it back at the end of your stay. Travelers Checks and Credit Cards are hardly accepted anywhere in Cambodia. When traveling in Cambodia you should carry cash US\$ (please use only new notes in small denominations and in perfect condition). Go to finance.yahoo.com/currency?u for current exchange rates.

Immunizations: Although no vaccinations are required for travel in SE Asia, we recommend you consult your physician about tetanus, polio, typhoid, gamma globulin, Hepatitis A & B and malaria. For current information, check directly with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a traveler's clinic or other medical authority. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/Travel/destinationList.aspx#P>

Visas: Obtaining a visa for Cambodia is quite simple, and you don't need to apply for the visa in advance. The visa will be stamped into your passport upon arrival, and is valid for one month, single entry only.. For the visa you will need two copies of the visa application form (available at the visa counter at the airport), valid passport, **two** passport-size photos and the visa fee US\$ 20. When you arrive in Cambodia, you will find the counter on the left hand side of the arrival hall. A staff member hands out the application form here. After filling out the form, the applicant should return the form to the authorities along with the passport and the photograph. The authorities will call out the name of the applicant, when the visa is ready. The fee is paid only on collection (the visa requires one whole page of a passport).

Tipping Guideline: Drivers - \$5-\$8 pp per day
Mainland guides - \$10-\$20 pp per day

Budget: You will need to analyze your spending habits and decide how much extra money to bring for alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, gratuities, souvenirs, and laundry. For a ten day trip, budget at least \$200 - \$300pp above and beyond tips for additional expenses. A rule of thumb: take half the clothing and twice the money you thought you would need!



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Dialing Code: 855

Time Zone: GMT/UTC + 7

Electricity: 230V ,50Hz

Additional Country Information: More country specific information can be found on our website. Go to the Travel Center page (<http://www.mythsandmountains.com/2000/travel/center.cfm>) and then scroll down to the bottom of the page. There you will find links to various websites from the CIA Factbook to travel films.

"A mind that is stretched by a new
experience can never go back to its
old dimensions."
-Oliver Wendell Holmes

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