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## EVENT CALENDAR 2026

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# JANUARY

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## NEW YEAR DAY

**National Holiday in Cambodia – January 1**

Tip for Travelers: Join locals at pagodas to receive traditional blessings and offer prayers for good luck at the start of the year.

## VICTORY OVER THE GENOCIDAL REGIME

**National Holiday in Cambodia – January 7**

Tip for Travelers: Visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum or the Choeung Ek Killing Fields in Phnom Penh to gain deeper insight into Cambodia's history, resilience, and path to recovery.

## ULTRA-TRAIL ANGKOR MARATHON

**Annual International Sport Event – Siem Reap – January 17 to 19**

Tip for Travelers: Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for an adventure, you can sign up and enjoy the trail that winds through the breathtaking landscapes, natures and ancient temples of Angkor.

## BON DA LIEN (CAMBODIAN HARVEST FESTIVAL)

**Traditional Festival – Nationwide – January (Dates vary by region)**

Tip for Travelers: Experience Cambodia's rich agricultural traditions through Bon Da Lien, a celebration of gratitude for a bountiful harvest. Enjoy lively music, folk dances, and local delicacies while joining villagers in their colorful festivities.

## ASEAN Tourism Forum

**The Philippines 28-30 January**

Tip For Travelers: Join the largest and most important annual tourism event in Southeast Asia

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# FEBRUARY

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## MEAK BOCHEA DAY
**Buddhist Holy Day – Nationwide - February 2**

Tip for Travelers: Join Buddhist devotees as they gather at temples to commemorate the Buddha's teachings. Witness candlelit processions, serene chanting, and spiritual rituals that offer a glimpse into Cambodia's deep-rooted religious traditions.

## ANGKOR PHOTO FESTIVAL
**Annual Photography Festival – Siem Reap – February 12-16**

Tip for Travelers: Explore powerful visual storytelling through exhibitions, outdoor screenings, and artist talks—all set against the stunning backdrop of Siem Reap. A must-attend for photography lovers and curious minds alike.

## OUTBOUND TRAVEL MART
**Mumbai - India -5-7 February**

Tip for Travelers: Join B2B Tourism Exhibition Where international Destinations and Travel Suppliers meet with outbound travel buyers such as travel agencies, Tour Operators, MICE Planner, Corporate Travel managers.

## GIANT PUPPET PARADE
**Annual Community Art Event – Siem Reap – February 22**

Tip for Travelers: Don't miss this magical nighttime parade where giant, illuminated puppets light up the streets of Siem Reap in a vibrant celebration of creativity, culture, and community spirit.

## THE LAKE BANGKONG ANNUAL CEREMONIAL FISHING EVENT
**Traditional Cultural Event – Siem Reap - February 8**

Tip for Travelers: Witness or take part in this unique community gathering where locals fish together using traditional techniques—a celebration of abundance, unity, and Cambodian rural heritage.

## THE GALA NIGHT FOR KHMER TRADITIONAL SKIRTS
**Annual Fashion and Design Showcase – Siem Reap – February 24**

Tip for Travelers: Experience Cambodia's cultural elegance by joining locals in wearing the traditional Sampot. It's a great way to celebrate Khmer identity, support local artisans, and snap unforgettable photos in traditional style

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## 8 MARCH WOMEN'S RUN – 10KM

**(Annual Sport Event – Phnom Penh - March 8)**

Tip for Travelers: Join the empowering atmosphere of this 10KM run through the heart of Phnom Penh—open to all in celebration of women's strength, unity, and achievement. A memorable way to mark International Women's Day in Cambodia!

## ANGKOR EQUINOX

**(Natural Phenomenon – Angkor Wat, Siem Reap – March 21-23)**

Tip for Travelers: Witness a rare celestial event as the rising sun aligns perfectly with the central tower of Angkor Wat a breathtaking moment that draws photographers, spiritual seekers, and sunrise chasers from around the world.

