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The Confluences Guide



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WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Confluences. Founded in Phnom Penh ten years ago, Confluences draws on a team whose members include people who have lived and worked in Cambodia for much longer. We are fortunate to work in a country full of energy, where the richness of Khmer culture meets one of Southeast Asia's most promising economic environments. We are proud to be part of these developments alongside you. Our team will do everything it can to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. For those moments when you are exploring on your own, here are the places that are part of our everyday lives. Enjoy the read.

THE ESSENTIALS

NAVIGATING PHNOM PENH WITHOUT (BAD) SURPRISES

*Currency exchange,
transportation, safety,
health: four essentials to
make daily life easier.*

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Two currencies, side by side.

In Cambodia, the US dollar and the Cambodian riel circulate side by side.

ATMs generally allow withdrawals in both currencies, including with international cards such as Revolut, although fees often apply.

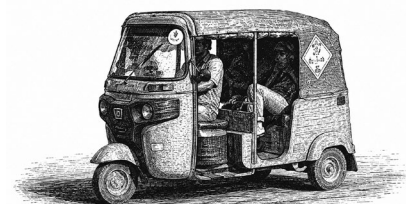
Many shops and services do not accept card payments. Always carry some cash, preferably riel or small US dollar bills in excellent condition.

As a guide, USD 1 ≈ KHR 4,000. For currency exchange, Ly Hour Exchange remains a reliable choice.

1 - Ly Hour Exchange Head Office

Street 217. Open daily, 7am-5pm.

TRANSPORTATION



For getting around the city, Grab is the most efficient and reliable app. During rush hour, rickshaws are generally more nimble in traffic. In good weather, traditional tuk-tuks offer a more pleasant ride thanks to their open sides. When it rains or for longer journeys, opt for an air-conditioned car.

ARRIVING IN PHNOM PENH

International flights now arrive at Techo International Airport (KTI), south of Phnom Penh. Grab and official taxis can take you to the city center. Allow plenty of time, depending on traffic.

SAFETY

Phnom Penh is generally safe, but bag snatching can happen, especially in busy areas, particularly along the riverfront and around Bassac Lane.

Keep an eye on your phone and shoulder bag, and keep your belongings toward the center of the tuk-tuk.

HEALTH

Basic first-aid medications are readily available at pharmacies. Ucare and Pharmacie de la Gare are reliable options. For more serious issues, Procare and AEMC provide specialist consultations. In an emergency, head to Khema Clinic.

2 - Ucare Pharmacy

Several locations across the city.

3 - Pharmacie de la Gare

Several locations across the city.

4 - Procare

Aura Condominium, 87 Street 63.
Monday–Saturday, 8:30am–6pm.

5 - Advance European Medicare Center

Street 240. Open Monday–Saturday,
7:30am–6:30pm; Sunday until 5pm.

6 - Khema International Polyclinic

28 Street 294. Open 24 hours daily.

HERITAGE

PHNOM PENH THROUGH THE LENS OF HISTORY

Four places that each tell a story about Cambodia's past and present.

THE WEIGHT OF HISTORY.

The Royal Palace and the National Museum are two essential stops—magnificent, but deserving of time to appreciate them fully. For anyone seeking to understand the country's history, the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum is a must-visit. The experience, accompanied by an excellent audio guide, is difficult but essential.

BEYOND THE CLASSICS.

Less well-known, the SOSORO Museum explores Cambodia's history through its economy, currency, and their relationship with the country's development. Its particularly informative permanent exhibition makes it one of our team's favorite museums. For a lighter break, the Institut Français du Cambodge offers films, exhibitions, and a café in its shaded garden, one of the loveliest stops in the city center.

7 - Royal Palace of Cambodia

Samdach Sothearos Boulevard.
Open daily, 8am–11am and 1pm–5pm
(USD 10/person).

8 - National Museum

Preah Ang Eng Street (13). Open daily,
8am–5pm (USD 10/person).

