

TRANSPORTATION

AIR

There are two international airports in Cambodia: **Phnom Penh International Airport** located 20 minutes from the town centre and **Siem Reap airport**, 7 km from the heart of the town. Cambodia is served by an increasing number of flights from neighboring countries. From Bangkok, there are regular daily flights to Phnom Penh, taking around an hour. **Bangkok Airways, Siem Reap Airways** and **Cambodia Angkor Air** also fly daily to Siem Reap, with slightly higher frequency in the high season of December to February.

It is also possible to fly between the major towns within Cambodia. Domestic flights offer a quick way to travel around the country. The problem is that the airlines themselves seem to come and go pretty quickly as well. There are currently three domestic airlines in Cambodia, operating flights between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap and Siem Reap and Sihanoukville. There are around seven flights a day between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap and it is usually possible to get on a flight at short notice. Book ahead in peak season. There are currently about three flights per day between Siem Reap and Sihanoukville in peak season.

- + **Bassaka Air** offers at least one flight daily between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap and Siem Reap and Sihanoukville.
- + **Cambodia Angkor Air**, the national carrier, offers four flights a day between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap and up to two flights a day between Siem Reap and Sihanoukville. Prices are higher than the competition.
- + **Cambodia Bayon Airlines** has at least one flight daily between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap and Siem Reap and Sihanoukville.

BUS

There is a basic road network, but bridges and road are in poor state of repair. Travel should be undertaken during daylight hours, and visitors should make sure to obtain reliable, up-to-date information before embarking on extensive road journeys. The bus service in Cambodia is cheap with a number of companies operating along a few routes. There are many buses each day to and from **Phnom Penh** to places like **Sihanoukville, Battambang** and **Siem Reap**. There are also many buses to and from **Phnom Penh, Siem Reap** and **Battambang** to the **Thai border at Moc Bai**. From **Phnom Penh** buses also run to **Kampot, Kompong Cham** and **Kratie**.

CAR HIRE

Cars maybe hired with drivers at rates that are only slightly more expensive than hiring a car by itself. Although it is possible to hire a car without a driver, it is not generally recommended.

CITY TRANSPORT

Taxis can be hired in main cities. However, cyclos (tricycles) or motodops (motorcycles) are an inexpensive alternative and provide a slower but charming method of exploring the cities.

TRAIN

Cambodia has two rail lines and if you want to travel around by train it is possible to do so. However the trains are extremely slow and in questionable condition, so travelers are not currently advised to use them. The rail network consists of about 645km of single-track metre-gauge lines. The 385km northwestern line, built before WWII, links Phnom Penh with Pursat and Battambang. The 254km southwestern line, which was completed in 1969, connects Phnom Penh with Takeo, Kampot and Sihanoukville. Much of the rail network was destroyed during the civil war and at present service is irregular.

BOAT

The most popular route is between **Siem Reap** and **Phnom Penh**. On an express boat this takes four hours. Additionally, fast boats maybe taken to Kompong Cham, Kratie and Stung Streng.

Boat is a popular means of transport on the Mekong and do go as far as **Strung Streng**, although the most popular ones operate on the **Tonle Sap** between Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. It's also possible to take a boat to and from **Siem Reap** to **Battambang** but the road is a much better choice. There is also a fast boat to and from **Koh Kong** and **Sihanoukville**. A bus/boat service is also available from Phnom Penh to Saigon via Chau Doc border crossing. The scenery throughout this journeys is breathtaking at times but it is an expensive means of travelling in comparison to other options while reports of overcrowding and breakdowns on the Tonle Sap lake are common.