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Rotarian Trip to Cambodia

Rotarian Journey into Cambodia

2028: Saturday, Feb. 19th to Wednesday, Mar. 1st

Participate from only USD $1,225/pp

Join fellow Rotarians on a trip into ancient Cambodia…
Rotarians from around the world are invited to join the **Rotary Global Travelers E-Club** and **Sustainable Cambodia** on a journey into the heart of Cambodia.

This **12-day excursion** is a truly unique experience of traveling into Cambodia. Located in Southeast Asia, this beautiful country is rich with history and culture, and this trip will be much richer and more meaningful than a mere tourist trip. We will travel to the must-visit places in Cambodia including the heart of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, and we will walk amongst the ancient temples of Siem Reap. But tourism is not the sole purpose of this trip. We will go far off the "tourist routes" to visit village families and experience the impact of Rotary projects in the remote villages of Pursat Province. **For those who haven't gone before, you will have the adventure of a lifetime while helping rural families and children in ways you may have never dreamed possible.**

Phnom Penh

The adventure will begin with a visit to Phnom Penh, the capital city situated at the confluence of four great rivers. Phnom Penh is Cambodia's commercial and political hub, and offers several cultural and historical attractions, including the **Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum, Wat Phnom and Toul Sleng Genocide Museum**, some of which will be included in the itinerary for the trip, and others available as optional visits. Together, we will **explore** these cultural sites and museums to gain an understanding of the challenges Cambodia has faced as it rebuilds from the tragedy of the Khmer Rouge genocide. A special **fellowship dinner with Sustainable Cambodia Scholars** will also be included, where you'll hear their inspiring stories of education and leadership.

Villages in Pursat Province

As we travel through the country, we will visit Pursat in central Cambodia, the home of Sustainable Cambodia. Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Pursat will be your guides as you **meet the village families and the school children and teachers in the SC school projects**. You will have the opportunity to **visit and/or participate in various Rotary projects**.

We will travel to the schools and Rotary project sites of Sustainable Cambodia in central Cambodia, and while there each Rotarian can choose from various Rotary-supported projects, such as working with school children. The program will also include visits to both a Graduate Village and a new Global Grant village, a refreshing waterfall trek with picnic lunch, and a Riverside fellowship dinner with SC Youth Clubs — blending service, culture, and celebration. You will have the opportunity to meet first-hand the wonderful families and children in these rural villages, with options to engage in hands-on projects and explore Cambodian culture alongside the children and families.

Ancient Temples in Siem Reap

The trip will include an excursion to Angkor Wat. Angkor is a temple complex built by Suryavarman II and Jayavarman VII from the 11th to the 12th century and is one of the seven wonders of the world. In Angkor Wat, you will be **led by experienced tour guides** who will share the rich history of these temple ruins and will have an unparalleled opportunity to **explore Cambodia's incredible heritage**, including a sunrise visit.

The Siem Reap part of the trip will also include a tour of the markets, with optional visits to the national museum, the **Apopo Hero Rats Visitor Center**, and the **Angkor Silk Farm**. The program will feature **Banteay Srei** and nearby **Preah Dak Village** (famous for Khmer cake), plus an evening at the **Phare Circus dinner show**, a highlight of Cambodian performing arts. There will also be excursions to the **Floating Village of Kompong Phluk**, Bakong Temple, and Phnom Bakheng for a sunset climb.

The sunrise over Angkor Wat is a unique experience. The dawn light gives this World Heritage site a unique silhouette against the morning sky. Yes, it is an amazing experience, and yes, it means an early start (5am) to the one day. Is it worth it? “Absolutely!”, exclaimed a Rotarian from a prior year’s journey. (And you beat the heat of the day as well!)