9 - Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

Street 113. Open daily, 8am–5pm
(USD 5/person).

10 - SOSORO Museum

16 Preah Moha Ksatreyani Kossamak
Avenue. Open Tuesday–Sunday, 9am–
6pm (USD 5/person).

11 - Institut Français du Cambodge

218 Keo Chea Street (184). Open
Monday–Saturday, 8am–6pm.

LET'S EAT!

PHNOM PENH, A CITY OF FLAVORS

From a morning bowl of noodle soup to fine dining, Cambodia's capital has something to offer all day long.

Our address book, organized by time of day.

BREAKFAST

The hotels we recommend generally serve very good breakfast options. For an early business meeting, any of the Khéma locations is a good choice. For something

more informal, Tatïe's is an excellent option. For a more local start to the day, try a bowl of noodle soup at 126 Restaurant.

12 - Khéma

Pasteur Street (51), or opposite the Post Office. Open daily, 7am–10pm.

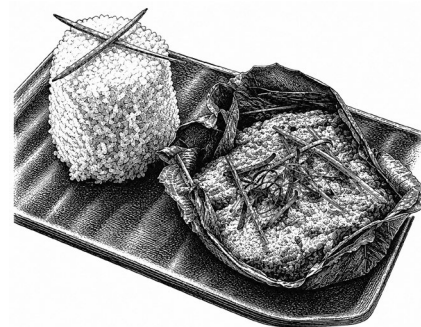
13 - Tatïe's

Street 13 (closed Mondays), or Street 110 (closed Sundays). Open 7:30am–6:30pm.

14 - 126 Restaurant

126 Street 13. Open daily, 5am–5pm.

LUNCH



There is something to suit every mood.

For Khmer cuisine, Bai Sor offers a clean, modern setting, while Romdeng focuses on simple, traditional, authentic dishes. For a French interlude, Bistrot de la Poste serves straightforward classics, while La Ferme de Bassac offers the charm of a cozy bistro. Gerbie's stands out for its salads and sandwiches, to eat in or take away.

**15 - Bai Sor**

97 Preah Sisowath Quay. Open daily,
10am–10pm.

16 - Romdeng

35 Streets 240 and 55. Open daily,
6:30am–9pm.

17 - Bistrot de la Poste

24 Street 102. Open Monday–
Saturday, 11:45am–2:15pm and
5:30pm–10pm.

18 - La Ferme de Bassac

9A Street 178. Open Monday–
Saturday, 7am–10pm.

19 - Gerbie's

Pasteur Street. Open daily, 10:30am–
8:30pm.

COFFEE

It is impossible to overlook BROWN Coffee, the local brand that has become a benchmark. Two locations are worth prioritizing: the BKK1 Roastery and the Mao Tse Toung branch, housed in a former villa designed by architect Vann Molyvann. Upstairs, you can admire Phnom Penh's iconic architecture in a place steeped in history and particularly pleasant for working. For a quieter coffee break, The Bean Embassy provides an intimate setting where coffee is taken seriously.

20 - BROWN Coffee Roastery

BKK1, Street 294. Open daily,
6:30am–9pm.

21 - BROWN Coffee Mao Tse Toung,

Mao Tse Toung Boulevard. Open
daily, 6:30am–9pm.

22 - The Bean Embassy

Connexion, Koh Pich. Open daily,
6am–9pm.

DINNER

For Khmer food, Kravanh champions traditional cuisine, while Malis is a reliable choice for business dinners. Cuisine Wat Damnak offers a refined tasting menu blending French and Khmer influences. For French dining, P  p   Bistro is great for smaller gatherings, Topaz offers refined food in an elegant setting, and Le Deli is well suited to upscale dinners. For something more relaxed, Le Manolis is always bustling, Oskar offers views over the riverfront, and Pizza 4P's Riverside has become a go-to spot for its signature pizzas overlooking the river—booking is essential.

