

TRAVEL ADVICES

1) BUS from Bangkok to Siem Reap (about 6 hours)

- The best way is to go to **the Mochit 2 Bus Terminal** where buses travel **from Bangkok to Aranyaprathet** every half-hour (http://www.webinthaailand.com/information/transport_bus.htm). It's less than 4 hours and it costs under 200 bahts.
- At **Aranyaprathet**, go to the border market **Rongklua Market** pass border on foot. Once you arrived to **Poipet**, you have to take another bus (\$10) or a taxi to Siem Reap. The best way is to share a taxi: about \$25/\$30 for the whole car (bargain and don't get intimidated by the hord of drivers... get a car which is right close to the roundabout). You can buy your Cambodian Visa (20\$ for a tourist Visa) at the border but **DO NOT FORGET** to take 1 Passport size ID picture with you.

Some travel agencies in **Khao San Road** Bangkok offer package deals with mini-bus leaving early in the morning.

Good web to check : <http://wikitravel.org/en/Aranyaprathet>

Beware :When you will arrive in Siem Reap, the taxi driver will try to book you in a guest house of his choice where he will get a commission.

2) Bus from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

By the Road National Route 6 : this road is paved and smooth and there are many regularly scheduled daily A/C buses in both directions, taking only 5 hours to make the trip. Cost about \$6. There are also MiniVan which are faster (\$10).

Several guesthouses, travel agencies and bus companies sells the bus tickets.

On the trip, the bus makes one or two stops along the way (at Skun and Kompong Thom for a snack or lunch).

The earliest bus depart starting at 6:30AM and the last bus departs between noon and 2:00PM.

BUS FROM HCM (Vietnam) TO SIEM REAP:

From Sing Cafe office at 6:30 AM (US\$ 16). Get in SR at around 7PM.

4) Ferries from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

The trip takes 6 hours, the price is about **25 dollars** by person.

to Siem Reap

In Phnom Penh the ferry leaves from a dock near the Wat Phnom.

The ferry to Siem Reap arrives at Chong Khneas near Phnom Krom, 12km south of SR.

There is always transportation waiting at the dock.

Mototaxis charge about \$1.50-\$2 and cars \$4-\$5 for the 20-30 minute ride into town.

But consider it's still a lot cheaper to go with A/C buses.

You can also get taxi (best to share) it cost \$30 from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap.

Leaving from Vietnam, there are A/C buses daily from HCM to Siem Reap.

Ferries **depart at 7:00AM daily from the Phnom Penh Port on Sisowath Quay near Street 104.**

Ferries depart Siem Reap daily at 7AM from the dock at Chong Khneas. Passage is \$21-\$25 and should be purchased a day in advance (251km, 4-6 hours).

Tickets can be purchased through hotels and travel agents cheaper than at the ferry offices.

5) VISA, Vaccinations

When you arrive at the airport, you can buy directly your Visa to get in Cambodia : 20\$ for a tourist Visa (1 month) and DO NOT FORGET to have 1 ID picture with you.

For citizens of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal you have have your visa prior to arrival. Indian National can apply via eVisa (<http://evisa.mfaic.gov.kh/e-visa/vindex.aspx>)

Citizen from Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam do not Need Visa.

Always check twice for the info you get...

At the Piopet border pay your Visa with USD (20) not in THB (they ask 1,000! which almost 30USD) They may ask you a tip if you pay in USD, argued you are young and poor and try 50 THB)

VACCINATIONS : In principle there is nothing special.

Check this website : <http://www.who.int/countries/khm/en/>

and here as well : <http://www.traveldoctor.info/vaccinations/cambodia.111.html>

A FEW WEBSITES (usually wrong on prices!!!)

<http://www.travelfish.org/feature/71>

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Aranyaprathet>

<http://www.travelblog.org/Forum/Threads/14276-1.html>

<http://www.cambodia-travel.com/information/poipet.htm>

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/AllReviews-g2-Asia.html>

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