

Kratie, Kratie Province, Cambodia

A slow-paced colonial river town on the Mekong, Kratie draws river cruisers for one thing above all — the chance to see critically endangered Irrawaddy dolphins just upstream, while the French-shuttered riverfront and car-free island life fill out a deeply unhurried day.

-  Tendered ashore (river cruise only)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  USD widely accepted
-  Khmer (English in tourist areas)
-  Irrawaddy dolphin habitat

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to riverfront promenade steps; river cruise ships only

Best For: Irrawaddy dolphin watching, cycling Koh Trong Island, colonial architecture

Walk to center: Immediate — you land on the promenade in town

Don't Miss: Kampi dolphin boat tour (~\$9) and kralan bamboo sticky rice from a roadside stall

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$0.50–2 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Irrawaddy Dolphin Watching at Kampi** — Tuk-tuk 15km north to the Kampi pool, then board a small motorized boat with a local captain who cuts the engine near the deep-pool habitat.
- **Cycling Koh Trong Island** — A 5-minute ferry from the promenade (\$1) drops you on this car-free river island.
- **Kratie Colonial Town Walk** — The riverfront promenade and French Quarter behind it preserve yellow-and-blue shuttered colonial buildings largely untouched by the Khmer Rouge era.
- **Phnom Sambok Temple Hike** — An 11km tuk-tuk ride north (often combined with the dolphin tour) brings you to a forested hill topped by a colorful Buddhist temple complex.
- **Mekong Turtle Conservation Centre (Sambor)** — A longer 36km excursion north to Wat Sorsor Muoy Roy (the 100 Pillar Pagoda) — a vast modern temple built on the site of a former royal capital with...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverfront Promenade & French Quarter** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — From the tender landing steps, walk south along the Mekong promenade past colonial facades to the central market, then loop back through the old French Quarter streets...
- **Riverfront to Wat Rokakandal** 6 km round trip · 1.5 hrs · Easy (flat road) — Head south on the riverside road from the promenade for 3km to reach one of Cambodia's oldest wooden temples.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		93°	78°	13d
Jun		89°	77°	25d
Aug		87°	77°	28d
Sep		86°	76°	28d
Oct		86°	75°	23d

 **DAYLIGHT & 🌐 MONEY**

Apr 5:44AM–6:08PM · Jun 5:30AM–6:21PM · Aug 5:44AM–6:16PM · Sep 5:45AM–5:56PM · Oct 5:46AM–5:37PM

 USD widely accepted

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- USD is king. Carry clean, crisp US dollar bills — Cambodians reject torn or heavily folded notes. Small change is given in Riel (approx 4,000 KHR = \$1).
- Book the dolphin tour early. Combine tuk-tuk hire to Kampi with a stop at Phnom Sambok on the way. Half-day tuk-tuk hire is \$15–\$25 — negotiate before boarding.
- Sun and insects. The Mekong sun is intense. Bring high-SPF sunscreen, a hat, and DEET repellent. Malaria risk is low but mosquitoes are present.
- Cover up for temples. Shoulders and knees must be covered at Phnom Sambok, Wat Rokakandal, and Wat Sorsor Muoy Roy. Carry a light scarf or sarong.
- Try kralan. Look for roadside stalls selling bamboo tubes of sweet sticky rice roasted with coconut milk and black beans — Kratie is famous for it across Cambodia.
- Season matters. High water (Aug–Nov) brings the ship closer; dry season (Dec–Apr) exposes Koh Trong's white sand beach and makes cycling easier, but tender rides may be longer.

Kratie, Kratie Province, Cambodia — Port Map

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



- 1** Phnom Sambok Pagoda
Hilltop pagoda with stunning Mekong River views.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2** Silver Dolphin Kayaking
Kayak tours to spot Irrawaddy dolphins on Mekong River.