For a more intimate atmosphere, Metro Rahu serves fusion tapas in a subdued setting. And for those who prefer to decide once they arrive, Langka Lane offers an entire alley of options for every taste.

23 - Kravanh

74 Oknha Ket Street (174). Open daily,
11am–2:30pm and 5:30pm–9pm.

24 - Malis

136 Norodom Boulevard. Open daily,
6am–10pm.

25 - Cuisine Wat Damnak

29 Samdech Mongkol Iem Street
(228). Open Monday–Saturday,
11:30am–2:30pm and 6:30pm–11pm.

26 - P  p   Bistro

Street 178. Evenings; closed Sundays.

27 - Topaz

162 Norodom Boulevard. 11:30am–
2pm and 6pm–10pm.

28 - Le Deli

13 Street 178. Open Monday–
Saturday, 11am–2pm and 6pm–
9:30pm.

29 - Le Manolis

6 Street 13. Open daily, 11am–
midnight.

30 - Oskar Bistro

159 Sisowath Quay. Open daily, 11am–
midnight.

31 - Metro Rahu

Streets 106 and 51, beside Exchange
Square. Open Monday–Friday, 11am–
10pm; Saturday–Sunday, 3pm–10pm.

32 - Pizza 4P's Riverside

Quayside. Open daily, 11am–11pm.

33 - Langka Lane

Alley at the corner of Streets 288 and
51 (BKK1), lively every evening.

WHEN YOU ARE TOO TIRED TO GO OUT... DELIVERY

If you finish late and do not feel like heading out for dinner, Grab and Foodpanda remain reliable options, offering quick delivery and a wide choice of restaurants.

Grab:

Download the app

Foodpanda:

Download the app



NIGHTLIFE

PHNOM PENH AFTER DARK: THE INSIDER'S GUIDE

From sought-after rooftops to well-hidden speakeasies: a look at a nightlife scene that has become one of the region's most inventive in just a few years.

UP HIGH: THE ROOFTOP TREND

The undisputed reference is Sora, atop the Rosewood: its whisky bar regularly earns a place among Asia's best bars. For a more relaxed but equally polished atmosphere, AURA on Bassac Lane and Highground (BKK1, TK) are well worth a visit. The Hyatt and Novotel rooftops round out the selection nicely: panoramic views and a cocktail in hand—a familiar ritual that never gets old.

34 - Sora (Rosewood)

Vattanac Capital Tower. Open every
evening, 5pm–midnight.

35 - AURA

Bassac Lane, Streets 29 and 308. Open
daily, 11:30am–1am.

36 - Highground Sky Bar

Amass Tower, Street 63 (BKK1). Open
every evening, 5pm–2am.

37 - Hyatt Regency (55 Rooftop)

55 Street 178. Open daily, 5pm–1am.

38 - Above Eleven (Novotel)

Streets 51 and 294. Open daily, 5pm–
1am.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS: BARS & SPEAKEASIES

In town on a Thursday or Saturday? Do not miss SAMAI Distillery, which opens its doors to the public only twice a week. Among speakeasies, Mawsim is renowned for serving one of the world's finest gins; reservations only. Even more discreet, Bar

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Koh Pich, Connexion

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162 Preah Norodom Boulevard

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13 Street 178

- 29 - **Le Manolis**
6 Street 13

- 30 - **Oskar Bistro**
159 Sisowath Quay

- 31 - **Metro Rahu**
Streets 106 and 51

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Quayside

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55 Street 178

- 38 - **Above Eleven (Novotel)**
Streets 51 and 294

ROOFTOP BARS

- 39 - **Distillerie SAMAI**
Street 830
- 40 - **Mawsim**
133E1 Street 108
- 41 - **Bar Odin**
Street 306
- 42 - **Bassac Lane**
Bar alley between Streets 308 and
29

SPEAKEASIES

- 43 - **Kanika Boat**
Sisowath Quay
- 44 - **Chaktomuk Walking Street**
Sisowath Quay

