

# Cambodia

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## Travel Requirements

### **Passport:**

You must have a valid Passport to travel outside the U.S.

**Tip:** Make sure it has at least 6 months of validity before expiring, otherwise you may incur heavy difficulty in getting there and getting out. Coordinator knows from experience.

**Tip:** If you don't have a passport, you should allow a minimum of 3 months to obtain one. However most states will expedite one for a fee.

**Visa:** Visa cost will be about \$40 and you will get it in Siem Reap at the Airport.

### **Customs Declaration Card:**

Before arriving your destination on the airline, you will be given a Customs Declaration Card. These are to be filled out on the plane and given to the appropriate officials at the immigration and customs in the airport. You can use the school or hotel address as your main place of stay. The declaration card just wants to know where you are and what you are doing.

## Money Matters

### **Airfare:**

The cost of an average round trip ticket from Denver to Siem Reap, Cambodia runs between \$1700 - \$1900. Check multiple times with your travel agent or airlines because the prices bounce around daily just like the stock market.

The first leg of the trip we usually fly from Denver to the West Coast, approximate time 2.5 hrs flight time.

The second leg we usually fly Korean or Asiana from West Coast to Seoul, South Korea, approximate time is a refreshing 13 hrs flight time.

**Tip:** Take, meds, a change of comfortable clothing, ipod, laptop, movies and know your stretch moves. Some use natural over the counter sleep aids to help in keeping their sleep patterns on track.

## **Hotel Costs:**

Currently Phanat (The Director of the school) has an agreement with the New Riverside Hotel (<http://www.newriversidehotel.com>) nearby and a rooms currently cost about \$25 per night which includes breakfast each morning. This is a great deal, however you are welcome to find your own hotel of which there are many in Siem Reap to choose from. \*

\* You may pay your hotel bill with your credit card.

**Tip:** I would encourage you to stay at the New Riverside Hotel for a few reasons.

1. The hotel offers free tuk tuk service one way - which I use to go to school and church
2. You could walk the 7-8 blocks from the hotel to the school if need be
3. It relieves the staff from having to make many trips all over town just to transport you
4. It saves on gas money to have to transport
5. It saves you much money compared to other hotels
6. It has a restaurant inside which serves all three meals per day, is reasonably priced and has good options for foreigners.
7. The hotel offers a laundry service for about f \$1 per pound.
8. Free wi-fi that is fairly reliable. Skyping was a breeze and that makes the family seem very close each day.
9. They supply 2 bottles of water each day per room
10. Sweet, cold AC, TV, desk area, private bathroom with shower, clean and great staff

## **Expenses:**

**Tip:** Bring clean un-torn bills, they will not accept torn, colored on or written on bills. Go to the bank before traveling and get clean crisp bills, 20's and smaller are usually preferred because they give you most of your change in Khmère currency.

**Tip on Tipping:** Tipping is not necessary in Cambodia but if you feel you must, very small amounts are appreciated.

**Restaurants:** Because Siem Reap is a tourist city, there are plenty of restaurants that serve very good quality American style foods (with some slight variations) and the prices vary from inexpensive to moderately expensive by American standards. Most restaurants will accept most credit cards.

**Exchanging Money:** The great thing about Cambodia is they take good old American Greenback, but beware of change in return or you will end up with a huge amount of Cambodian money that is very cumbersome.

**Exit Fee:** Recently the government has discontinued the practice of charging an exit fee at the airport!

## **Contact Information**

When making travel plans to Siem Reap the teacher should inform the coordinator of his travel plans and the coordinator will make arrangement for the teacher to be met at the airport by staff from the school. It would be unwise to try and do this on your own.

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### **Immunizations**

Not required but some are recommended (see Cambodia Trip Packing List Link)

### **Medical Information**

See Cambodia Trip Packing List Link

### **The American Embassy**

Located in the country's state capital of Phnom Penh  
website is <http://cambodia.usembassy.gov/>

Emergency information for Americans during regular hours: 023-728-402 or  
023-728-051 or 023-728-234

Emergency information outside regular hours 023-728-000

Passport and Visa issues do not constitute Emergencies

Callers in the US can call 1-888-407-4747

**Print out the "Cambodia Trip Packing List" pdf file for more information**

## **Travel Tips:**

Many are listed on the Cambodian Trip Packing Checklist pdf file link. Just print it out and use it as a check list

- Minimize your luggage
- Pack loose fitting light weight clothing, even in rainy season.
- Comfortable walking shoes, that can get wet
- Consider going sock-less for much of your visit, as the Cambodians don't wear socks much and they get very dirty from walking around.
- You will not need an outlet converter for your devices.
- Don't drink the water!! There is plenty of bottle water for sale in Siem Reap and it is the same or even less than here in the U.S. Plan on buying a 24 pack and using it all up. This water will be used for everything, including brushing your teeth, drinking, washing your face etc. \*The New Riverside Hotel supplies 2 bottles each day included.

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