



Practical information Cambodia



Introduction

We are delighted to welcome you to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

This document has been prepared to support your travel and stay by providing essential practical information ahead of your arrival. It includes guidance on language, currency, climate, electricity, safety, and local context, as well as useful contacts during the General Assembly. Our aim is to help ensure that your participation is as smooth, comfortable, and enjoyable as possible.

Siem Reap is a city known for its hospitality, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant civil society landscape. We encourage you to take time, where possible, to experience the city and its surroundings, while also prioritising rest and well-being during what will be an intensive and energising gathering.

If you have any questions or require additional support before or during your journey, the Forus team and local organisers remain at your disposal. We very much look forward to welcoming you in person and to sharing this important milestone together as a network.

Language - Khmer is the official language of Cambodia. English is widely spoken in hotels, restaurants and tourist areas in Siem Reap.

Currency - The official currency is the Cambodian Riel (KHR), though US Dollars are widely used and accepted throughout Siem Reap. ATMs are common and typically dispense USD. Credit/debit cards are accepted (mostly in hotels/restaurants, less so in markets). You are advised to carry small USD bills with you if possible.

Climate and clothing - March falls within the dry season, with warm temperatures generally ranging between 25°C and 35°C. Light, breathable clothing is recommended, along with comfortable walking shoes. When visiting temples, modest attire covering shoulders and knees is required. A light layer can be useful in air-conditioned spaces.

Electricity and voltage - Cambodia uses 230V / 50Hz electricity. Common plug types include A, C and G. Bringing a universal travel adaptor is advised.

Internet connectivity and SIM cards - Wi-Fi is widely available in hotels, cafés, and conference venues in Siem Reap. Affordable local SIM cards with data packages can be purchased at the airport or in the city from providers such as Smart, Metfone, or Cellcard. Participants who rely heavily on mobile data for work or navigation may find it useful to purchase a local SIM upon arrival.

Local transportation - Siem Reap is a compact city, and most locations can be reached easily by tuk-tuk, taxi, or ride-hailing apps such as Grab and PassApp. Tuk-tuks are widely available and affordable for short trips. Forus and the local organising team will share any information related to organised transport for official events, if applicable. When moving around the city, it is recommended to use organised transport or reputable taxi services.

Cultural awareness and local customs - Cambodia has a rich cultural heritage, and visitors are encouraged to be respectful of local customs and traditions. This includes dressing modestly when visiting temples or religious sites, removing shoes when entering certain buildings, and being mindful when taking photographs of people or sacred places. A respectful and culturally sensitive approach will help ensure a positive experience for all.

Accessibility and special needs - Participants with accessibility needs, dietary requirements, or other specific considerations are encouraged to inform the Forus team in advance, so that reasonable arrangements can be explored in coordination with venues and service providers.

Time zone - Cambodia operates on Indochina Time (ICT), which is UTC +7.

Emergency Contacts and Safety

In case of emergency in Cambodia, the following contact numbers may be useful:

- Police: 117
- Fire services: 118
- Ambulance / medical emergencies: 119

Forus and the local organising team will also be available on site throughout the General Assembly to support participants in case of need. Siem Reap is generally considered a safe city for visitors. As with any international travel, participants are encouraged to take standard precautions, including keeping personal belongings secure, carrying a copy of identification documents, and following local guidance.

Discovering Siem Reap - If your schedule allows, Siem Reap offers rich cultural experiences, including the Angkor temple complex (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Angkor Thom and Bayon Temple, vibrant local markets, artisan centres and traditional Cambodian cuisine. The city is compact, welcoming and well suited to international visitors.

Further updates, including the full programme, will be shared in the coming weeks.

For any questions related to participation, logistics or practical arrangements, please contact Arturo (arturo@forus-international.org), Isabella (isabella@forus-international.org) or Jennifer (jennifer@forus-international.org).

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Siem Reap for this important milestone in the life of the Forus network — and to shaping the next chapter together.