RIVERSIDE

- 45 - **Pontoon**
80 Street 172
- 46 - **Love Club**
Street 278
- 47 - **The Woods**
Koh Norea
- 48 - **Savage Club**
Street 306

CLUBS

- 49 - **The Place Gym**
BKK1 / Aeon Mall 1 Sothearos
- 50 - **Elite Fitness**
Several locations across the city

SPORTS

GYMS

- 51 - **Ascaro**
Connexion, Koh Pich
- 52 - **KhmerPadel Central**
80BT Street 51

PADEL & PICKLEBALL

- 53 - **Royal Cambodia Phnom Penh Golf Club**
National Road 4
- 54 - **City Golf**
Street 598

GOLF

- 55 - **Cambodia Top Team**
Street 468
- 56 - **The Ring**
Aquation, Koh Pich

BOXING

- 57 - **Bodia Spa Riverside**
Corner of Street 178 and
Samdach Sothearos Boulevard
- 58 - **Devatara Spa**
66C Street 135, corner of Street
450, Russian Market area
- 59 - **Seeing Hand Massage and Wellness Center**
12 Street 13

WELLNESS

- 60 - **DIB Club**
Aquation, Koh Pich.
- 61 - **Aquarius Hotel & Urban Resort**
5 Street 240

CULTURE & EVENTS

APSARA DANCE

- 62 - **Riverview Restaurant**
Quayside

CULTURAL CENTERS

- 63 - **Bophana Audiovisual Resource Center**
64 Oknha Men Street (200)

