

LEAVING FROM CAI BE TO PHNOM PENH CAMBODIA

Cai Be is geographically quite close to Cambodia and its capital city of Phnom Penh from where you may easily continue your journey to Angkor Wat/ Siem Reap. There are two ways to go from Cai Be to Phnom Penh.

Option 1: Go directly from Cai Be to Phnom Penh by private car:

The distance between Cai Be and Phnom Penh City is only 228 kilometers, equivalent to 5 hours in transit time under the given road conditions, plus the time required to cross the border (30 minutes to 2 hours, depending on your visa condition and the length of the waiting line). Please note that cars with Vietnamese license plates are not allowed to cross over into Cambodia, by reason of which you are required to change cars at the border.

Option 2: Go to Phnom Penh (Cambodia) via the temple city of Chau Doc (Vietnam):

Chau Doc is an authentic Vietnamese Buddhist pilgrimage town, which we recommend to visit. Chau Doc also happens to be located exactly next to the border to Cambodia.

The distance between Cai Be and Chau Doc is 148 kilometers (3 to 4 hours by car or bus). And the distance between Chau Doc and Phnom Penh is only 115 kilometers. Therefore, the total distance, by going to Phnom Penh via Chau Doc is 263 kilometers, as opposed to 228 Kilometers by going the most direct way on Highway 1. Chau Doc can either be reached by private car or by FUTA bus.

We suggest that you stay overnight in Chau Doc. We recommend that you stay at the Victoria Nui Sam Lodge, located on top of the temple mountain with an absolutely amazing vista of the entire area. Please do not confuse the 'Victoria Nui Sam Lodge' with the similarly sounding but different "Victoria Chau Doc Hotel".

From Chau Doc, it is recommended that you continue the journey to Phnom Penh by speed boat. The transit time by speed boat is 6 hours and 30 minutes. The boats departs daily at around 7.00 am. The one and only ferry company which operates this route is called 'Hang Chau Express Boat' Company. Boat tickets cannot be purchased online and must be purchased directly at the office premises of the boat company in Chau Doc.

Return to Vietnam from Cambodia:

There are multiple inexpensive one-way-only return flight options from Phnom Penh Airport or Siem Reap to Vietnam. These are our airline recommendations on a one-way ticket purchase basis.

Siem Reap - Saigon route: [JetStar](http://www.jetstar.com/vn/en/home) <http://www.jetstar.com/vn/en/home>

Siem Reap - Hanoi route: [VietJet](http://www.vietjetair.com/Sites/Web/en-US/Home) <http://www.vietjetair.com/Sites/Web/en-US/Home>

Phnom Penh - Saigon route: [Jetstar](http://www.jetstar.com/vn/en/home) <http://www.jetstar.com/vn/en/home>

Useful links for your perusal:

- [To book your car to Chau Doc](#)
- [Office address and time table of Hang Chau Express Boat Company for ticket purchase](#)
- [Google Map 'Cai Be to Phnom Penh direct way'](#)
- [Google Map 'Cai Be to Phnom Penh via Chau Doc'](#)
- [Victoria Nui Sam Lodge in Chau Doc](#)
- [Cambodia Online Visa](#)