

# **Main Spots to Visit in Cambodia**

### **Banlung**

Banlung is a small northern city that will delight nature seekers with its vast forests and numerous waterfalls. Travelers can also enjoy the opportunity to meet ethnic minority farmers working in this large farmland.

### **Battambang**

Battambang, the second largest city in Cambodia, holds a unique charm thanks to its colonial buildings and different monuments scattered throughout the city, making it a renowned destination. The city is known for its beautiful landscapes and authentic surroundings.

# Kampot

Kampot, the main city of the province, overlooks the Gulf of Thailand. It is the ideal spot to visit the Bokor National Park, relax on Kep Beach, or discover the wonderful Koh Tonsay, also known as the "Rabbit Island."

### **Kompong Cham**

Located along the Mekong River, this charming and peaceful town has successfully preserved its colonial heritage. The area is also home to the Wat Nokor Temple, renowned for its Aspara sculptures, and the Cham minority villages, the third largest ethnic group in Cambodia.

### Kompong Chnang

Located in the center, at the edge of the Tonle Sap River, this small village has grown around a large fishing port. Often used as a stopover for boats cruising the river, Kompomg Chnang is an ideal spot to spend the night in a relaxed atmosphere.

## Kompong Thom

This authentic region, situated in the center of Cambodia, features one of the most important cultural heritages of the country. Among them are Phum Prasat and Sambor Prei Kuk, which contain over a hundred pre-Angkorian temples hidden deep within the jungle.

### Kratie

Situated 250 km north of Phnom Penh, this authentic region offers stunning landscapes between the banks of the Mekong River and expansive rice fields. It is home to some freshwater dolphins, which can often be seen at sunset.

#### Mondulkiri

Mondulkiri is likely the most unique province in Cambodia thanks to its low population density, spectacular nature, and the ethnic groups and tribes who reside there. The region is also famous for vigorous waterfalls, wooded hills, and pine forests that can be explored on an elephant for an unusual journey.

### Phnom Penh

Nestled majestically at the confluence of the mighty Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers, Cambodia's capital still retains its undeniable charm, with its wide tree-lined boulevard and French colonial buildings. Reflecting on its colonial past, Phnom Penh stands as a true oasis of peace, making it well worth a visit.

#### Poipet

Poitpet, a border city between Cambodia and Thailand, is a usual destination for circuits going from Phnom Penh to Bangkok. Its geographical location has contributed to its fast development, creating an original and exciting journey.



#### Preah Vihear

Preserved from mass tourism due to limited infrastructure development, the Preah Vihear region offers an opportunity for an authentic excursion. In this remote area, traveling during the dry season is highly recommended. However, the magnificent Angkor temples remain a must-see attraction.

#### Ratanakiri

This isolated and rustic province is located north of Phnom Penh and boasts different natural sites with various fauna (parrots, elephants...) and flora. In addition to these treasures, the region is also home to several traditional Kroeung villages.

#### Sambor Prei Kuk

Located 176 km east of Angkor, Sambor Prei Kuk is one of Cambodia's many archaeological sites and one of the most fascinating. The Khmer architecture, along with its specific decorative details, is rich in history and worth discovering.

### Siem Reap (Angkor)

The ancient capital of the Khmer Empire, the vast Angkor complex is one of the most beautiful archaeological and architectural sites in the world. A mixture of stone structures and jungles, the Angkor Temples have retained all their beauty and continue to stand as a testament to the grandeur of the Khmer Empire.

#### Sihanoukville

Located in the southeast of Cambodia, along-the Gulf of Thailand, Sihanoukville is the only maritime port of Cambodia. This small, green, and hilly city features beautiful white sand beaches and crystal-clear waters. Sihanoukville and its surrounding islands make a perfect stop for a beach holiday.

#### **Tonle Bati**

Situated 30 km away from Phnom Penh, this famous lake is a popular spot for locals seeking a quiet and relaxing weekend getaway. The main activities include picnicking and fishing, making it a perfect place to unwind in an exotic environment.

# **Tonle Sap Lake**

Located south of Siem Reap, Tonle Sap Lake is the largest in Southeast Asia. Beyond its size, it is also one of the most unique in the world due to its distinct ecosystem. Thanks to the lake's surface area can expand up to six times its size during the rainy season! This phenomenon adds to the uniqueness of the surrounding villages, where houses are built on stilts.