

Cambodia

Geography

Cambodia is a country in Asia. It is close to Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. The capital city of Cambodia is Phnom Penh. Cambodia is made up of flat plains. Some mountains can be found in the country. The Mekong River, the largest river in South-East Asia, flows through the country. Tonlé Sap, a large lake, is to the north-west.



Economy

Cambodia's official currency is the riel; however, the US dollar is also used. Their main exports are textiles, corn, rubber and rice.

Population

Over 17.1 million people live in Cambodia. More than 1.5 million people live in Phnom Penh. Most Cambodians are Khmer. In terms of religion, many Cambodians are Buddhists. There are some Muslim and Christian people in the country.

Culture and Customs



Cambodia has a rich culture. The country is home to Angkor Wat – a huge Buddhist temple. It is the world's largest religious building. It is a big tourist destination. Thousands of other smaller temples can be found in Cambodia.

Cambodia has several holidays. This includes Khmer New Year, which is held on 13th or 14th April. This three day celebration is enjoyed with family. It involves house cleaning, gift giving and visiting temples. Another big event is Bon Om Touk (the water festival). During Bon Om Touk, boats are raced along the water and floats are lit up. Pchum Ben is another important holiday in Cambodia. Pchum Ben goes for 14 days. It is about honouring ancestors through prayer and cooking food.

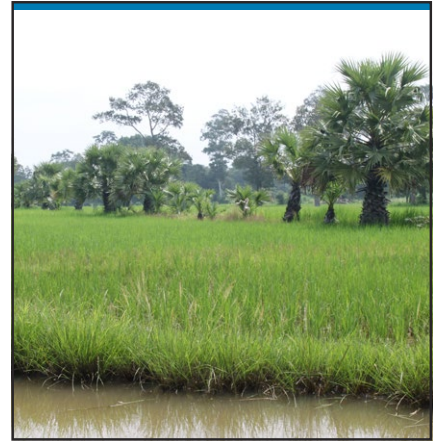
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Population

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Population Statistics

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