



Overseas Experience

Experience Cambodia “Highlights”

15th – 19th Jan 2017





Located in the tropics of south east Asia, Cambodia is a country of natural wonders, inspiring people and rich history. From Angkor Wat to the mighty Mekong River, there is so much to see, and so much to learn. Despite all its beauty, the best of this country is the people. They have overcome huge tragedy and are building towards a bright and prosperous future

- Travel with your family and give them an understanding of poverty and the work of World Vision firsthand through the communities we partner with.
- Designed to enable families to include this experience as part of their broader time in Asia.
- Spend 1 day visiting various other Cambodian NGO's and explore issues of protection, fair trade, health, youth employment, child rights, water and sanitation.
- Engage with informal schools, enabling the whole family to learn with children in a safe and structured environment.
- Spend a day in an urban community in Phnom Penh before spending another in rural Cambodia.
- Get involved in fundraising ensuring your visit makes a tangible difference in the lives of Cambodian children.



A group of World Vision staff members, wearing orange t-shirts, are gathered outdoors in Cambodia. They are interacting with a group of children, some of whom are sitting on a large orange mat on the ground. The staff members are holding various items, including a red folder and a yellow box. The children are wearing white shirts and blue skirts. In the foreground, several ducks are visible on a bed of straw. The background shows more staff members and children, suggesting a community event or a field visit.

World Vision in Cambodia

Assisting

children, their families and communities with basic needs such as clean water, education, health and nutrition.

Working

with government health service providers to improve the quality of their healthcare, particularly for children under five and mothers.

Providing

training for farmers to increase food production, while others learn small business skills.

Working

to educate, involve and empower communities in child protection issues.

Supporting

programs to assist young people who have been trafficked for work, who work in brick factories or who have been sexually abused.

Working

with urban slum communities under threat of displacement.

Educating

communities about land tenure and land rights.

Trip Overview

Day 1: Introduction

We meet at our hotel at 3pm for briefing and introductions, before we go on a sunset cruise on the Mekong. Then it's off to a Youth training restaurant to enjoy a wonderful Khmer meal.

Day 2: Phnom Penh

Visit three different local organisations working to bring change to their country. Explore the issues of Youth Employment, Disability, Fair Trade and Protection. Visit World Vision's National Office and gain insights into the approach before commencing program visits on days 3 and 4.

Day 3: Urban Community

Visit and learn about World Vision's work in urban communities. Explore issues including education, urban migration, water and sanitation and land security. Spend time engaging with community members.





Day 4: Rural Community & Debrief

Visit a rural community partnering with World Vision and explore issues of nutrition, child protection, livelihoods and youth empowerment. Return to Phnom Penh for a final dinner and debrief.

Day 5: Depart

This is a unique opportunity for supporters of all ages to experience World Vision's work first hand.

The Experience Cambodia Highlights program is designed to enable families, couples and individuals to engage and learn from communities that partner with World Vision. The program is structured so that participants can explore Cambodia or Asia themselves either before or after the Highlights Experience.

Please note that due to the short amount of time and varying participant ages, the program does not visit sites such as The Killing Fields or S21 Genocide museum. We would however be pleased to provide recommendations and assistance for participants wishing to spend additional time in Cambodia.





Travel Costs

Travel Costs:

\$299 per person twin share

This is inclusive of an initial \$100 non-refundable deposit within two weeks of confirming attendance.

A Single supplement of \$115 \$AU can be selected if individuals prefer their own room.

What is included in the cost?

- Accommodation in Cambodia
- Transportation within Cambodia.
- Most meals and drinks (excluding alcohol)
- Community Visits

What is not included in the cost?

- Airfares to and from Cambodia
- VISA's
- Travel insurance (obligatory)
- Passport costs
- Medical health checks prior to the trip
- Items of a personal nature i.e. phone calls, laundry, snacks etc.
- Spending money
- Transport to and from the airport.
(However this can be organised for you.)



Fundraising

Fundraising amount:

\$1,000 per adult (15+)

We feel privileged that we have the opportunity to visit these communities, and as such believe it is important to support them in practical ways.

We do this by fundraising a nominated amount per trip to continue to impact of the lives of people living in poverty.