NON-ROTARIANS? Don’t be shy! Come along! Although these trips are organized by volunteer Rotarians, we follow the Rotary 4-Way Test, an ethical guide for Rotarians in which we ask ourselves four questions of everything we think, say or do… The 4th question is: “Will it build goodwill and better friendships?”. This trip certainly passes that test! So come along! Hopefully by the end of the trip you’ll be interested in joining your nearest Rotary Club or Rotary E-Club. (…and you may be curious what the other 3 test questions in the 4-Way Test are…).

About Sustainable Cambodia

Sustainable Cambodia (SC) is a Rotarian-led nonprofit organization working to help families in rural Cambodian villages create a sustainable quality of life through wells, sanitation, schools, training and empowerment. SC is supported by Rotarian volunteers and their clubs from around the world, and employs only Cambodians. All international officers, directors and consultants are unpaid volunteers. While SC is an independent nonprofit organization and is not formally affiliated with RI or TRF, active Rotarians are volunteers and founders, and the SC Board of Directors is majority Rotarian. Sustainable Cambodia follows the 4-Way Test, and aligns its values with those of RI, including empowerment, peace through understanding, and world and community service.

Trip Cost (does NOT include flight to/from Cambodia):

- Nonrefundable reservation deposit required of $250 per person/$350 per couple
- We have a limited number of travelers for the trip, so please don't delay too long
- **Trip Cost**:
  - If reserved by **Reservation Date - $1,225/pp dbls - $1,250 Singles**
  - Reserved **AFTER Reservation Date- $1,270/pp dbls - $1,290 Singles**
- **Reservation Dates**: **Oct 30, 2027**
- ***Balance of full payment due by 75 days prior to starting date of trip…***

Doubles = 2 people per room / Singles = 1 person per room

Questions: Email rallen@synogen.com
Sign up for info: https://www.sustainablecambodia.org/visit-sc-in-cambodia

Flights In/Out

Each Rotarian will pre-arrange their own travel by air into Phnom Penh airport (PNH). Flights out of the country can be booked to depart from either Phnom Penh or Siem Reap.

Rotarians will be picked up at the airport. Departures to the airport will be coordinated from the Siem Reap hotel. **Australian Rotarians** often coordinate flights into Phnom Penh (PNH) and out of Siem Reap (REP). **US/Canadian Rotarians** often fly into AND return from Phnom Penh, taking a 50-minute regional flight from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh on the day before departure. An FAQ document will provide more specific details.

To Reserve your Trip...

Wiring or Electronic Transfer:
Contact usoffice@sustainablecambodia.org

Paying by Cheque:
Payable to: Sustainable Cambodia (in USD)
Address: Sustainable Cambodia
1110 NE 3rd Street
Gainesville, FL 32601 USA

Paying Online:
- Visit https://sustainablecambodia.org/trip-registration/
- OR visit SC's website, click on Get Involved/Visit SC in Cambodia …
  … and scroll to the <Reserve Your Trip> button near the bottom of the page.

* **A Note on Trip Pricing:** The organizing Rotarians have priced this trip based on the hard costs of bus, drivers, fuel, hotels, meals and guides. **It is a non-profit trip**, organized by unpaid volunteer Rotarians. Roughly 25% has been added to the expected trip costs to cover contingencies and project costs, and **100% of funds not used for trip costs will be used for SC Rotary-funded project work** onsite in the villages and schools we will be visiting. Cost includes all hotel stays, transportation, all breakfasts & lunches, and dinners where marked in itinerary (a few dinners are optional & ala carte). Price does NOT include flights into or out of Cambodia.

Tentative Daily Itinerary – Feb-Mar 2028 Trip

Saturday, Feb 19: Arrivals throughout the day into Phnom Penh International Airport. Early arrivals will have time to relax before our welcome dinner and orientation, where you'll meet fellow Rotarians and our Cambodian hosts.

Sunday, Feb 20: Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a morning to unwind from travel. After lunch, we will respectfully tour the Killing Fields Museum (*optional for families with young children*). The evening will be quiet and reflective, with optional dinner for those who wish, while others may prefer to rest after the long journey.

