

Kampong Cham, Kampong Cham Province, Cambodia

Cambodia's third city feels like its best-kept secret — French-colonial facades, a 1,000-year-old temple wearing modern Buddhist robes, and a Mekong riverfront where life moves at the pace of the river.

 River pier (gangway to bank)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  USD & Cambodian Riel  Khmer  Bicycle-friendly

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River gangway direct to Preah Sihanouk Boulevard promenade

Walk to center: 5 min flat to Central Market and main dining

Best For: Angkorian ruins, island cycling, authentic Cambodian town life

Don't Miss: Wat Nokor Bachey — ancient black-sandstone temple with a pagoda built inside it

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$0.50–2 USD ·  Rideshare  Grab, PassApp

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Wat Nokor Bachey** — A 12th-century Angkorian temple built in sandstone and laterite — with a vibrant modern Buddhist pagoda (built in the 1930s) constructed directly...
- **Koh Pen Island Bicycle Loop** — Cross to this large Mekong island — by the concrete bridge (dry season bamboo bridge version sometimes rebuilt for tourists) — and cycle through...
- **Phnom Pros & Phnom Srei (Man & Woman Hills)** — Two facing hills wrapped in Khmer legend about a competition between men and women.
- **Chup Rubber Plantation** — One of Southeast Asia's largest rubber plantations, established by the French Compagnie du Cambodge in the 1920s.
- **Riverside Café & Market Walk** — Start at Phsar Thom (Central Market) for an unfiltered wet-market experience, then work your way to the riverfront for lunch at Lazy Mekong Daze...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverside Promenade & Central Market** 1.5 km · 30-40 min · Flat · Free — A simple stroll from the ship landing along Preah Sihanouk Boulevard, past French colonial facades and riverside cafés, ending at the bustling Central Market.
- **Koh Pen Island Walk** 2-4 km on island · 1-2 hrs · Flat · Free (bridge crossing) — Cross the bridge to Koh Pen Island and walk the dirt paths through the stilt-house village.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:46AM–6:09PM · Jun 5:34AM–6:23PM · Aug 5:47AM–6:17PM · Sep 5:47AM–5:58PM · Oct 5:47AM–5:39PM	
Apr	93°	78°	14d	 USD & Cambodian Riel	
Jun	90°	78°	24d		
Aug	88°	77°	27d		
Sep	87°	77°	28d		
Oct	87°	76°	24d		