## KEP HALF MARATHON

**(Annual Sport Event – Kep - March 8 (TBC))**

Tip for Travelers: Take part in the scenic Kep Half Marathon, set along Cambodia's stunning coastline and lush countryside. This charity event supports local causes and offers a festive atmosphere with activities for both runners and spectators.

## CAMBODIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (CIFF)

**Annual Film Event – Phnom Penh – March 21 to 29 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Catch a diverse selection of international and Cambodian films screened across movie theatres in Phnom Penh. It's a great opportunity to engage with filmmakers, explore Cambodia's emerging film scene, and experience the city's creative pulse.

## RIVER FESTIVAL

**(Annual Rotating Provincial Festival – Kratie Province - March 27 to 29 )**

Tip for Travelers: Celebrate Cambodia's deep connection to its rivers with boat races, cultural performances, food fairs, and traditionalgames. Each year, a different riverside province hosts the festival offering a unique way to explore local life.

## SIHANOUKVILLE INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON

**Annual International Sport Event – Sihanoukville – March 22**

Tip for Travelers: Run along Cambodia's scenic coastline in this energizing half marathon that combines fitness with stunning sea views. Whether you're a seasoned runner or a casual participant, enjoy ocean breeze, and a rewarding finish near the beach.

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## BONN PHUM (VILLAGE FESTIVAL)

**Annual Cultural Festival – Phnom Penh/Kandal (TBC) - First Weekend of April**

Tip for Travelers: Step into a joyful reimagining of traditional Cambodian village life—complete with folk games, local food, live music, and nostalgic art installations. Organized by PlerngKob, BonnPhum is the perfect mix of heritage and modern creativity.

## ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF FINE ARTS STUDENT ARTS EXHIBITION

**Annual Creative Showcase – Phnom Penh - April 8 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Discover the next generation of Cambodian artists through this vibrant exhibition of paintings, sculptures, and performances. A great chance to support young talent and gain fresh perspectives on Cambodia's evolving art scene.

## KHMER NEW YEAR (CHOUL CHNAM THMEY)

**Major National Holiday – Celebrated Across Cambodia – April 14-16**

Tip for Travelers: Celebrate Cambodia's biggest and most joyful festival with water plays, traditional games, pagoda visits, and cultural performances. Head to cities like Siem Reap or Battambang for vibrant street celebrations, or visit pagodas for a more spiritual experience. Pack light, waterproof clothing—it's going to be a splash!

## NOKOR SANGKRANTA

**Major Cultural Festival-Phnom Penh-14-19 April 2026**

Tip for Travelers: Features traditional dances, cultural performances, and games to highlight Khmer identity and support communities

## ACTS OF MEMORY – SEASON OF CAMBODIA FESTIVAL

**Artistic and Cultural Showcase – Phnom Penh – April 26 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Experience powerful performances, exhibitions, and conversations by Cambodian artists exploring memory, identity, and resilience. "Acts of Memory" is a highlight of the Season of Cambodia Festival, connecting tradition and contemporary expression through art that moves and inspires.

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## START OF GREEN SEASON IN CAMBODIA

**Starting high season in Cambodia with very good weather and enjoyable memoriesip**

Tip For Travelers: Taking advantage of Green season discounts on hotels and tours while visiting temples like Angkor Wat early for fewer crowds and cooler weather.

## ROYAL PLOUGHING CEREMONY

**National Holiday – Celebrated Across Cambodia – May 5**

Tip For Travelers: Witness this sacred royal ceremony that marks the start of the rice-growing season in Cambodia. Featuring traditional costumes, royal oxen, and symbolic predictions for the harvest, it's a rare glimpse into Cambodia's spiritual connection to agriculture and the monarchy.

## AUSTRALIAN TOURISM EXCHANGE

**Adelaide - Australia - May 10-14**

Tip For Travelers: Join B2B travel trade event where Australian Tourism business meet with international buyers to sell Australian as travel destination

## KING NORODOM SIHAMONI'S BIRTHDAY

**National Holiday – Phnom Penh - May 14**

Tip for Travelers: Celebrate this royal occasion with locals as public buildings are adorned with flags and portraits of the King. Head to Royal Palace Park in Phnom Penh, where floral displays, light shows, and a spectacular fireworks show in the evening mark the occasion.