ART GALLERIES

- 64 - **The Gallerist**
17 Street 240
- 65 - **La Plantation**
28 Street 184

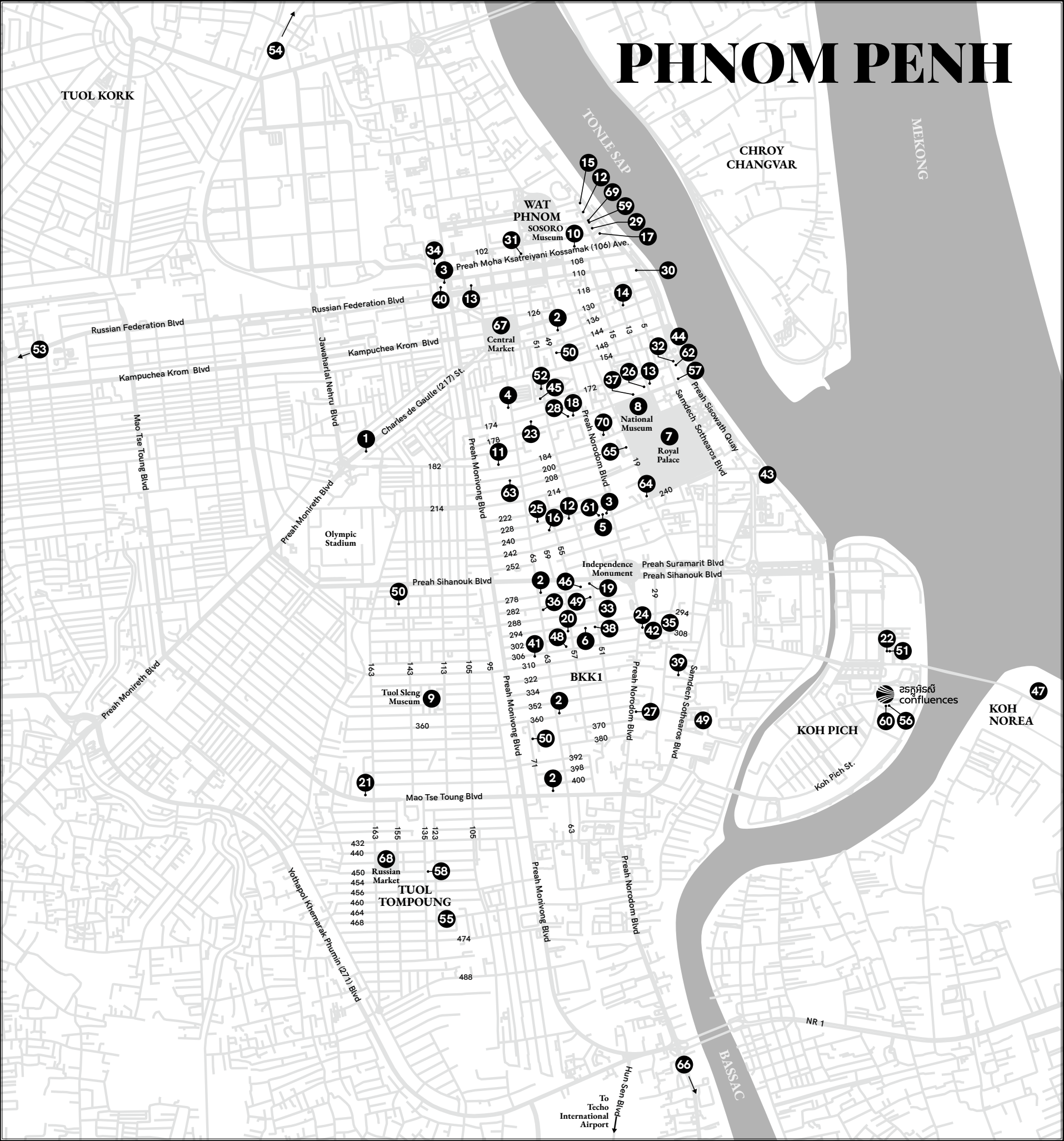
CREATIVE HUB

- 66 - **Factory**
National Road 2

SOUVENIRS

- 67 - **Central Market (Phsar Thmey)**
- 68 - **Russian Market (Tuol Tompong)**
- 69 - **Artisans Angkor**
12 Street 13, opposite the Post
Office
- 70 - **Shack Collective**
189 Street 19

Download Grab
for easy travel around the city.



Odin houses one of Asia’s finest spirits collections, a secret Phnom Penh locals prefer to share by word of mouth. Finally, Bassac Lane packs the city’s diverse bar scene into one lively alley, where everyone can find something to their taste.

39 - Distillerie SAMAI

Street 830. Open to the public
Thursdays and Saturdays only, 6pm-11:30pm.

40 - Mawsim

133E1 Street 108. Open Wednesday-Saturday, 6pm-10pm; reservations required.

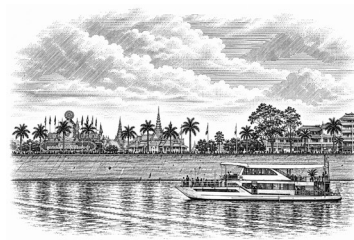
41 - Bar Odin

Street 306. Open every evening, 6pm-3am.

42 - Bassac Lane

Bar alley between Streets 308 and 29, lively every evening.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT



Kanika Boat offers two ways to enjoy the river: a dinner cruise at dusk, or simply a drink at sunset. On weekends, Chaktomuk Walking Street turns the riverfront into a vast pedestrian night market popular with locals.

43 - Kanika Boat

Sisowath Quay. Sunset cruises and dinner cruises.

44 - Chaktomuk Walking Street

Sisowath Quay. Open Saturdays and Sundays, 6pm-11pm.

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY:
CLUBS**

To keep the evening going, several venues stand out. Pontoon, on Street 172, remains an institution: open seven nights a week, with a spacious dance floor and local and international DJs. Love Club has built a strong reputation among expats as a reliable place to dance late. For something more local, The Woods and Savage Club, one a beer garden, the other a party hotspot, draw a young crowd in no hurry to head home.

45 - Pontoon

80 Street 172. Open every evening, 10pm-5am.

46 - Love Club

Street 278. Open every evening, 9pm-4am.

