

Cambodian Village Fund Group Trip

December 2026



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in traveling with the Cambodian Village Fund (CVF). This journey is designed to give donors and friends an opportunity to experience Cambodia's culture, history, and hospitality while seeing the impact of CVF's programs firsthand. You will meet scholarship students, visit rural schools, explore Cambodia's rich cultural heritage, and spend meaningful time with the communities your support helps to empower.

Overview

Core Trip – Phnom Penh and Battambang

Core Trip Dates: December 3–15, 2026

Cost: \$1500 per person, shared double room (airfare not included)

Single Supplement: \$325 (for people traveling alone)

Arrival: Techo International Airport, Phnom Penh

Departure: Siem Reap International Airport (or transport to Techo International Airport, Phnom Penh)

Optional Extension – Siem Reap

Optional Extension: December 15–20

Cost: \$700 per person, shared double room (airfare not included)

Single Supplement: \$150 (for people traveling alone)

Departure: Siem Reap International Airport (or transport to Techo International Airport, Phnom Penh)

Payment Plan

June 1st: Make a \$500 non-refundable payment to Cambodian Village Fund.

October 1st: Pay the remainder to Cambodian Village Fund.

Itinerary

Phnom Penh

December 3-7, 2026

Make your own flight arrangements to arrive in Phnom Penh on Thursday, December 3, 2026. Keep in mind that you will cross the international dateline and lose a day in transit.

Thursday, 3 December – Arrival in Phnom Penh

After clearing passport control and customs, we will meet at Techo International Airport and transfer to the hotel by private bus. The rest of the day you are free to relax after your long flight, swim in the hotel pool, do some shopping or stroll along the riverbank.

Overnight at Okay Boutique Hotel.



Okay Boutique Hotel Rooftop Pool with City View

Friday, 4 December – Phnom Penh: Explore the City and Meet CVF Graduates (B, D)

Explore the City – Dinner with Scholarship Graduates

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free time to explore museums and temples around the city. Here are some recommended options:

- Wat Phnom Temple: <https://www.tour-cambodia.com/guide-cambodia/attraction/wat-phnom>
Wat Phnom, Phnom Penh's first pagoda, constructed in 1372, where, according to legend, Phnom Penh was founded.
- Sra'Art Modern Art Gallery: <https://www.sraartstudios.com/>
- Sosoro Museum of Economy and Money: <https://sosoro.nbc.gov.kh/>

Dinner with CVF scholarship graduates living in Phnom Penh at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Okay Boutique Hotel.

Saturday, 5 December – Phnom Penh: History of Genocide (B, L, D)

Genocide Museum S-21 – Killing Fields

Today we'll visit Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S-21), chronicling the Cambodian genocide. The site is a former high school, which was used as the notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21) by the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979. Tuol Sleng, just one of at least 150 prisons established by the Khmer Rouge, was the largest center of incarceration and torture.
Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, we'll visit Choeung Ek, known as the Killing Fields. The site, about 11 miles south of Phnom Penh, was once an orchard before it became a mass grave of victims of the Khmer Rouge. During their reign, the Khmer Rouge regime executed over one million people between 1975 and 1979. Mass graves containing 8,895 bodies were discovered at Choeung Ek after the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime. Many of the dead were former political prisoners who were kept by the Khmer Rouge in their Tuol Sleng detention center. Today, Choeung Ek is a memorial, marked by a Buddhist stupa, filled with more than 5,000 human skulls.

In the afternoon, you will have time to relax at the hotel, stroll along the riverside park, explore the iconic art-deco Central Market, or shop at some of Phnom Penh's high-end shops.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Okay Boutique Hotel.

Sunday, 6 December – Phnom Penh: Arts and Culture (B, L, D)

Royal Palace – National Museum – Champey
Academy of Arts Performance

Visit to the Royal Palace with its Silver Pagoda. Named for its silver tiled floor, it houses a collection of priceless Buddhist and historical objects including the "Emerald Buddha."

The National Museum is one of the world's largest collections of Khmer art, including sculptural, ceramics, bronzes, and ethnographic objects. Its collection includes over 14,000 items, from prehistoric times to periods before, during and after the Khmer Empire. At its height the Khmer Empire stretched from Thailand, across present-day Cambodia, to southern Vietnam.



Watch a performance at Champey Academy Arts.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Okay Boutique Hotel.

Monday, 7 December – Phnom Penh to Battambang (B, L)

Travel – Free Time

We will travel to Battambang, the western-most province of Cambodia. Famous for its rice plantations and tropical fruits, it's known as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. More than just a natural resource, the province is known for its ancient temples, French colonial architecture, and arts and culture scene.

