

Spotlight on Sihanoukville



HISTORY

Sihanoukville, also known as Kampong Som, or Kampong Saom, is a port city in southern Cambodia on the Gulf of Thailand. The city was founded in 1964 and its beaches have made it popular as a tourist destination.

Prior to 1954, Cambodia maintained international sea trade via the Mekong. But the end of Indochina meant the Mekong delta reverted to the control of Vietnam. Seeking unfettered access to the ocean, plans were made to construct a new ocean port. Kampong Som was selected for water depth and ease of access.

Construction of the port and Route 4 (the road to Phnom Penh) was carried out from 1955-1960. Funds for

construction of the port came from France, and from the United States for the road. The town began as housing for workers just south of the port. Upon completion, the town was renamed Sihanoukville in honor of the King.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Taxis are available to transport you in town.

SHOPPING

Cambodia offers a wide range of souvenirs including handicrafts, stone and wooden Buddha's, embroidered cottons, precious stones and much more.

STORE HOURS

Generally, shops are open from 8:00 am to noon and from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

BANK HOURS

Banks are generally open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

The post office is located along the river, 400m south of the Grand Hotel d'Angkor.

EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, dial 117.



SIHANOUKVILLE

PORT & SHOPPING MAP



CAPITAL

The capital of Cambodia is Phnom Penh.

LOCATION

Cambodia is located in Southeast Asia, on the Indochinese peninsula. It is bordered on the North West by Thailand, on the Indochinese peninsula.

SIZE

Cambodia is approximately 69,900 square miles in size. Sihanoukville covers approximately 335 square miles.

POPULATION

Approximately 235,000 people live in Sihanoukville, Cambodia.

LANGUAGE

The official language of Cambodia is Khmer.

CURRENCY

The currency in Cambodia is the Riel.

TIME ZONE

Cambodia local time is 7 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (UK).

PLACES TO SEE

PHNOM SONTUK

Phnom Sontuk is the most important holy mountain in Cambodia's hillside. It is decorated with images of Buddha and a series of pagodas. Because it's set high above the surrounding countryside, you must climb 980 flights of stairs to reach the top.

TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

The temples of Angkor, capital of Cambodia's ancient Khmer empire, are a creative ambition and spiritual devotion. The temples of Angkor are the heart and soul of the Kingdom of Cambodia, a source of inspiration and national pride to all Khmers.

BOKOR NATIONAL PARK

The Bokor National Park features secluded waterfalls, commanding ocean views, an abandoned and eerie French hill station and exceedingly elusive animals like tigers and elephants.

