

CAMBODIA FAQ'S

What mission partner will our team be working with?

In Cambodia, through CIY's partnership with Rapha International, you will learn about modern-day slavery and what is being done to alleviate social injustice. Sadly, each and every day, girls are bought and sold like common possessions and then trafficked into the thriving sex trade. The trusted staff at Rapha International works hard to provide after-care and ensure the victims are equipped to rebuild their lives.

What is the population of Cambodia?

Cambodia has a population of nearly 15 million with 1.5 million living in the capital city of Phnom Penh. Close to 32% of the population is 14 years or younger. The primary language is Khmer. Other languages spoken include French and English. The official religion of Cambodia is Buddhism (97%) with Muslim coming in second at 2%. Sadly, the country is less than 1% Christian.

What documents do I need to get into Cambodia?

Each person needs a US passport, and it must be valid at least six months beyond your stay in Cambodia. Each person must bring two passport photos with you for visas (2x2). We recommend you use a professional visa photo service to ensure your photo meets all the requirements (Walgreen's is a good source). Each person will need \$30 to cover the cost of their visa which will be obtained once in Cambodia. This fee is the responsibility of the trip participant (NOT included in the trip cost).

Do I need to get any vaccinations or immunizations to travel to Cambodia?

Recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Tetanus
- Hepatitis A & B
- Typhoid
- Diarrhea medicine (Travelers' diarrhea is the most common travel-related ailment. The best prevention is adequate intake of fluids and being careful about what you eat (not eating from local vendors, etc.).

What is the weather like in Cambodia?

Situated in the tropical zone north of the equator, Cambodia has a monsoon climate. During the months of June through August, temperatures are very hot and humid.

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Where will I be staying?

The team will stay at hotels, which have 24-hour security. Rooms are equipped with two or three beds, with an adjoining bathroom. Linens are provided, but you may bring your own small pillow, light-weight blanket, and towel, if you prefer.

What is the food like in Cambodia?

Meals will vary from Khmer cuisine to Western style dishes. Rice is the principal staple, so you will eat lots of chicken and rice, vegetables and rice, and fish and rice. Cambodia is blessed with many tropical fruits, and the fresh pineapple is amazing. The team will be provided bottled water for drinking throughout the trip. Medical attention: In the event of a serious illness or medical emergency, there are clinics and international hospitals.

How can my parents keep up with me while I'm in Cambodia?

Family members and friends may track the journey through the Engage website.

What kind of things will I do in Cambodia?

During your stay, you'll have the opportunity to bring much needed spiritual and emotional encouragement to the Rapha International staff and girls through devotions, English classes, vocational training, and testimonies. Also while in Cambodia you will spend time in the capital city of Phnom Penh working with Kids Club. Throughout your time there, you will teach lessons and play games with the impoverished children in the neighborhood. It's a wonderful opportunity to lavish these children with God's love. Some possible activities include: a visit to Toul Sleng (genocide museum), church services at Women's Island, tour of Women's Island, prayer walks, rice distribution, Bible lessons for "Kids Club," devotions with Rapha International staff, sharing testimonies, playing games with the girls at Rapha, and shopping at the Russian Market.

What happens if I experience a medical emergency while I'm in Cambodia?

In the event of a serious illness or medical emergency, there are clinics and international hospitals. Included in your trip cost is travel medical insurance that will cover expenses if medical attention is needed.

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