After checking into our hotel, you'll have time to relax and swim in the hotel pool, stroll along the riverside park, and explore the city.

Here are some recommendations of local dinner restaurants:

- Lok Ov Pok: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Z7ZxixK5tavrZwTa7>
- The Fringe: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5wSqFmGhSMrCF3CF8>
- Manna Restaurant: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6UkVjKHX1veVup5u7>
- Kinyei Cafe: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tYqfQca6Caa8WC4i7>
- Green Mango: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/T8qF4AUxpQ8CYVAN7>

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.



Bambu Battambang Hotel

Battambang

December 7-15, 2026

Tuesday, 8 December – Battambang: Buddhism, Peace Gallery, and CVF Dormitory (B, L, D)

SBUBB Buddhism Talk – Peace Gallery – CVF
Dormitory

Board Member Venerable Vy Sovechea, the President of SBUBB (a public Buddhist university), will facilitate a presentation about Buddhism in Cambodia.

After lunch, we will travel to the Peace Gallery, a museum that explores Cambodia's journey from genocide to peace.

Then, we will tour the CVF dormitory and meet the scholarship students. We will eat dinner together on the dormitory terrace and enjoy the sunset views.

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.



Wednesday, 9 December – Battambang: Village Day 1 (B, L, D)

CVF Schools and Programs – Lunch in the Village – Dinner at Jaan Bai

We will drive 30 minutes to Prey Touch Commune, where our public school buildings and programs are located. After a tour of our schools and a special celebration, we will eat lunch at the house of Nem Vanna, Assistant Principal of Bill and Nancy Kaun Khlong Primary School. His wife, Kosal, will cook us a wonderful Khmer meal.

We will meet for dinner at Jaan Bai, a local upscale Khmer restaurant.

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.

Thursday, 10 December – Battambang: Optional Volunteer Day 1 (B)

Volunteering – Tourist Activities – Free

Option 1: Tuk-tuk tour of Ek Phnom Temple and Artisan Market – Banan Temple hike – Bamboo train

Option 2: Volunteering with Afterschool Programs or Scholarship Program (4-6 people)

Program Director Zion Dyson will work with you to arrange a volunteer activity, such as teaching, teacher training, or leading a workshop. She will arrange transportation in her car and help facilitate the event.

- Scholarship Program Workshop: Evening
- Health Workshop: Anytime
- English Language Program: 5pm-7pm
- Computer Lab Program: 3pm-6pm
- Science Program: 3pm-5pm

Here are some recommendations of local lunch restaurants:

- Romchei 5 Artspace & Cafe (eat and tour the art museum): <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6kJkAaUHWuFBb3ws8>
- Cafe HOC: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VQS84n6XuqSqJpPh6>
- Kinyei Cafe: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tYqfQca6Caa8WC4i7>

Dinner on your own.

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.

Friday, 11 December – Battambang: Optional Volunteer Day 2 (B)

Volunteering – Tourist Activities – Free

Option 1: Tuk-tuk tour of Ek Phnom Temple and Artisan Market – Banan Temple hike – Bamboo train

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- English Language Program: 5pm-7pm
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Dinner on your own.

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.

Saturday, 12 December – Battambang: Phare Tour and Circus Show (B, L, D)

Workshop at Phare Ponleu Selpak – Circus Show

Phare Ponleu Selpak is a non-profit arts and circus school that empowers children, youth, and communities through artistic, educational, and social support programs. We will get a behind-the-scenes tour of their programs, and watch a circus show alongside CVF scholarship students.

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.

Sunday, 13 December – Battambang: Village Day 2 and Party (B, D)

Village Home Visits – Annual Party

We will take vans to the village and tour scholarship students' homes, meet their parents and get an in-person look at the communities we serve.



We will return to Battambang, have lunch on our own, and rest.

We will celebrate 20 years of CVF at our annual party, bringing together donors, staff, friends, graduates, and scholarship students for a magical evening of fun.

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.

Monday, 14 December – Battambang: Bat Caves and Farewell (B, D)

Sampov Mountain – Killing Caves – Bat Migration

Morning is free, enjoying leisure time in Battambang. Lunch on your own.

In the afternoon, we will meet and take tuk-tuks to Sampov Mountain, the Bat Cave. We will hike or drive up the mountain to the Killing Caves and pagodas. At sunset, we will return to the base of the mountain to watch over 6 million bats leave the cave.



