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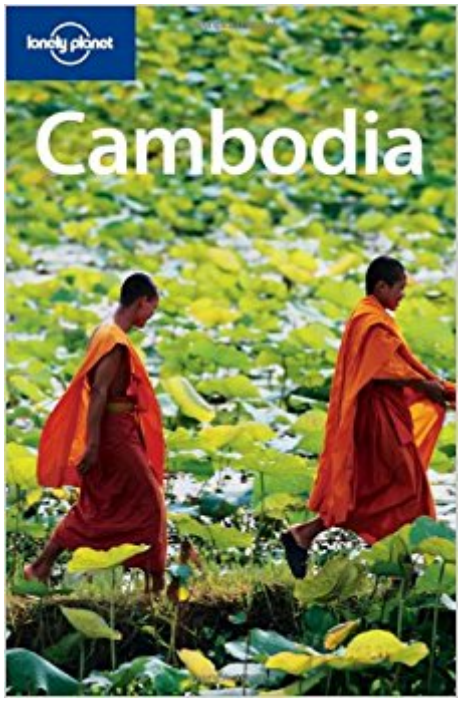

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Synopsis

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Lonely Planet is my favourite travel guide for Cambodia, I purchased this latest edition, not out of necessity but because I enjoy reading it and I find Nick Ray is very knowledgeable on this subject. I purchased my first copy in 2002 along with a few other brands, some have fancy photos cover-to-cover which is nice, but this one is more balanced with tips and advice for the first-time visitor such as history and some local customs. I like the layout for each major area, travel tips, hotels and restaurants. It is the one book I have seen by far in more people's hands when in Cambodia. It is a very solid book in terms of content, a good study before travelling to Cambodia, but once there you will find the people warm and friendly and more than able to help you plan and micro manage your itinerary. My first trip, I visited 3 travel offices in Phnom Penh to ask questions about booking bus tickets and a boat to Siem Reap. I chose to go with the person/place that seemed the most customer-oriented, friendly and helpful. I have returned to Cambodia 4 more times and I still return to the same internet/travel office every time. So my advice is to rely on your gut feeling once there, if you are unsure about something always ask. Like the book suggests it is wise to work out the price before you leave on a day-trip or tuk tuk ride or whatever. I agree 100%, if you have hired someone for whatever reason, I strongly urge you to come to a clear agreement on the service and the PRICE before you begin so as to avoid any confusion and unpleasant outcome, you just never know what might happen if you leave things in the air.As for the hotel and restaurant reviews, I noticed some changes, for instance in Phnom Penh the Paragon is no longer a top pick but I stay there regularly and enjoy it very much. The owner purchased a hotel around the corner and it has been totally renovated, I think it is the Amari, I visited it and it looks very similar, but all newly renovated.Restaurants: I see the addition of Green Pepper in Phnom Penh. I think the review is favourable but not sure I like the description "hole-in-the-wall", it's not more or less that than any other family run restaurant in Phnom Penh. It is clean and friendly and much quieter than some of the eateries on the riverside main street along the water. I have eaten there more than 20 times over several trips and it changed hands 3 times alone in 2009/2010 but fortunately the cook has remained the same. I find the food fabulous but I have always stuck to the myriad of Khmer dishes and not the Chinese or Thai. The fish amok, shrimp cakes, fried fish with spicy mango salad, spicy chicken with vegetables, spicy beef soup, fish soup with tomato/pineapple, meat stuffed tomatoes and omelette with fermented fish are all my favourites. It's my favourite restaurant in the river front area in the price range $2.50-4.00 per dish. Soriya Shopping Center, 4th floor food court is even

cheaper and excellent, but it’s nice to sit and chat and be served in a restaurant. If you want to splurge, the dinner buffet at the Sokha Club Hotel is very nice, USD$12 when I was last there, but I personally prefer zipping in to a small family run place. Oh I have to mention that Lonely Planet is right on with its recommendation for Romdeng restaurant, it is absolutely fabulous both for food and ambiance. The outdoor eating is in a lush well kept courtyard, it’s stunning. The prices are a bit higher, up to $7 per dish when I was last there, but it is very enjoyable and the ice-cold fruit "smoothies" (advertised made with clean safe ice, I never had a problem) are a super treat in March/April when it is often 40c+.

I have been working off and on in Cambodia for the last year and this book has been with me on every trip. Phnom Penh is a bit difficult to get around in (get a good tuk tuk driver!), and the book does a good job of laying things out so it makes sense. There is lots of background on history (old and new), food, a bit of a dictionary, and accuarate information on some of the best hotels and restaurants in town. Note of course that WRT restaurants and hotels, the recommendations cater to a tourist and expat crowd. If you want to eat at and visit more "local" places, you will need to be a bit adventurous - there are food stalls, little restaurants, and food markets literally on every corner. I noticed in another review that the FCC (Foreign Correspondents Club) came highly recommended. It has great historic ambiance, but it was the worst food I have had in the city and very overpriced in a place where food is king and the prices are great. Try Malis (very upscale Cambodian), Frizz, Ramdeng (wonderful Cambodian food and run by an excellent NGO, Friends) and many of the other smaller places on the riverfront. The city feels pretty safe to me, but as in other big cities, if you are looking for trouble you will find it. As a woman, I have walked around both day and night on my own with no problems. Many people speak some amount of English which is good because Khmer is extremely challenging. But back to the book..... It is well organized and does a good job of covering other locales than PNH and Siem Reap (Kampot, Kep, Sihanoukville, Kah Kong) and I found that info accurate as well. Highly recommended!

Use it as a guide, but not exclusively. Good for the basics and information, actually the best that I could find.It however was not fully updated. The update mainly has to do with prices. I visited Cambodia Nov - Dec 2010 and some of the prices were higher than those listed in the guide.The book was helpful when it came to Siem Reap and the ruins.I tend to use trip advisor and the lonely planet book together.

Loved this book with the edgy feel to it. Took this along for my 6 month stay in the country and it had so many resources. If you have to take one book you can't go wrong with the lonely Planet books

We bought it for our trip to Angkor Wat in Nov. and we used it extensively for travels around Siem Reap and used it as a guide for the temples of Angkor Wat. It only lacked a few specifics on things to do other than Angkor Wat temples as we found out thru other visitors that visiting an orphanage and bringing them some gifts (such as tennis balls) will brighten their day. We also used it when we arrived at Phnom Penh and we visited the temples as stated in the Book. The 1-3 day itineraries were pretty useful. We saw many visitors and tourist using the Lonely Planet books. We hope you will find the book quite useful too.

Lonely Planet Guides are always the best sources of info for pre-trip planning and to take along, but the Cambodia LPG has an added feature that really impressed me, and that is the maps and diagrams of the temples and temple complexes, and the great details in the descriptions that go with them. I'm absolutely delighted to have this information to help me plan my photo sessions. In addition, LP has a service on their website where you can get updates to a guide between old and new publications. Also try the Thorntree feature to get questions answered or to contribute info for others. Lonely Planet has done it again. Best guidebooks and best services for travelers. Thanks LP!

I liked this book. It tells about differant placed to visit in Cambodia, what happen at those places, and a lot about the entire history of Camboida(Veitnam War, Pol Pot, And the Khmer Rouge)....

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