General Information   
  
Location: 181,035 square kilometers. It is bordered to the North by Thailand and Laos, to the East and the South by Vietnam, and to the South and West by the Gulf of Siam and Thailand.

Area: 181,035 sq.km.   
  
Relief: Cambodia's landscape is characterised by a low-lying central plain that is surrounded by uplands and low mountains and includes the Tonle Sap (Great Lake) and the upper reaches of the Mekong Riverdelta. Extending outward from this central region are transitional plains, thinly forested and rising to elevations of about 650 feet (200 metres) above sea level.

**Climate:** The average temperature is 27oC. There are two seasons, the monsoon season from May to October, and dry season from November to April. December to January is the coolest period.

**Population:** Total population is 12 million. Khmer people account for about 90% of citizens. Ethnic group is 10%.

**Language:** The official language is Khmer. It is part of the Mon-Khmer family. English has gained popularity. The older people speak French.

**Alphabet:** Khmer

**Religion:** The official religion is Theravada Buddhism. Ninety percent of Khmers follow this religion. The country also has minority religions such as Islam, Christianity.

**State government:** Multiparty liberal democracy under a constitutional monarchy.

**Capital:** Phnom Penh (population 1,501,725)   
  
**Large Cities:** Ta Khmau, Battambang, Serei Saophoan, Siem Reap, Kampong Cham.