Farewell dinner at Gecko Restaurant.

Overnight at Bambu Battambang Hotel.

Tuesday, 15 December – Battambang: Departure (B)

Travel to Airport or Siem Reap Optional Extension

We will arrange transportation to Siem Reap (recommended) or Phnom Penh for your flight home.

Cost Overview: Phnom Penh and Battambang

Price includes the following services:

- Airport transfers in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap
- Private transportation (air conditioned minivan or bus)
- Sightseeing with CVF staff and English speaking guide
- Meals as program above with one soft drink or beer included (additional drinks not included): 12 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 8 Dinners
- Accommodations
- All fees, admission, and tickets to the sites and performances shown in program above
- Private taxi or minibus transfer from Phnom Penh to Battambang
- Private taxi or minibus transfer from Battambang to Phnom Penh or Siem Reap
- Drinking water provided on tours
- Arrival welcome jasmine garland

NOT INCLUDED:

- Arrival Visa Fee (\$30/Pax)
- Insurance
- All drinks over the one provided drink during meals
- Tips for guide and driver
- Personal Expenses
- All Air-Tickets
- Optional and recommended visits in the program above and others not mentioned

Siem Reap: Optional Extension

December 15-20, 2026

Tuesday, 15 December – Battambang to Siem Reap (B)

Travel – Free

Free time to enjoy Siem Reap. Consider taking a stroll along the river, shopping at the Siem Reap Art Center Night Market, or exploring the night life of Pub Street.

Here are some recommended local restaurants and bars:

- Golden Pumpkin Restaurant: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/E3kDbrGoaRjeC8j26>
- Pomme Restaurant Brewhouse: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/58XsiXJiP1kUbQFo7>
- Wild: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yT4hGt8qM8tfiaLV7>
- Embassy by Chef Kimsan (Khmer fine dining experience):
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Frj2pRcNe4qDrn3m7>
- Asana Old Wooden House Cocktail Bar (Craft Khmer-style cocktails near Pub Street):
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/CSAmje7GRnaGejtd6>

Overnight at Savada Angkor Boutique Hotel.

Wednesday, 16 December – Siem Reap: Angkor Wat and Dance Performance (B, L, D)

Angkor Wat – Dinner Apsara show

We will explore the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, stopping at multiple temples throughout the massive complex.

In the evening, we will watch an Apsara dance show over dinner.

Thursday, 17 December – Siem Reap: Distant Temples (B, L, D)

Banteay Srei – Landmine Museum –
Banteay Samre – Beng Mealea

We will explore the intricately designed temples of Banteay Srei, Banteay Samre, and Beng Mealea. We will also visit the landmine museum to learn more about Cambodia's history of genocide and demining efforts.



Friday, 18 December – Siem Reap: Arts and Culture (B, L, D)

Wat Thmey – Old Market – Artisans Angkor – Tonle Sap Floating Village for Sunset

We will learn more about the Khmer Rouge Genocide at Wat Thmey, a concentration camp and killing field. Then, we will head to the Old Market.

Next, we will go to Artisans Angkor, a market where you can buy handmade goods that sustain artisanal practices.

Finally, we will take a boat excursion on the Tonle Sap Great Lake to visit the Kampong Phluk floating village, and see how a community lives in harmony with the water. There we will watch the sunset over the Tonle Sap lake, the largest lake in Southeast Asia.

Saturday, 19 December – Siem Reap: Phnom Kulen National Park (B, L, D)

Kulen Mountain

We will take an excursion to holy Kulen Mountain, where the Angkor era began. We'll see thousands of lingas (a symbol of the Hindu god, Shiva), the large reclining Buddha, and the waterfall where we can take a dip in the cool water.

Sunday, 20 December – Siem Reap: Departure (B)

Siem Reap-Angkor Int'l Airport

We will arrange your transportation to the airport and say farewell.

Cost Overview: Siem Reap Optional Extension

Price includes the following services:

