

# Responsible Travel Guidelines

## Commitment to People and the Environment

At **Cambodian Travel Partner**, we are dedicated to ensuring that your visit to the "Kingdom of Wonder" leaves a positive impact. Cambodia is a country with a young and vibrant population. As part of our commitment to **Child Safe Tourism**, we ask you to join us in protecting the dignity and safety of all children and adolescents.

To ensure your journey is ethical and respectful, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **Support Families, Not Orphanages:** We do not facilitate visits to orphanages or residential care facilities. Research shows that these visits can be harmful to children's development. We believe children belong in families and should not serve as tourist attractions.
- **Think Before Giving:** While it is tempting to give money or candy to children begging or selling items at temples, this often keeps them out of school. If you wish to give back, we are happy to recommend reputable local NGOs that support long-term community development.
- **Respect Privacy:** Please always ask for permission from a parent or guardian before taking photos of children.
- **Zero Tolerance:** In accordance with Cambodian law and international standards, we maintain a zero-tolerance policy toward any form of exploitation or harassment. We expect our guests, staff, and partners to uphold the highest standards of conduct.

## Sustainability and Environmental Protection

Cambodian Travel Partner aims to create a positive impact on the environment and the local community through its business operations. Our mission is to regenerate where possible, or at the very least, provide sustainable travel experiences. We are committed to keeping the direct footprint of our operations as minimal as possible and actively follow the **5Rs**: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot.

- **Avoid Plastic Waste:** Single-use plastic bottles contribute significantly to environmental pollution. Small changes make a big difference. By bringing your own reusable water bottle, you help reduce plastic waste. We provide refillable water on most of our tours, and many hotels also allow you to refill your bottle with drinking water free of charge.



- **Ethical Souvenir Shopping:** In Cambodia, it is illegal to buy, sell, or export souvenirs made from endangered species, historical artifacts, or certain religious images. Purchasing such items supports illegal trade and destroys the country's cultural heritage.

**Recommended Alternatives:** Instead, choose authentic Cambodian handicrafts that support local artisans, such as:

- **Krama:** The traditional Cambodian silk or cotton scarf.
- **Local Crafts:** Silk garments, silver jewelry, or lacquerware (e.g., at Artisans Angkor).
- **Fair Trade Wood Products:** Look for legal, fair-trade timber.
- **Recycled Products:** Unique jewelry made from recycled brass bullet casings from Siem Reap.