

# Cambodia

## Information for applicants

### Cambodia

Situated in South-East Asia, the Kingdom of Cambodia has around 16 million inhabitants. Cambodians are a hospitable, friendly and socially cohesive people. Cambodia borders Thailand, Laos and Viet Nam. At its core is Tonle Sap, the largest freshwater lake in South-East Asia and one that is teeming with fish. The Mekong River, one of the ten longest rivers in the world, flows in the east.

### Climate and sights

Cambodia has a tropical monsoon climate that can be divided into two seasons: From the end of May to mid-November is the rainy season. This is when 70 to 80 % of annual rainfall occurs and when air humidity can be above 90%.

The subsequent dry period is from December to April. Air humidity is less than 50 % at this time, but temperatures can go up to 40°C. The average annual temperature is around 27°C.

### Major attraction

Siem Reap and the world famous ruins of Angkor Wat.

### Medical care

With the exception of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia is considered a malaria and dengue zone (dengue also occurs in Phnom Penh). For this reason, it is important to organise mosquito protection: from

dusk until dawn, wear long-sleeved light-coloured clothing, apply mosquito repellent, use mosquito coils and nets and have emergency medication to hand. There are no immunisation regulations for people arriving directly from Germany. Germany's Federal Foreign Office (AA) does recommend checking and updating standard vaccinations in line with the current immunisation schedule of the Robert Koch Institute. This includes vaccinating against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, hepatitis A and possibly polio, mumps, measles, German measles, influenza and pneumococcal infections. Immunisation against hepatitis B, rabies, typhus and Japanese encephalitis is recommended for long-term stays in the country. As a rule, pharmacies and hospitals do not have the same level of medical equipment as in Germany (with the exception of the International SOS Medical & Dental Clinic in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap). In the event of serious illness or emergencies, it is advisable to seek medical attention in Bangkok, Thailand.

### Accommodation and quality of life

There are many different house and apartment types in Phnom Penh. You can find accommodation through a property agency, by word of mouth or by placing an advertisement. We recommend planning about three weeks for your house search. The GIZ office has a list of property renting agencies in Phnom Penh. The landlord pays the rental agency fees. For a family with two children, rent of up to US\$ 2,300 is appropriate. Most houses are already furnished but additional items of furniture can easily be purchased in local shops and markets.

## Leisure

Phnom Penh has a vibrant arts and music scene. There are many inviting galleries and concerts and film screenings are well attended. Phnom Penh has everything – from traditional art forms to pop culture and even contemporary art.

## Shopping and services

In principle, virtually all clothing, hygiene and food items can be bought in Phnom Penh, as can nearly all household, electrical and other goods.

There are several local markets that are generally open until 17:00 and a night market that sells goods on Wednesdays and Sundays as of 17:00. Furthermore, there is a growing number of supermarkets offering a diverse range of products.

There are countless opportunities to eat out in Phnom Penh, starting from traditional Khmer cuisine to Russian, Mexican or even German dishes.

## Accompanying partners

Finding a job is relatively difficult. And working under a local contract means pay will be very low. Another obstacle is the language. Most employers hire Cambodians; the same applies to foreign companies. To work for an international organisation, it is necessary to have a type B visa. Type C – which the accompanying partner uses to enter the country – can be sufficient in some cases, but this depends on the respective organisation's regulations.

## Schools and childcare

Cambodia has several good international schools (English and French).

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