

Cambodia

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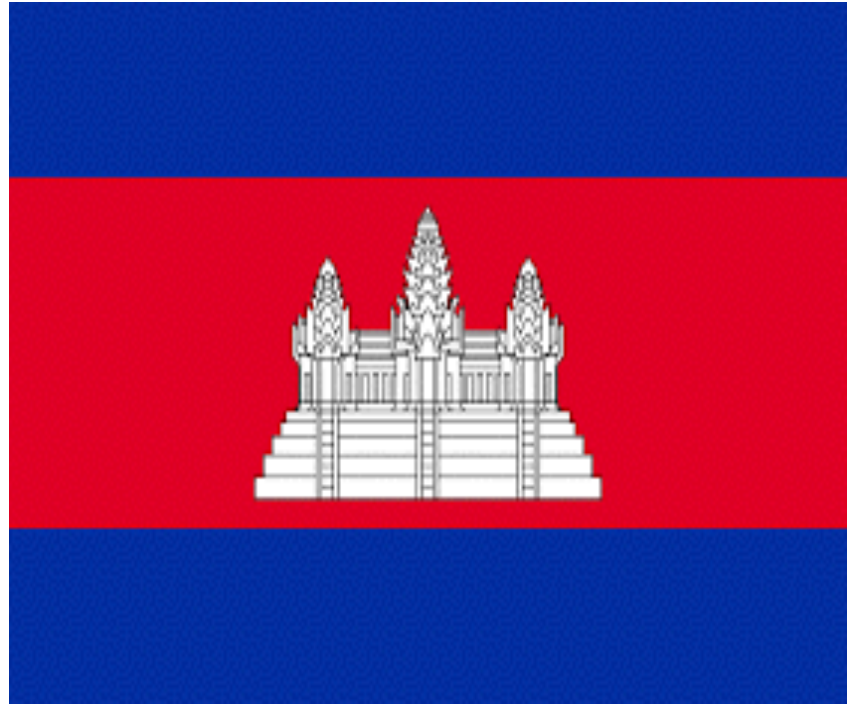
Location

Cambodia is a country that is located in southeast Asia. It is on the Indochinese mainland and it has plains as well as great rivers. There are also river trade routes linking China to India and southeast Asia.



Flag

The white architecture in the middle of the flag is actually Angkor Wat which represents justice, heritage, and integrity. The blue and red on the flag symbolizes the bravery of the nation, liberty, cooperation, and brotherhood.



Culture

The culture in Cambodia is Khmer. Khmer is also referred to as Cambodian or Kampuchean. Smaller groups of Khmer live in Southeastern Thailand and the Mekong (Asian river) in southern Vietnam. One of their major holidays they celebrate is Victory over Genocide, which is the day the Vietnamese came and began an assault ending in the Khmer regime. The Khmer regime was an attempt at creating a “master race” This picture is a celebration of “Victory over Genocide day”



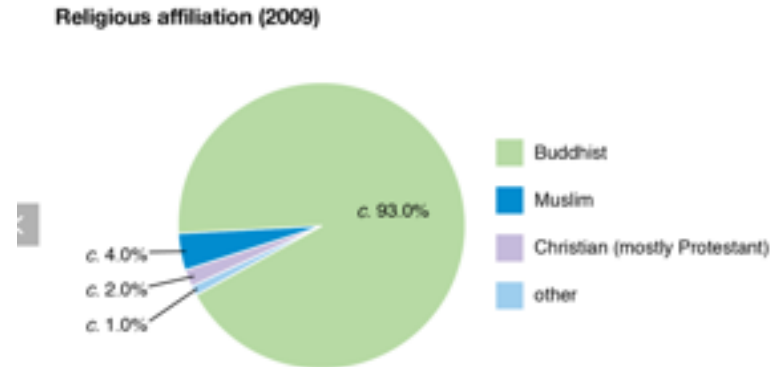
Art

Art in Cambodia mainly consists of textiles (type of cloth or woven fabric), non textile weaving, silversmithing (metalworker who creates art from silver), ceramics, and lacquer wear. Lacquer is a slick covering that goes on bowls, plates, and other pieces of art. The two pieces of art here are a statue of a god and people riding an elephant.



Religion

The official religion in Cambodia is **Buddhism**. 98% of the country follows the Theravada Buddha. 4% of the country is Muslim, 2% is Christian, and 1% is another religion. The name 'Theravada Buddha' means the doctrine of the elders. Most Buddhists believes in using meditation for 'enlightening'. Until 1975, Buddhism was recognized as the official religion of Cambodia.



Clothing

People in Cambodia wear traditional clothing every day. These are traditional Cambodian costumes.

1. Krama - The Krama scarf is very useful to Cambodians. Because of the hot weather and working in fields, everyone owns at least one. These scarves can also be baby carriers, pillow covers or just pretty decorations.
2. Sampot - The Sampot is the Cambodian national clothing. Cambodians wear these traditional costumes every day. These are some types of Sampot: Sampot Chang Kben, Sampot Phamuong, and Sampot Hol. Sampot Chang Kben is worn by upper and middle class women and has pants instead of a skirt. It is now only worn on special holidays.

Clothing

Sampot Phamuong is a Cambodian luxurious dress. They are single colored, instead of having lots of different colors. Sampot Hol is a Cambodian typical traditional dress. It is a wrapping skirt and it has many different colors and patterns.



Food

Cambodia has foods like rice, pork, chicken red curry, pounded eggplant dip, beef stewed in palm sugar, creamy prahok dip, and Khmer noodles. Some of the ingredients that are in these meals are: Banana Flowers, Banana Leaves, Basil, Chilli Peppers, Daikon Radish, and Dried Cambodian Fish.



Architecture

Angkor Wat is the most famous work of architecture in Cambodia. However Angkor Thom is the most renowned Cambodian architecture. The main type of architecture in Cambodia is called Khmer architecture. It is a very common style used in Cambodia.



Housing

About 80% of housing in Cambodia is ruhal housing. Ruhal housing are stilt homes, which is raised by houses made by wood. Most of the roofs are made out of clay, dry leaves, or wood.



Transportation

In Cambodia the most common way to travel around is by tuk tuk. Tuk tuk is a three wheeled motorized vehicle used as a taxi to get around.



Government

The government of Cambodia includes constitutional monarchy, where the King serves as the head of state, and the prime minister is the head of government. The prime minister is Hun Sen and the monarch is Norodom Sihamoni.



Hun Sen



Norodom Sihamoni

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