## GUANGZHOU INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FAIR

**Guangzhou - China -May 21 - 23**

Tip For Travelers: a major annual international tourism trade fair held in Guangzhou, China It's one of the longest running and most influential travel industry exhibitions in China and the Asia-Pacific region.

## VISAK BOCHEA DAY

**Buddhist Religious Holiday-Celebrated Nationwide - May 22**

Tip for Travelers: Join locals in observing one of Buddhism's most sacred days, marking the birth, enlightenment, and passing of Lord Buddha. Visit pagodas like Wat Phnom or Wat Langka to witness candlelight processions, offerings, and peaceful prayers. It's a deeply spiritual day—dress respectfully and embrace the calm.

## PHNOM PENH DESIGNERS WEEK

**Annual Fashion and Design Showcase – Phnom Penh – May 30 to 31 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Discover Cambodia's emerging fashion scene through runway shows, pop-up exhibitions, and creativecollaborations featuring both local and regional designers. A stylish way to experience Phnom Penh's growing reputationas a hub for contemporary art, culture, and design.

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## PHNOM PENH INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON

**Annual International Sport Event – Phnom Penh – June 14**

Tip for Travelers: Race through the heart of Cambodia's capital, passing iconic landmarks like the Royal Palace, Wat Phnom, and the scenic riverside. Open to all levels, this event combines fitness, culture, and charity—making it a meaningful and memorable way to experience Phnom Penh.

## QUEEN MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

**National Holiday – Phnom Penh - June 18**

Tip for Travelers: Celebrate this royal occasion as Cambodia honors the beloved Queen Mother. Head to Royal Palace Parkin Phnom Penh, where floral displays, light shows, and a spectacular fireworks show in the evening mark the occasion.

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## RUN WITH SAI: PREAH VIHEAR TEMPLE RUN

**Cultural Running Event – Preah Vihear - July 5 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Lace up for a one-of-a-kind race through the majestic landscape surrounding Preah Vihear Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Whether you're running for the challenge or the view, this event blends sport, heritage, and nature in one unforgettable experience. Don't forget your camera—sunrise here is spectacular!

## ANNIVERSARY OF PREAH VIHEAR TEMPLE'S

**UNESCO World Heritage Listing Commemorative Day – Preah Vihear - July 7**

Tip for Travelers: Mark the anniversary of Cambodia's iconic Preah Vihear Temple being inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008. Travel to the site to witness cultural performances, traditional blessings, and community-led celebrationsthat honour this architectural marvel perched high in the Dangrek Mountains.

## ANNIVERSARY OF SAMBOR PREI KUK TEMPLE AREA

**UNESCO World Heritage Listing Commemorative Day – Kampong Thom - July 8**

Tip for Travelers: Visit Sambor Prei Kuk to explore the ancient capital of the Chenla Kingdom, dating back to the 6th and 7th centuries. Wander among its well-preserved brick temples, intricate carvings, and peaceful forest surroundings for an unforgettable cultural experience.

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## ANGKOR EMPIRE MARATHON

**Annual International Running Event – Siem Reap – August 2**

Tip for Travelers: Run through history at one of the world's most breathtaking racecourses—winding past ancient temples like Angkor Wat, Bayon, and Ta Prohm. Whether you choose the full marathon, half, or fun run, this unique event combines endurance with awe-inspiring cultural scenery. Register early and stay for sunrise!

## CAMBO AGROTECH

**Annual Trade Fair – Phnom Penh – August 6 to 9 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Ideal for agribusiness professionals and curious visitors, this exhibition showcases the latest in foodtech, machinery, agri-automation, and sustainability. Held alongside fairs like CAMBO FOODTECH and CAMBO P&E LIGHT, it's a comprehensive look into Cambodia's evolving agricultural and industrial landscape.