47 - The Woods

East of Koh Norea Bridge. Open every evening, 5pm-3am.

48 - Savage Club

Street 306. Open every evening, 7pm-4am.

SPORTS

**PHNOM PENH
IN MOTION**

Gyms, courts, and sports facilities: the capital offers no shortage of ways to work out, or opportunities to break a sweat in good company.

GYMS

The Place Gym has become a favorite among expats, with comprehensive equipment and a polished atmosphere. More stripped-back and local, Elite Fitness offers an authentic alternative for those who prefer to work out in the heart of the city.

PADEL & PICKLEBALL

Confluences regularly organizes padel matches in Phnom Penh. Two main clubs welcome players: Ascaro Social Club and Khmer Padel Central. Booking ahead is recommended.

Pickleball is growing rapidly in the capital. Ascaro, close to the Confluences offices, is among our recommended places to play.

BOXING

Cambodia’s national sport, Kun Khmer, is attracting more expats looking for an intense workout. Two gyms stand out: Cambodia Top Team, a reference for MMA and combat sports, and The Ring, a more accessible place to get started, located right inside the Aquation complex, home to the Confluences offices.

GOLF

For a day outdoors, Royal Cambodia Phnom Penh Golf Club or City Golf offers a well-maintained course within a short distance of the city center. A must on Cambodia’s golfing circuit.

49 - The Place Gym

BKK1 / Aeon Mall 1 Sothearos, 4th floor. Open daily, 6am-9pm.

50 - Elite Fitness

Several locations across the city. Open daily, 6am-9pm.

51 - Ascaro

Connexion. Open daily, 7am-9:30pm.

52 - KhmerPadel Central

80BT Street 51. Open daily, 7am-10pm.

53 - Royal Cambodia Phnom Penh Golf Club

National Road 4, approximately 20 minutes from the city center. Open daily, 6am-6pm.

54 - City Golf

Street 598. Open daily, 6am-10pm.

55 - Cambodia Top Team

Street 468. Open daily, 6am-9pm.

56 - The Ring

Aquation, Koh Pich. Open weekdays, 8am-8pm; weekends until 5:30pm.

57 - Bodia Spa Riverside

Corner of Street 178 and Samdach Sothearos Boulevard, above Ucare Pharmacy. Open daily, 10am-11pm.

58 - Devatara Spa

66C Street 135, corner of Street 450, Russian Market area. Open daily, 10am-11pm.

59 - Seeing Hand Massage and Wellness Center

12 Street 13, Phnom Penh. Open daily, 7am-10pm.

WHERE TO TAKE A DIP?

For a swim near the offices, DIB Club is a convenient option. Aquarius Hotel & Urban Resort offers a rooftop pool with views over Phnom Penh.

60 - DIB Club

Aquation, Koh Pich. Open daily, 9am-9pm.
Free access with a minimum on-site spend of USD 5.

61 - Aquarius Hotel & Urban Resort

5 Street 240. Rooftop pool, open daily, 6:30am-11pm.
Access: USD 12 per person, or free with a minimum USD 12 spend at the restaurant.

WELLNESS

**PHNOM PENH,
TIME FOR A BREAK**

Between meetings or after a day exploring the city, a few places invite you to slow down.

MASSAGES & TREATMENTS

Bodia offers a refined retreat, with massages and treatments featuring natural ingredients inspired by Cambodia. Near the Russian Market, Devatara provides a welcome pause rooted in Khmer traditions after a shopping trip. For a more socially conscious experience, Seeing Hand Massage and Wellness Center offers massages by blind or visually impaired therapists. Three ways to unwind before heading back into the buzz of the capital.

CULTURE & EVENTS

**A DIFFERENT WAY
TO GO OUT**

Beyond bars and restaurants, Phnom Penh offers a richer cultural scene than you might expect, if you know where to look.