We believe it is important that this is a holistic experience for all. Many people visit countries like Cambodia, inspired by the beauty, ingenuity and resilience of its people, but leave little in return.

The amount you raise will support the communities just like those you will be visiting in Cambodia. By joining the program, you become part of the solution rather than simply a tourist.

Upon registering for a trip, you will receive a fundraising pack that includes many resources for methods and strategies of fundraising, advice and tips for planning, and testimonials from various participants of past trips. We provide these resources to aid you on your fundraising experience. We want to set you up for success, so we're always here to help you out.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I fundraise?

There are various fun and creative ways to successfully fundraise. When you register for the trip, you will have a regular point of contact that will be there as support right up until your departure.

Your contact is a fundraising expert and they have helped hundreds of people reach and exceed their targets. You will also receive a registration pack with a comprehensive fundraising guide full of great ideas and case studies from previous participants.

What happens if I don't reach my target?

You will, don't even go there with that thought! With the right commitment and a good fundraising plan you have plenty of time and the support you need from us to reach your fundraising goal.

What sort of things do people do to fundraise?

Sausage sizzles, trivia nights, auctions, morning teas, cinema nights, eBay sales, family fun day, family dinner, chocolate boxes, dance parties and donations from family and friends are just a few ways to fundraise.

When does the fundraising target need to be reached by?

Before you travel. The secret to making fundraising easy is to speak to us, develop a clear strategy, and then get started.

How can I get the company I work for to help me?

Many larger companies have Community Foundations or Corporate Social Responsibility programs and as part of these programs they offer to dollar match funds raised by employees for World Vision. We recommend approaching your company and finding out if they are able to support your fundraising efforts.

Why would people want to donate to me?

Generally, people want to make a difference. Critically, your friends and family will support your commitment to helping the world's poor. Fundraising is a way to include them in your journey, before, during and after the program.

Are donations tax-deductible?

All donations that go to World Vision over \$2 is tax-deductible (providing your supporters received nothing in return for their donation) your donors will be issued with a receipt.

How do donors get receipts?

When your fundraising monies are paid to World Vision we will issue a tax-deductible receipt to the supporters who made a donation, providing they have provided all the relevant details.



I have a Sponsor Child in Cambodia. Can I visit him/her?

Probably!

Visiting a child you sponsor can be a very meaningful experience.

As the program commences on a weekend, the logical day to request to visit a sponsor child is Thursday 19th or Friday 19th January.

If you would like to visit your sponsor child or sponsor a child please contact us as soon as possible so that we can work to make this a reality.

Is it safe to travel in Cambodia?

World Vision International monitors security in Cambodia. In addition, staffs monitor the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Smartraveller website (smartraveller.gov.au) for security and risk levels. Cambodia is currently categorised as “exercise normal safety precautions”.

What is the accommodation like?

When choosing accommodation and transport methods, the security of our travellers is always our first priority, and our well-travelled staff members from World Vision Australia are there to support and journey with you. Accommodation will 3 star with air-conditioning and western facilities.

Do I need to get medical clearance from my doctor?

Yes, every participant will need to have a medical check completed by a doctor. We advise participants to see a travel doctor who can provide specialist advice about travelling in Cambodia.

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, comprehensive travel insurance is compulsory for all participants and is the responsibility of each participant to arrange.

Is there consular representation in Cambodia for Australians?

Australia has an embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

What if there was an emergency in Cambodia?

All necessary steps and precautions will be taken to ensure your safety and the safety of the group whilst in Cambodia. World Vision has a comprehensive emergency and crisis management plan, should a situation arise.

What will be the size of the group travelling?

The size of the group varies, but is likely to be between 10-15 participants and 2 World Vision Leaders

Will I receive fundraising support?

Yes, you will receive a fundraising pack which includes resources and tips on multiple ways to fundraise. We want to set you up for success, so we're always ready to help you out.



Countdown to Experience Cambodia!

Click 'Register Now' before the trip becomes full.

A \$100 deposit pp. is required 14 days after confirmation.

An information pack is sent after confirmation

Fundraise for the communities you will meet

Final payment is due 14th October 2016

Please note: dates above are subject to change depending on group needs and schedules





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