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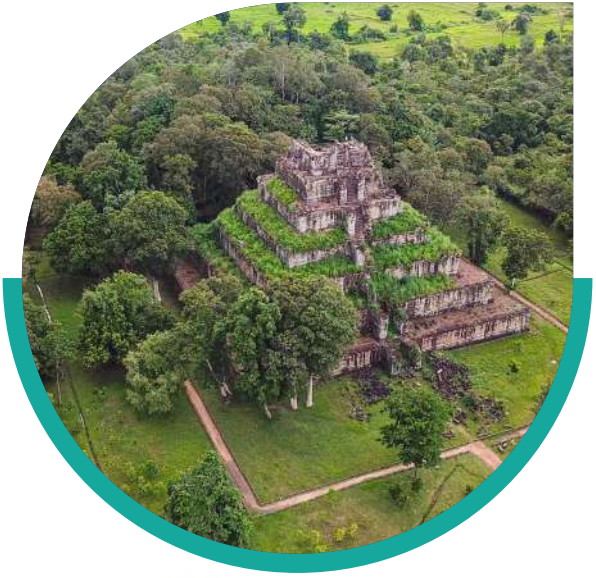
# SEPTEMBER



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## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPO HCMC

**Ho Chi Minh - Viet Nam - September 3-5**

Tip For Travelers: a major annual international tourism trade fair held in Ho Chi Minh City Viet Nam. It's one of the largest and most influential travel industry events in Viet Nam and Mekong sub-region.

## ANNIVERSARY OF KOH KER TEMPLE'S UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LISTING

**Commemorative Day – September 17 | Preah Vihear Province**

Tip for Travelers: Celebrate the UNESCO recognition of Koh Ker, Cambodia's ancient capital during the 10th century, officially listed in 2023. Mark the occasion with a visit to its iconic pyramid temple and surrounding ruins, often accompanied by local cultural performances and community-led events. A perfect time to explore this remote and majestic archaeological treasure.

## ANGKOR EQUINOX

**Natural Phenomenon – Angkor Wat, Siem Reap – September 21 to 23**

Tip for Travelers: Witness a rare celestial event as the rising sun aligns perfectly with the central tower of Angkor Wat—a breathtaing moment that draws photographers, spiritual seekers, and sunrise chasers from around the world.

## TOURISM EXPO JAPAN

**Tokyo - Japan - September - 24 - 27**

Tip for Travelers: Tourism Expo Japan (TEJ) 2026 is a major global travel trade event scheduled for September 24–27, 2026, at Tokyo Big Sight in Japan. As one of the world's largest tourism forums, it unites professionals, exhibitors from over 80 countries, and regional representatives to promote sustainable tourism, business meetings, and industry growth.

## WORLD TOURISM DAY

**Global Tourism Celebration – Siem Reap – September 27**

Tip for Travelers: Join festivities in Siem Reap with traditional arts performances, local cultural showcases, and merchandise and craftstalls. Often hosted alongside community parades, it's a great way to engage with Cambodia's tourism sector andcreative talent in a festive setting.

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# OCTOBER

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## PCHUM BEN

**Festival & National Religious Holiday – Across Cambodia - October 10 to 12**

Tip for Travelers: Join Cambodians in honoring their deceased relatives during Pchum Ben, a sacred time when food offerings, prayers, and reflection bring families together. Visit pagodas early especially on the final day to observe traditionalblessing and celebrations. Respectful attire and quiet participation are appreciated.

## CORONATION DAY

**National Holiday – Phnom Penh – October 29**

Tip for Travelers: Marking the coronation of His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni in 2004, this day is observed with royal ceremonies, religious blessings, and tributes to the monarchy. While celebrations are generally formal and reserved, visitors in Phnom Penh can witness official events near the Royal Palace, including traditional music and flag displays.

## COMMEMORATION OF THE LATE KING FATHER

**National Holiday – Phnom Penh - October 15**

Tip for Travelers: This solemn day marks the passing of His Majesty King Father Norodom Sihanouk, a beloved figure in Cambodia's modern history. Expect ceremonial offerings at statues and roya l landmarks, particularly at the Independence Monument and Royal Palace in Phnom Penh.

## SMILE OF ANGKOR

**Annual Cultural Festival – Siem Reap – October 29 to 30 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Celebrate Cambodia's rich heritage at the Smile of Cambodia festival, held in front of Angkor Wat. This two-day cultural extravaganza features grand parades, traditional dance performances, exhibitions of Khmer cuisine, clothing, and arts, and a parade honoring past Angkor kings.

## AIA PINK RUN

**Running Event – Phnom Penh – October 18 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Join the AIA Pink Run to support breast cancer awareness and early detection initiatives in Cambodia. The event features a sea of participants in pink, and a lively atmosphere filled with music, activities, and community spirit.

## END OF GREEN SEASON IN CAMBODIA

Raining and Fresh Season starting from May

Tip For Travelers: Taking advantage of Green season discounts on hotels and tours while visiting temples like Angkor Wat early for fewer crowds and cooler weather.

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## CAMBODIA NATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

**Annual Film Event – Phnom Penh – First Week of November**

Tip for Travelers: Explore Cambodia's vibrant emerging film scene at the National Short Film Festival, organized by the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts. Held at city cinemas, the festival screens short films made by Cambodian filmmakers.

## S'ART URBAN ART FESTIVAL

**Annual Creative Showcase – Battambang - November 3 to 8**

Tip for Travelers: Explore this vibrant week-long festival that transforms Battambang into an open-air gallery filled with stunning murals, street art, and immersive performances.

## NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

**National Holiday – Celebrated Across Cambodia – November 9**

Tip for Travelers: Witness the national spirit come alive with a ceremonial flag-raising and the lighting of a memorial flame at Phnom Penh's Independence Monument. As night falls, gather along the Chatomuk Riverbank to enjoy a spectacular fire

## 20TH FRANCOPHONIE SUMMIT

**Major International Summit – Siem Reap – November 14**

Tip for Travelers: Celebrate a historic moment as Cambodia hosts the 20th Francophonie Summit, welcoming leaders, diplomats, and artists from French-speaking countries around the world. Expect cultural exhibitions, public forums, and art showcases celebrating global diversity and Cambodia's Francophone heritage.

## BON OM TOUK (WATER FESTIVAL)

**Major National Holiday - Phnom Penh - November 23 to 25**

Tip for Travelers: Don't miss Cambodia's most vibrant and exhilarating festival, celebrated over three days. The heart of the celebration is in Phnom Penh, where hundreds of brightly colored longboats race along the Tonlé Sap River, cheered by tens of thousands of locals and visitors lining the riverbanks.

## ANNIVERSARY OF KHMER SHADOW THEATRE LISTED IN UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE ANDHUMANITY

**Commemorative Day - November 25**

Tip for Travelers: This day marks the UNESCO inscription of Sbek Thom—Khmer shadow puppet theatre. It's a chance to explore this sacred performance art rooted in the Reamker epic.

## TINI TINOU CIRCUS FESTIVAL

**Annual Cultural Festival - Phnom Penh - November 22 to 27 (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: A vibrant circus arts festival organized by Phare Ponleu Selpak, Cambodia's renowned arts school in Battambang. This biennial event brings together global and Cambodian circus artists for six days filled with creativity and joys.

## BONNPHUM ON THE MOVE

**Cultural Festival - Preah Vihear - November (TBC)**

Tip for Travelers: Enjoy live performances, interactive workshops, traditional games, and local delicacies in a lively, community driven atmosphere.

## ANNIVERSARY OF LKHON KHOL OF WAT SVAY ANDET LISTED IN UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HUMANITY

**Commemorative Day - November 28**

Tip for Travelers: This day commemorates the UNESCO inscription of Lkhon Khol of Wat Svay Andet, Cambodia's traditional masked theatre, on November 28, 2018—an art deeply rooted in the Reamker epic.