Monday, Feb 21: Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a morning tour of the Royal Palace and National Museum. In the afternoon, we will visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S21). Optional visits to the Central Market or Russian Market will also be available. Dinner at an outside building-top location where you will meet and dine with SC scholarship students attending University in Phnom Penh.

Tuesday, Feb 22: Breakfast at the hotel, followed by travel (by air-conditioned bus, approx. 4 hours) to Pursat Town in central Cambodia. After hotel check-in and lunch, the afternoon will be free to relax and explore the town market. Dinner that evening will be with Rotarians from the **Rotary Club of Pursat**.

Wednesday, Feb 23: Breakfast in Pursat, followed by a visit to one of the main Sustainable Cambodia schools, which is also SC headquarters, to meet many of the children. *This afternoon will be the first of three days of optional interactive fun at SC: Reading with the children in the library, playing games with them, joining the computer lab, Cambodian dancing classes, and various work projects such as construct RRH (water tank), gardening, teaching & campus help. Dinner will include an **SC program presentation**.*

Thursday, Feb 24: After breakfast, we will begin side trips to the villages, including a **Graduate Village (GG2343143)** and a **new Global Grant village (GG2579101)**. These visits will include celebrations, food, and dancing, along with hands-on service such as shallow wells, water lines, and home gardening. Dinner in the evening will be a time to share stories and photos.

Friday, Feb 25: Breakfast in Pursat, followed by a visit to KBFC school. Then we'll travel to a waterfall in Pursat for trekking, swimming, and a picnic lunch. In the evening, enjoy a Riverside fellowship dinner with SC Youth Clubs, university students, and staff — a night of music, dancing, and cultural exchange.

Saturday, Feb 26: The morning will be at the SC Pursat school, where we'll conclude our work projects and fun activities, followed by a tearful goodbye to the school children and the SC team members who have been guiding our side trips. Then we travel (again by air-conditioned bus) to Siem Reap, the location of Angkor Wat. Early dinner that evening in Siem Reap, followed by a free night to explore the Night Market.

Sunday, Feb 27: Early departure (5:00 am) for **sunrise at Angkor Wat**, followed by guided tours of Angkor Wat and **Ta Prohm temple**. Lunch at Preah Dak Village, where we'll taste traditional Khmer cake, followed by a visit to **Banteay Srei Temple**. Dinner will be in Siem Reap with time to enjoy Pub Street.

Monday, Feb 28: Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a visit to the Apopo Hero Rats Visitor Center (landmine detection). Lunch at a local restaurant, then an afternoon tour of the Angkor Silk Farm. In the evening, we'll enjoy the Phare Circus dinner show, a highlight of Cambodian performing arts.

Tuesday, Feb 29: Breakfast at the hotel, followed by an excursion to the Floating Village of Kompong Phluk. Lunch at Stoeng Trorcheak Restaurant, then visits to Bakong Temple and Phnom Bakheng for a sunset climb. Dinner at a local restaurant in Siem Reap**.**

Wednesday, Mar 1: Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out and transfers to Siem Reap International Airport for departure flights home.

***Note for all trips**: Some Rotarians may wish to stay longer in Siem Reap. As the trip coalesces and the participants commit, we will happily connect anyone who wants to stay longer with others who wish to. Also note that for those who haven't experienced SE Asia destinations, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.*

On the various side trips into the villages and schools, you can expect to experience: Global Grants in-progress, Water Wells, Community Ponds, Latrine Projects, Home Gardening, Livestock and Animal Pass-on, Alternative Agriculture, Crop Loans & Income Generation, Microcredit projects, Village Self Help Groups, Village Preschools, Meeting with Village Development Committees, Meeting children, teachers and families, Visits to Classrooms and School Libraries, Experiencing the Computer Labs, Meetings with Youth Club members, Visits with Sewing Club, Community School.