APSARA DANCE: A MUST-SEE.

Inscribed on UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage list since 2003, the Royal Ballet of Cambodia preserves a vocabulary of gestures rooted in the bas-reliefs of

**TO READ, WATCH & LISTEN TO
DISCOVER CAMBODIA FROM YOUR ARMCHAIR**

Books, cinema, playlists: three ways to extend the journey.

IN BOOKSTORES.

The Gate (Le Portail) by François Bizot, an account of his captivity under the Khmer Rouge, remains a major firsthand account of the period. *First They Killed My Father* by Loung Ung, adapted for the screen by Angelina Jolie, recounts the genocide through a child’s eyes. More novelistic, *Jarai* by Loup Durand unfolds as an epic story across Indochina.

ON SCREEN.

Diamond Island by Davy Chou follows Phnom Penh’s youth amid the construction sites of the new Cambodia. *Don’t Think I’ve Forgotten* by John Pirozzi brings the pre-1975 rock scene back to life. *Les Pépites* by Xavier de Lauzanne tells the story of Christian and Marie-France des Pallières and their work for children living on rubbish dumps. More recently, *Meeting with Pol Pot (Rendez-vous avec Pol Pot)*, Rithy Panh, 2024), the documentary filmmaker’s first fiction feature, premiered at Cannes and stars Irène Jacob.



IN MUSIC.

Time To Rise by VannDa, featuring master Kong Nay’s chapei, has become an anthem of Khmer renewal and took its creator all the way to the closing ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. At the other end of the musical spectrum, *Chnam Oun 16* by Ros Sereysothea reminds us why the “golden-voiced queen,” who disappeared under the Khmer Rouge, still reigns.

Listen to our selection



Traditional
Music



Modern
Music



Angkor, an unmissable cultural experience. Performances on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 PM, by reservation.



62 - Riverview Restaurant

Quayside. Open daily, 4pm-11pm.

CULTURAL CENTERS

The Bophana Center, founded by filmmaker Rithy Panh, preserves the country's audiovisual archives and

regularly hosts screenings, discussions and exhibitions, an invaluable gateway to Cambodia's collective memory.

63 - Bophana Audiovisual Resource Center

64 Oknha Men Street (200). Open Monday-Saturday, 8am-noon, 2pm-6pm.

GALLERIES & CONTEMPORARY ART.

A vibrant young scene. The Gallerist has become a favorite destination for lovers of contemporary Khmer art. La Plantation hotel also hosts excellent temporary exhibitions in its heritage setting.

64 - The Gallerist

17 Street 240. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-6pm.

65 - La Plantation

28 Street 184. Open 24 hours daily.

THE CREATIVE HUB

A former textile factory transformed in the south of the city, Factory Phnom Penh has become Cambodia's largest creative hub. Street-art murals, galleries, a skatepark, cafés and artists' studios coexist with a vibrant program of pop-up markets, fashion shows, concerts and design festivals. An essential stop for discovering the new generation of Khmer creativity.

66 - Factory

National Road 2. Open daily, 6am-11pm.



SOUVENIRS

WHAT TO BRING HOME FROM CAMBODIA

Two items, two stories: a fabric and a spice that reveal much about the country.

Head to the Central Market or the Russian Market, two institutions where browsing still feels like it used to.

The krama, a traditional checkered scarf, is a powerful cultural symbol and an extremely versatile accessory. Look for one at Artisans Angkor or Shack Collective.

Kampot pepper, celebrated worldwide for its complex aromas, is also worth seeking out: in Kampot, La Plantation pepper farm offers a free guided tour with a tasting.

67 - Marché Central (Phsar Thmey)

Open daily, 7am-5pm.

68 - Marché Russe (Tuol Tompong)

Open daily, 6am-4pm.

69 - Artisans Angkor

12 Street 13, opposite the Post Office. Open daily, 9am-6pm.

70 - Shack Collective

189 Street 19. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 9am-6pm.