## ANNIVERSARY OF KUN LBOKATOR LISTED IN UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HUMANITY

**Commemorative Day - November 29**

Tip for Travelers: This date marks the official inscription of Kun Lbokator, the ancient Khmer martial art, on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in November 2022.

## ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEI DANG VENG LISTED IN UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HUMANITY

**Commemorative Day - November 30**

Tip for Travelers: This date commemorates the inscription of Chapei Dang Veng, Cambodia's traditional storytelling lute music, onto UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding on November 30, 2016.

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# DECEMBER

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## ANNIVERSARY OF TUG OF WAR LISTED IN UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HUMANITY

**Commemorative Day - December 2**

**Tip for Travelers:** This date marks the UNESCO inscription of Tugging Rituals and Games—Cambodia's traditional Lbaeng Teanh Prot on December 2, 2015.

## ANNIVERSARY OF KRAMA KHMER (KHMER SCARF) LISTED IN UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HUMANITY

**Commemorative Day - December 4**

**Tip for Travelers:** This day marks the UNESCO recognition of Krama, Cambodia's iconic checkered scarf, inscribed on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2024. Visit public markets like Central Market or Toul Tompong (Russian Market) in Phnom Penh for a wide selection—coton and silk types available.

## SEA FESTIVAL

**Major Coastal Tourism Festival – Annval-Event - Koh Kong 2 to 14 December (TBC)**

**Tip for Travelers:** Celebrate Cambodia's vibrant coastline at the annual Sea Festival, rotating between Kep, Kampot, Koh Kong, and Sihanoukville. Expect thrilling beach sports, cultural shows, concerts, fireworks, and local food fairs.

## ANGKOR INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON

**Annual International Sport Event – Siem Reap - December 6 (TBC)**

**Tip for Travelers:** Join tens of thousands of participants from around the world for an unforgettable run through ancient temples and forested paths. This iconic race supports meaningful causes, including child healthcare and vital community programs.

## ANGKOR THANKSGIVING

**Annual Event – Siem Reap – December 7 to 16**

**Tip for Travelers:** It's free for the public, though normal park entry applies, and offers a moving blend of cultural ceremonies, performances, and heritage education.

## ANNIVERSARY OF ANGKOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK LISTED IN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

**Commemorative Day - December 14**

**Tip for Travelers:** Mark the anniversary of Cambodia's most iconic heritage site by exploring the ancient temples of Angkor. From sunrise at Angkor Wat to intricate carvings at Bayon and Ta Prohm, the park offers an unforgettable journey through history and architecture.

## CHUMNOR ARTS FESTIVAL

**Annual Community & Arts Festival – Battambang - 15 to 17 December (TBC)**

**Tip for Travelers:** Participate in this vibrant three-day celebration showcasing Battambang's creative spirit. Expect live art exhibitions, street performances, and fashion shows led by local painters, dancers, costume designers, and Phare Ponleu Selpak performers.

## NATIONAL BOOK FAIR

**Annual Book Fair – Phnom Penh – December 17 to 20 (TBC)**

**Tip for Travelers:** Discover Cambodia's literary scene at the National Book Fair, where publishers, authors, and readers come together to celebrate books and knowledge.

## CELEBRATING CAMBODIA (SATOR KAMPUCHEA)

**Celebration - Phnom Penh - December 31**

**Tip for Travelers:** Join the year-end festivities with a cultural and arts parade, showcasing vibrant traditional costumes, dance, and music. As night falls, enjoy a lively street food scene, dazzling light shows, and a spectacular fireworks display.

# TOURISM MAP OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

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**TOURISM FOR ALL, ALL FOR TOURISM**

**TOURISM GROWS IN PEACE**

**EACH PERSON IS A BRAND AMBASSADOR FOR CAMBODIA'S TOURISM**