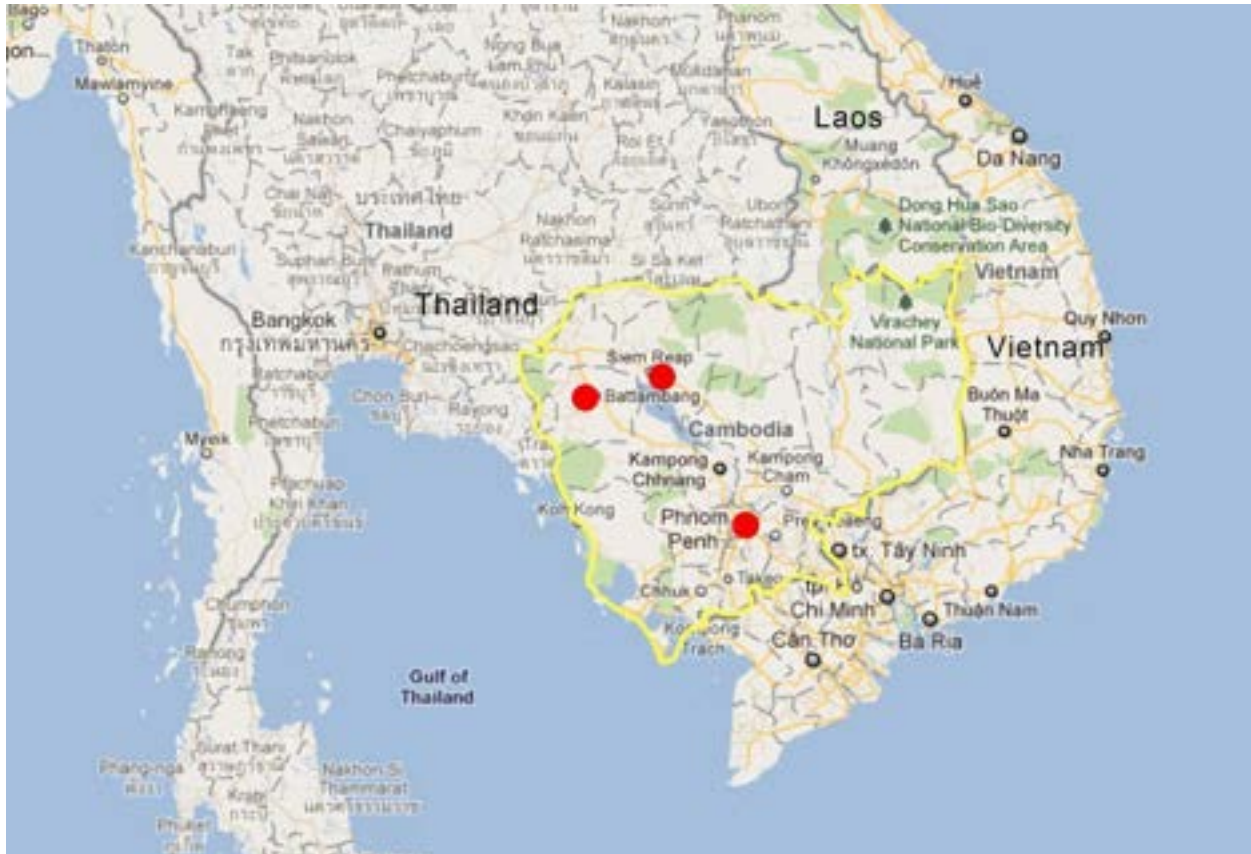
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- Drinking water provided on tours
- Arrival welcome jasmine garland

NOT INCLUDED:

- Arrival Visa Fee (\$30/Pax)
- Insurance
- Drinks
- Tips for guide and driver
- Personal Expenses
- All Air-Tickets
- Optional and recommended visits in the program above and others not mentioned

Map of Cambodia Showing Itinerary

December 3-7	Phnom Penh
December 7-15	Battambang
December 15-20	Optional Siem Reap Extension



Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not compulsory and depends on the level of service you receive. The following are guidelines.

Guide: \$3-\$5/Person/Day

Driver: \$3-\$5/ Person /Day

Hotel maid: \$1-2/ Person/Day (The Bambu Battambang Hotel has a tip box where you can leave the tip for your entire stay at the end. It will be shared equally among all staff.)

Porter: \$1-2/ Person

Hotel Information

Phnom Penh, December 3-7

Okay Boutique Hotel, Phnom Penh

Royal Palace & National Museum Area, 174, Street St 19z, Phnom Penh

Phone: +855 (0) 23 979 666

Website: <http://www.okay-boutiquehotel.com/>

Battambang, December 7-15

Bambu Battambang Hotel

Phum Romchek 5, Sangkat Rottanak, KO Street, Battambang

Tel: +855 (0) 53 953 900

Website: <http://www.bambuhotel.com/>

Siem Reap Optional Extension, December 15-20

Savada Angkor Boutique Hotel

Chun Lung Village, 10 Makara Road, Krong Siem Reap 17254

Tel: +855 (0) 77 252 202

Website: <https://www.savadaangkor.com/>