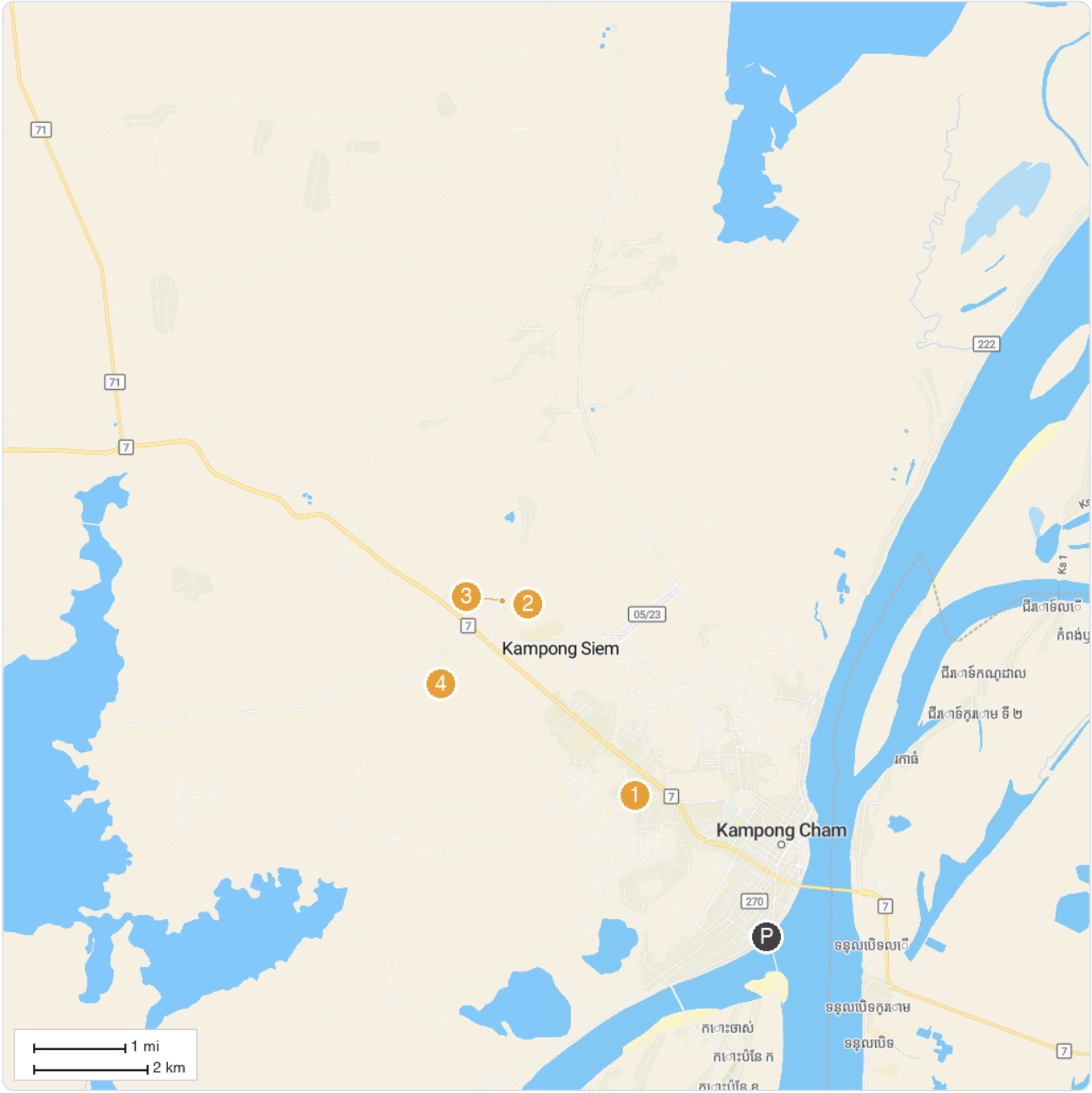
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use crisp USD bills. US dollars are widely accepted but Cambodians will refuse ripped, torn, or heavily folded notes. Change is often given in Cambodian Riel (4,000 KHR ≈ \$1).
- Always agree on the tuk-tuk fare before boarding. Town rides are \$2-5; expect \$10-15 round-trip for Wat Nokor or Phnom Pros. PassApp (ride-hailing app) guarantees fixed prices.
- Cover knees and shoulders for temples. Wat Nokor and Phnom Pros both require modest dress. Lightweight scarves available from vendors near the entrance.
- Heat is serious year-round. Kampong Cham is hot and humid every month. Bring water, a hat, and sunscreen — the most-visited sites have minimal shade.
- If your ship detours via Skuon (Spiderville): the deep-fried tarantulas are a genuine local snack, not a tourist stunt. They reportedly taste like chicken crossed with soft-shell crab.
- Water level changes the docking setup. High season (Jul-Oct monsoon) means higher river banks and easier gangway access. Dry season (Nov-May) may mean sandy or stepped landings — wear shoes you can take on/off easily.

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Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Nokor BaChey temple | Ancient temple with Buddha statues and impressive murals. | 2 | Phnom Srei | Hill with a pagoda, offering panoramic countryside views. |
| 3 | Phnom Bros Library | Buddhist library on Phnom Bros hill, housing sacred texts. | 4 | Cheung Kok Ecotourism Village | Community ecotourism village showcasing traditional Khmer rural life. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |