



Welcome

ROYAL UNIVERSITY
OF LAW AND
ECONOMICS

Guide



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Dear Students,



Welcome to the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE) and to Cambodia!

We are delighted to welcome you to our University.

This guide has been designed to best prepare your arrival in Cambodia and help you settle in Phnom Penh, the capital.

Cambodia and Its Capital, Phnom Penh

- Cambodia is a **country of approximately 17 million people**, with Khmer as its official language. In addition to Khmer, the French language is widely present and spoken: there are 463,000 French speakers in Cambodia, representing 3% of the population.
- **Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, has approximately 2.4 million inhabitants as of 2025.** To put it in perspective, **its area is comparable to that of Lyon and its metropolitan area**, although Phnom Penh is slightly larger. Located at the confluence of the Tonlé Sap and the Mekong rivers, the city was once nicknamed the "Pearl of Asia".
- Today, **Phnom Penh is the economic, political and cultural centre of Cambodia.**



2. Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE)

RULE is one of the main public higher education institutions in Cambodia. Founded in 1949, it was granted university status in 2003. Located at No. 93 Preah Monivong Boulevard in Phnom Penh, the university welcomes more than 18,000 students per year.

Within RULE is the French Cooperation Department, created in 1998, which brings together two entities:

- **The Law Department : second floor, Building A.**
- **The Economics-Management Department: 1st floor, Building D.**

The University offers its students many services:

- Two restaurants at the cafeteria
- A coffee shop/restaurant: the Makara Coffee
- A law library
- An economics library
- A badminton court
- A language centre: the Francophone Space, located on the second floor of Building D. Run by two civic service volunteers, it offers activities for Khmer and French students. You are welcome to work, read, relax or meet Khmer students there.
- A printing service.



Located on Monivong Boulevard, RULE is easily accessible by motorbike or car thanks to its secure paid parking. Access on foot is also possible.

Printing service with the Telegram number. Staff speak Khmer only.

Cooperation Department with administrative offices and a workspace.

The Makara Coffee and the University cafeteria, right next door.



3. Francophone Cooperation Department

3.1. Programs Offered by the Law Department

Program Name	Language	Partner university
Executive Master in International Business Law	English	Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgique
Master in Public and International Law	English	Université Paris 8 Vincennes - Saint-Denis, France
Master de droit des affaires international et franco-asiatique	French	Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, France
Master in Land Law and Real Estate	French	Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, France
Master in Digital Law	Khmer/English	Aix-Marseille Université, France

In addition to these programs, the **law department offers**, in **partnership with Université Lumière Lyon 2**, **a dual law degree**. This diploma allows graduates to apply for scholarships and continue their studies at Master's level at international universities.



3.2. Programs Offered by the **Economics-Management Department**

Program name	Language	Partner university
Master's degree in Risk Management for Insurance, Banking and Finance	English	Université de Nantes, France
Master's degree in Entrepreneurship and Project Management Towards Sustainability	English	Université Lumière Lyon 2, France
Master's degree in Euro-Asian Trade and Economics	English	Université Rennes 2, France

In addition to the Master's degrees in economics, the department also offers a **bachelor's degree program** that awards a **dual degree** from **Université Lumière Lyon 2** and RULE

3.3. A department at the Crossroads of Europe and Asia

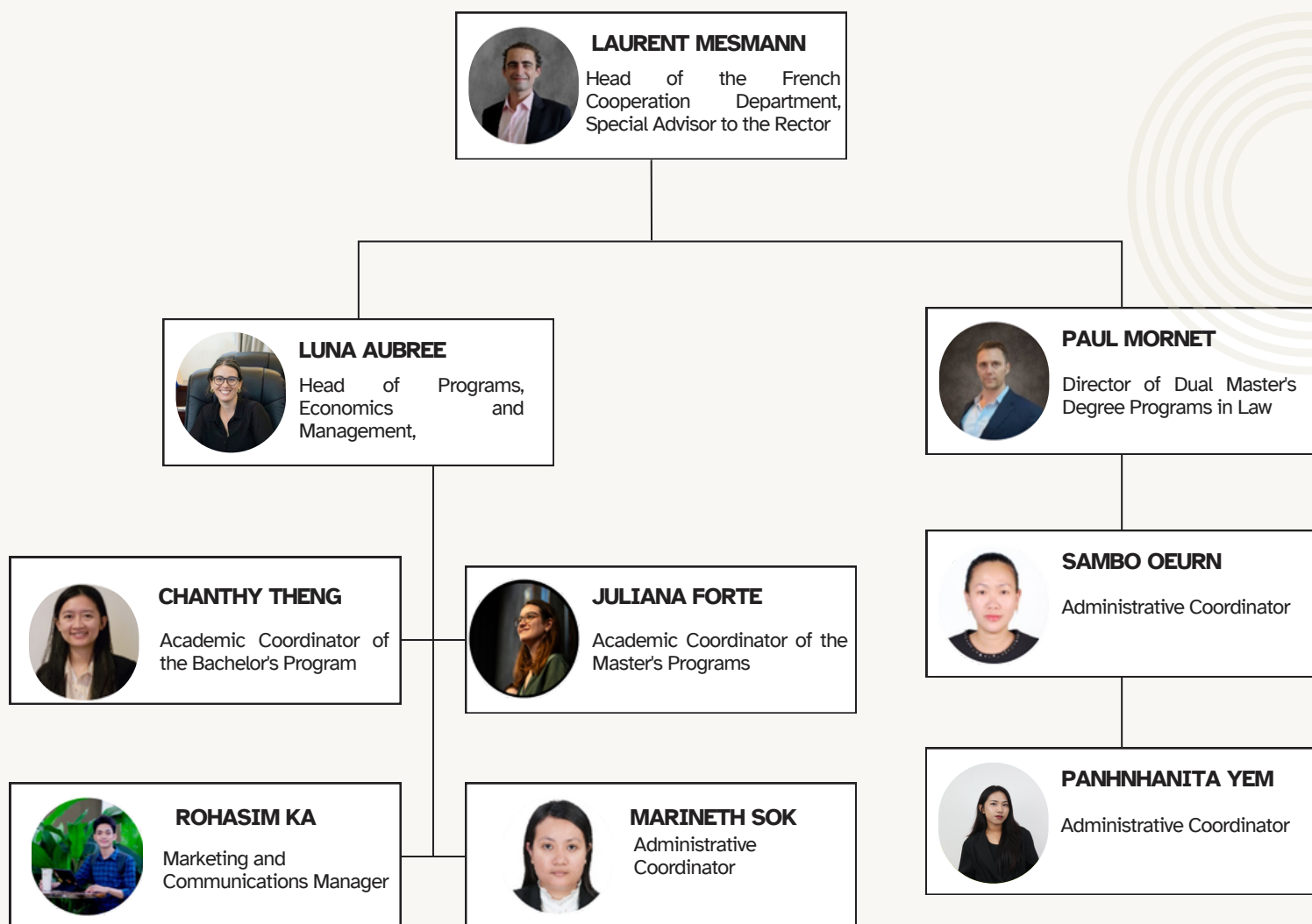
The **French Cooperation Department of RULE** is the **only academic department in Cambodia offering European dual degrees in the fields of Law, Economics and Management**.

At the end of the program, students obtain two degrees: one from the European partner university, the other from RULE. **Our mission is to train highly qualified bilingual/trilingual professionals with recognised expertise in Asia and in Europe.**

Each year, the Cooperation Department enriches its multicultural environment by welcoming approximately **80 international students in exchange programs** (semester or year), from prestigious partner institutions such as IGR-Rennes (France), Université Lumière Lyon 2 (France), Université de Rennes (France), Université de Nantes (France), Audencia Business School (France), Burgundy School of Business (France) and Science Po (France), as well as the University of Bologna (Italy), the University of Augsburg (Germany), Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Aix-Marseille Université (France), Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) and Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas (France).



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



5. Health



Advance European Medicare Center

Address : 3 Preah Ang Phanavong St.
(240), Phnom Penh



Pharmacie de la gare

(Various locations in Phnom Penh)



Ucare

Pharmacy chain widely present in Phnom Penh



Hôpital Calmette

Address :
34 Preah Monivong
Blvd (93), Phnom
Penh



Phnom Penh Hospital

888 Russian
Federation Blvd
(110), Phnom Penh,
Cambodge

If you need to see **doctors** (general practitioner, dermatologist, etc.), you can go to the **Advance European Medicare Center** in Phnom Penh, where you will find English- and French-speaking doctors as well as European medicines. You can also get medicines at the Pharmacie de la Gare or at Ucare, which has several locations in Phnom Penh and offers the widest selection of medicines. It is possible to find products at other pharmacies, but with no guarantee of finding what you are looking for.

There is also an **Institut Pasteur** if you are bitten by an animal or need a rabies vaccination. More information on the Institut Pasteur website: <https://www.pasteur-kh.org>

No vaccination is mandatory, but it is important to check that you are up to date with your vaccinations.

We strongly recommend taking out insurance, either private or through the Caisse des Français à l'Étranger (CFE), so that your medical and/or hospitalisation costs can be reimbursed.

6. Phone

To buy a SIM card at the airport, you have a choice between two **operators**: Cellcard (yellow) and Smart (green). You will need to pay for the SIM and the plan, for a **total of approximately 5 to 6 dollars**. Payment is made in dollars and you will need to present your passport to activate the card, which is standard procedure. The plan price varies according to the data volume you want. With Cellcard, for example, 6 dollars per month is generally sufficient.

Once in Phnom Penh, you will **need to visit a branch of your operator to request a personal phone number**. **Numbers issued at the airport are temporary numbers intended mainly for tourists**. Since you will be residing in Cambodia for a semester or academic year, it is **preferable to obtain your own phone line** (this number will be required to open a bank account in Cambodia).

To do so, **go to a branch of your operator and state that you would like a personal line**. They will change your phone number to assign you a permanent one. **Your passport will be required to link your identity to your number**. You can then download your operator's app, access your account and top up your plan directly from the app.

7. Visa formalities

Entry to Cambodia requires a visa for all foreign nationals without exception.

If you apply at the airport on arrival, you must request a business visa, known as a "Visa E". Important: you must not take the tourist visa, known as the "Visa T". The Visa E can be extended for up to 12 months, whereas the Visa T is strictly for tourism.

For example, having mistakenly obtained a Visa T instead of a Visa E, some students have had to make a round trip between Phnom Penh and Vietnam or Thailand in order to re-enter Cambodian territory and apply for the correct visa.

You can also apply for your visa in advance at the Cambodian visa website (<https://www.evisa.gov.kh>)

Once you have arrived, you must begin the process of extending this visa as quickly as possible

For the Economics Department: By visiting the office of Ms. Luna AUBREE, Head of Programs, within the French Cooperation Department in Economics and Management, who will provide you with all the necessary information for your visa extension. Her office is on the first floor on the right, in Building D. The office is located under the sign "Bureau chef de projet". The standard visa extension procedure takes place at a location fairly far from the centre of Phnom Penh: **we will direct you to a service provider who handles visa extensions and also runs a scooter shop. The place is safe and will assist you with your visa extension application.** All French exchange students from previous years have used this establishment. Bring cash dollars to pay the fee.

For the Law Department: please go to the office of Ms OEURN Sambo, the administrative coordinator, within the French Cooperation Department of Law.

To pay the fee: allow approximately 170 dollars for a 6-month renewal and approximately 300 dollars for a 12-month renewal.

- **Only 6-month and 12-month extensions will allow you to leave and re-enter Cambodia without having to apply for or pay for a new visa.** You will be able to exit and enter as many times as you wish during the validity period of your visa.
- It is important to start this process as early as possible, as otherwise you will have to pay a fine corresponding to the number of days overstayed.
- **Important: when submitting your extension application, you will not have your passport with you during processing. The process takes one week to 10 days.**

Address for visa extension : Lucky Lucky Motorcycle Rental
& visa extension
រាជធានី, 413Eo Preah Monivong Blvd (93), Phnom Penh 12258



8. Apps to download



- **Grab** : You can pay by cash or link your bank card, whether French or Khmer. This app lets you order tuk-tuks, carts or cars. It is the equivalent of Uber in Europe and works in the main cities of Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Battambang and Kampot.
- **PassApp** : You can pay by cash or bank card. This app works in other cities such as Kampot, for example.
- **Go2** : This app lets you rent scooters in Phnom Penh on the same principle as self-service bicycles in France. You must provide a photo of your driving licence or passport/identity card to register.



- **Foodpanda ou Grabfood**: Food delivery apps, particularly useful in the first few days when you are not yet familiar with local restaurants.
- **XE** : Currency conversion app (euros / riels / dollars).
- **TravelSpend** : App for keeping track of your expenses while travelling and managing your budget.
- **RedBus, Camboticket et BookMeBus** : These apps bring together all bus companies for travelling around the provinces. You will find all prices and all types of buses available (van, night bus or private car, depending on your preferences). Here is a ranking of the most recommended bus companies in Cambodia:
 - Vireak Buntham
 - Larryta
 - Cambolink (this company offers very affordable prices and can be a good alternative if you can no longer find seats with the first two companies)

9. Getting Around Phnom Penh



To get around Phnom Penh, you can also buy a bicycle (budget at least 50 dollars new, unless you manage to negotiate a lower price) or buy a second-hand one via Facebook, Khmer24 (<https://www.khmer24.com/>), or from expatriates leaving Cambodia (by word of mouth).

If you do not have a scooter or motorbike, you can travel by tuk-tuk using the Grab or PassApp applications. It is quick and efficient.

Many people buy scooters or motorbikes, always through the means mentioned above.

Buying scooters is easy in Phnom Penh, but it is essential to always make your purchase with the scooter's registration card, in case you are subject to a police check.

Scooters in Cambodia

Important note: If you decide to buy a scooter, it is essential to always make your purchase with the scooter's registration card. This document is important in the event of a police check and guarantees the legality of your scooter.

Wearing a helmet is compulsory in major cities or face a fine. No licence is checked, but we strongly recommend being very careful.

From 6pm onwards, rules are no longer really respected: drivers ride fast and often without helmets. This situation applies throughout the country, not just the capital.

Be extremely vigilant in the evening, particularly on major urban roads or poorly lit country roads. Road accidents are regularly identified as one of the leading causes of death and injury in Cambodia.



10. Proper conduct in Cambodia

Within the university, students are expected to **comply with the applicable dress codes**. While Khmer students must wear a uniform, exchange students are not required to do so. Nevertheless, it is important to **wear appropriate attire suited to a university setting**.

Smoking is prohibited within the University.

The consumption of all types of drugs is strictly prohibited.

When visiting temples and pagodas, **respectful clothing is mandatory**: you must cover your shoulders and knees without exception.

Beyond these dress rules, several cultural prohibitions are important to know:

- **It is considered rude to touch someone's head**, as it is regarded as the most sacred part of the body.
- **Avoid pointing at or singling out someone.**
- **Public displays of affection between couples should be limited.**
- You must **always remove your shoes before entering a home or place of worship.**
- **Respect representations of the Buddha and Buddhist monks**, who hold a **central place in Cambodian society**.
- It is **forbidden to touch monks: women must never touch a monk.**
- **Show respect towards elders and hierarchy.**

11. Housing Search Process

Upon your arrival in Phnom Penh, it is advisable to **book a few nights in a hostel or hotel in order to have enough time to find permanent accommodation**. At the same time, you should join the Facebook groups dedicated to housing searches, which are numerous and very active. Among the most recommended:

- **Phnom Penh Shared Housing** (mainly for finding flat-shares)
- **Phnom Penh Housing** (for finding a studio or shared flat if you have already identified potential flatmates)
- **Apartment and House for Rent in Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
- **Apartment for Rent in Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Once registered, you can post your own listing specifying your search criteria. You will then be contacted by estate agents or directly by landlords, and can schedule visits. The **process is generally quick and free for the tenant, with agency fees paid by the landlord upon signing the contract**.

You can also **browse listings from people looking for flatmates**. In this case, it is recommended to create a group chat on Messenger to discuss and determine whether your expectations are compatible.

You can also **use local estate agencies to facilitate your housing search**. Among the recommended agencies, IPS Cambodia, located in the BKK district, offers quality services. The agents speak English and can effectively assist you in your apartment search. It is important to note that these agencies mainly focus on renting studios or individual apartments and do not generally help with flat-share searches. Other estate agencies also exist in Phnom Penh, and it is possible to ask for recommendations directly on the Facebook housing groups. As mentioned above, agency fees are paid by the landlord, so this service remains free for you as a tenant.

The University does not offer on-site student accommodation or student residences.



Condominium: this type of housing is very common in Cambodia and more generally in Asia. You have your own apartment but the residence offers shared areas including a swimming pool or gym

Khmer-style apartment: the price is lower than a condominium apartment. Khmer apartments are located in 2 or 3-storey buildings, or even 5-storey ones.



11.1. Key criteria for choosing accommodation

Here are the factors to consider during your search, based on recommendations from expats living in Phnom Penh:

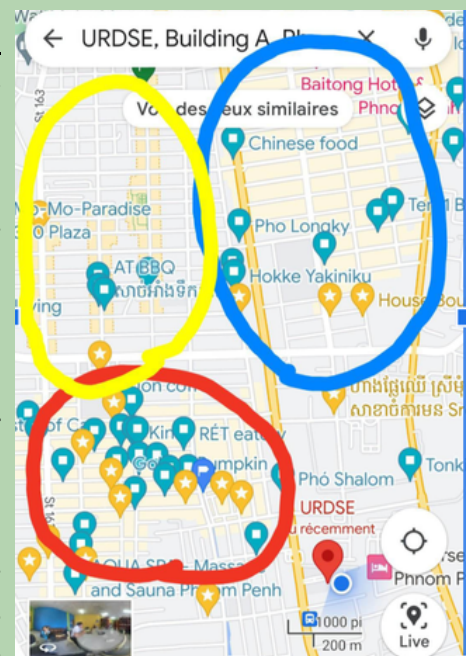
- **Electricity:** The recommended rate is approximately \$0.25 per unit. Please note that using air conditioning can significantly increase your electricity bill.
- **Water:** Expect to pay about \$5 in total, or \$0.30 per cubic meter.
- **Security deposit and payment:** No guarantor is required. You will need to pay one month's rent in advance as well as a one-month security deposit.
- **Contract duration:** You must sign a contract for a minimum of 6 months. If you sign for a year, you may be able to negotiate the rent. However, if you leave the apartment before the end date specified in the contract, you may lose your security deposit.
- **Required documents:** To sign the lease, you must present your passport and visa.
- **Agency fees:** Real estate agency fees are the responsibility of the property owner.
- **Check for construction work in the area, as construction sites in Cambodia do not have fixed schedules and may be active at any time, including early in the morning or late at night.**



11.2. Recommended neighbourhoods

To be close to the university, here are the most recommended neighbourhoods:

- **Tuol Tompong (also known as "Russian Market") highlighted in red on the map:** This neighbourhood has many affordable international restaurants (Greek, Japanese, Khmer, Italian, etc.), cafés, sports venues, as well as supermarkets and local markets. Many expatriates live here, and the neighbourhood is close to RULE. Everything is nearby and the living environment is pleasant. A Khmer-style apartment with a bedroom, living room, kitchen, bathroom and hallway can cost around \$250 per month, with \$15 in additional charges. For a flat-share, prices can drop to \$200 or less. **This is the neighbourhood closest to RULE.**
- **BKK1 highlighted in blue on the map:** This neighbourhood is approximately 15-20 minutes on foot from RULE (southern side). Khmer-style apartments are available for around \$200 per month. However, the northern part of the neighbourhood is known to be more upscale and therefore more expensive.
- **BKK2 highlighted in yellow on the map:** This neighbourhood is also very pleasant and is approximately 10 minutes from the university by scooter or tuk-tuk. It has many Khmer cafés and restaurants, and offers a good living environment. This does not prevent you from living elsewhere, but bear in mind that traffic is particularly heavy during rush hours, especially before your classes start at 6pm. The Daun Penh district, further north towards Riverside, may seem distant but is only about 5 km away. During rush hour, these 5 km can become a journey of 1 hour or more.



12. Banking and payment methods

In Cambodia, **few establishments accept bank cards. Payments are made in cash or by QR code via banking apps: ABA, Bred Bank or Wing Bank. ABA is the most widely used bank in Cambodia by both Khmer people and expatriates.** ABA is a local bank that allows you to pay for all your purchases directly from your phone by scanning a QR code. It is **strongly recommended to open an ABA account as soon as you arrive in Cambodia.**

To open an account, you will need the **following documents:**

- Your **passport**
- Your **visa**
- *Your rental contract in English for a minimum of 6 months, to prove that you are residing in Cambodia long-term*

Advantages of ABA. The majority of businesses in Cambodia accept ABA payments. This app means you do not have to carry large amounts of cash, allows you to reimburse contacts directly, and to make online purchases. ABA is accepted even in remote areas of the country, making it an extremely convenient payment method. It is possible to pay all of your daily expenses by QR code, including in the most remote provinces. Topping up your ABA account. It is important to note that you cannot fund your ABA account by bank transfer from your French bank account. You must withdraw cash and then go to an ABA machine that allows "Cash In" to deposit the money into your account. Although using ABA is not mandatory, it is particularly practical for daily use.

Notes on Bred Bank: Being a French bank, it is possible to open an account in Cambodia from your French account. For more information, feel free to visit a bank branch.

Cash. It is nonetheless recommended to always carry a little cash with you, in case some businesses do not accept ABA (although this is rare) or in the event of a poor internet connection.

Cash withdrawals and bank charges. You will be charged withdrawal fees generally amounting to a fixed \$4-5 or a proportional amount to the sum withdrawn. It is therefore advisable to withdraw larger amounts to limit these fees. The bank currently offering the lowest withdrawal fees is BRED Bank (\$4). With ABA, fees amount to \$5 per withdrawal.

There is also a bank with no withdrawal fees: Sbi Ly Hour. The nearest branch is located near the Independence Monument (Building 118, Street Preah Norodom, Phnom Penh 12300). Some people manage to withdraw with their cards at these ATMs while others encounter difficulties. It is therefore recommended to test whether your card is compatible.

Currencies used in Cambodia. In Cambodia, two currencies coexist: the US dollar and the Cambodian riel. Although all transactions are made in dollars by QR code payment with ABA, it is very difficult to get change for large notes (\$50 or \$100). Even \$10 notes can sometimes cause issues. Supermarkets generally accept giving change, but in everyday life this remains difficult. It is therefore preferable to mainly use riels for your everyday expenses (markets, tuk-tuks, small restaurants) and a few dollars for larger payments (temple visits, bus tickets, upscale restaurants). But again, if you have your bank account you will be able to pay very easily by QR code.

13. Food / good addresses / supermarkets



Phnom Penh is a city with **many cafés**. There are some throughout the city, for all tastes and styles: whether for a coffee break alone, with friends or even to work, you are spoilt for choice.

Note that in Cambodia, **Khmers enjoy drinking cold coffee with condensed milk and lots of sugar**. When ordering your coffee, you will be asked what sugar percentage you want. They often offer these percentages (non-exhaustive list, as an example): 10%, 25%, 50% or 100%.

Some café recommendations:

- **Emma Coffee** (next to the Central Market)
- **COFFEE I NEED U X PHNOM PENH**
- Brown Coffee (a Khmer café chain, found throughout Phnom Penh and Cambodia generally)
- Café Chiet
- Hero House x Matcha Hero Kh
- Ine Cafe
- **Kaifun** (several locations in Phnom Penh, including two in the BKK district)
- Toto by Chi Chi (one in front of RULE and another in the BKK district)
- Resume Coffee
- **Doi Chaang Coffee BKK**

13.1. Addresses in Phnom Penh

- **Kungfu Kitchen 家常便饭**: a very popular Chinese restaurant chain in Cambodia, found throughout Phnom Penh.
- **The Lost Eatery, RÉT eatery or Autumn**: these are well-known, popular places to eat among Khmers. You can eat and have a drink. The atmosphere is great.
- **Eric Kayser**: French bakery
- **Tatie's**: French restaurant with French cheese.
- **Khéma**: French bakery.
- **Eleven One Kitchen**
- **Marugame Udon**: Japanese restaurant chain found throughout Phnom Penh
- **Elia Greek Kitchen**: Greek restaurant
- **Hummus House**: Lebanese restaurant
- **Magnolia Restaurant**: Vietnamese restaurant
- **Steak House**
- **Kinin, Maloop and Nesat**
- **Wild**: a restaurant in BKK, in the same atmosphere as "Autumn" (right next door) but more touristy.
- **72 restaurant**: Khmer canteen for around \$2 with unlimited rice
- **Khmer Women Food**: opposite Autumn, Khmer food.
- **Hybrid Kitchen**
- **Cambodian Street Barbecue Stand** (Hangbai Vimean Ekreach): classic rice and pork
- **Kraya Angkor**
- **Oskar Bistrot**
- **Mama Thai**

Regarding street food, be careful about where you eat, as you risk falling ill. Always try to eat at places that have been recommended to you. Just because you see a street food stall with many people, including Khmers, eating there does not guarantee compliance with hygiene rules. It is not like Vietnam or Thailand: be careful where you eat to avoid falling ill or getting food poisoning.

Bassac Lane: in Phnom Penh, it is not like Thailand or Vietnam. There is no great nightlife and, often, for a drink or an evening out, everything is concentrated in one street: **Bassac Lane**. You will find **bars**, **restaurants** and **karaoke bars**. The clientele is mainly made up of tourists, expatriates and occasionally Khmers. If you want a night out, there is the **SLOMO nightclub**, very popular among Khmers, with music from very popular Khmer singers

13.2. Supermarkets in Phnom Penh, where to shop ?

For your grocery shopping in Phnom Penh, you will find several supermarkets:

- **Thai Huot**
- **BIG C**
- **Super Duper**
- **Lucky Market**
- **Lucky Supermarket**
- **Angkor Mart**

They offer a wide selection of local and imported products.

For a more **complete shopping experience**, head to the large **shopping centres** such as **Aeon 1, Aeon 2 or Aeon 3** (there are several in Phnom Penh), **Chip Mong 271 Mega Mall** or **Chip Mong Noro Lane**, where you will also discover grocery sections with a wide product selection.

These stores offer a **great selection of European products** — cheeses, cold meats, pasta, sauces and condiments — which will allow you to cook



AEON MALL Phnom Penh



AEON MALL Sen Sok City



AEON MALL Mean Chey



14. What to visit in Phnom Penh?



Royal Palace of Phnom Penh

Official residence of the King of Cambodia. The Palace can be visited every day of the week (check the opening times as the Palace closes at 5pm). The ticket price is \$10 and payment is in cash only



National Museum of Cambodia

Khmer works of art are exhibited here. The ticket price is \$10 and payment is in cash only



SOSORO - Preah Srey Içanavarman Museum

Also known as the "money museum". The museum presents 2,000 years of Cambodia's economic and monetary history through twelve interactive modules with display cases and multimedia content.



Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

A memorial site dedicated to the victims of the Khmer Rouge regime, set up within the former S-21 detention and torture centre.



Wat Phnom

Phnom Penh's oldest Buddhist temple, built at the top of a hill and considered the founding site of Phnom Penh



Independence Monument

An iconic landmark in Phnom Penh, inaugurated in 1962 to commemorate the end of the French protectorate and Cambodia's independence in 1953.



Riverside

A riverside promenade ideal for sport or a stroll, where boats also depart for cruises on the Mekong. At weekends, **from Friday evening to Sunday evening**, the **entire area is turned into a pedestrian zone in the evening**.

15. Culture



Institut Français du Cambodge (IFC) is a **landmark for French nationals living in Phnom Penh and throughout the country**, but above all represents an essential meeting point for the Francophone community in Cambodia.

It is a **place for cultural encounters and exchanges**. The Institut offers a **rich and varied programme throughout the year**.

Each week, varied activities are organised, covering different fields: arts, literature, cinema, debates or educational workshops.

The Institut also has a media library open every day except Sunday and Monday. The media library has French books in various genres.

SPORT

Here is an overview of different sports — **the list is not exhaustive, there are many others!**

Climbing:

- Phnom Penh Climb
- Le Club

Running:

- PPCA (Phnom Penh Athletic Club)

Swimming:

- 5\$ à la piscine olympique du stade

Tennis:

- Olympic Stadium
- Sofitel
- Cambodia Country Club

Kun Khmer:

- The Ring
- Prodal

Martial Arts:

- Stade Olympique
- Kiri Jiu Jitsu

Boxe:

- Villa Martial

Padel:

- Khmer Padel (2 locations)

Basketball:

- Stade Olympique

Volleyball:

- Stade Olympique
- Street 474 (entre la rue 123 et la rue 105)

Football:

- Riel Phnom Penh (un groupe masculin et un groupe féminin)

Pickleball:

- Factory Phnom Penh
- Olympia
- VNC

16. Internship / Professional experience in Phnom Penh

The **status of "internship" as it exists in France** (with tripartite agreement and strict legislation) is **less common in Cambodia**.

However, many professional experience opportunities exist and are generally formalised under other statuses:

- **Volunteer Contract** (often for NGOs/Associations)
- **Local Fixed-Term Contract (CDD)** or Junior Consultant
- **Services or Mission Contract**

What matters is the outcome: gaining professional experience that validates your course.

16.1. Target sectors and types of organisations

Phnom Penh offers opportunities in very diverse fields, particularly those linked to international relations and the Francophone world:

- **The Franco-Cambodian and European Network:**
 - **Franco-Cambodian NGOs and Associations:** Very active in education, health and sustainable development. They often look for volunteers or interns (examples: Pour un Sourire d'Enfant (PSE), Taramana, Toutes à l'école, Enfants du Mékong, Enfants d'Asie). Missions are often in communications, project management, or in the legal field.
 - **French/European Institutional Organisations:** The French Embassy, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Economic Service, Institut Français du Cambodge. They offer internships or International Administration Volunteerships (VIA). For any experience within these organisations, applications must be submitted online (never in person), and usually before leaving France, via the official State platforms (Mon Volontariat International and the PASS portal for internships).
 - **French Companies:** From SMEs to multinationals, particularly in services, consulting, hospitality/catering, real estate or logistics.
- **Growing Sectors in Cambodia :**
 - **Finance, Banking and Insurance** (often large institutions recruiting via local platforms).
 - **TIC / Digital / Start-ups** (booming).
 - **Tourism and Hospitality**.

16.2. Essential resources for your search

It is crucial to use **local and networking search channels**:

Resource	Type of opportunity	Key tips
Franco-Cambodian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIFC)	Internships, Jobs, VIE	This is the most important French professional network . Member companies can be contacted directly, even without a job posting. You can browse their member directory and attend their events (lunch debates, networking) to make yourself known.
EuroCham Cambodia	Internships, Jobs (European)	The European Chamber of Commerce, a broader network including other Western companies
JobNet.com.kh & Bongthom.com	All types of contracts	The professional network remains essential. You can search for positions in Phnom Penh-based companies or contacts (alumni, French expatriates) for unsolicited applications.
Volunteering/NGO Platforms	Volunteering	Specialist NGO sites (e.g. makesense, reliefweb, coordination sud) for those whose internship can take the form of a humanitarian/solidarity mission.

16.3. Practical tips for applying

- **CV and Cover Letter**: Very often required in **English**, even for Francophone organisations (to demonstrate their ability to work in an international environment).
- **Flexibility**: Accept contracts that are not French "internship agreements", and be prepared to negotiate conditions (allowance, transport costs, etc.) directly with the employer.
- **Network, Network, Network**: In Cambodia, many opportunities are found through word of mouth and personal encounters. Attending CCIFC events or expatriate clubs is fundamental. Do not hesitate to contact our department as early as possible with your preferences in terms of sector/missions.
- **Contact our Department**: Do not hesitate to contact our department as early as possible with your preferences in terms of sector/missions. We will be able to guide you towards organisations suited to your expectations.

What matters is the outcome: gaining professional experience that validates your course. To this end, we advise you to be proactive, do not hesitate to contact organisations that interest you even if they do not advertise a vacancy, and even to "create" your own internship by proposing a relevant collaboration.

17. Basic vocabulary

Hello : Suos'dey

Good-bye : Lee heuy

Thank you (very much): A-kun (Chraen)

Please : Som

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 : Mouy, pi, bai, bourn, pram, pram-mouy, pram-pi, pram-bai, pram-bourn, dap

How much ? : Pon-man

Sorry : Som to

Yes: Baat (said by men) / Jaah (said by women)

No: Ot teh

Left/Right: Bort chveng/Bort sdam



See you soon

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