



2026 Building Trip Info Sheet for Cambodia

Thank you for your interest in visiting Cambodia with Volunteer Build to assist with building a home for the poor living in rural Siem Reap. No prior building experience is required to participate in this trip and well-behaved children over 10 years old travelling with a parent are welcome.

For many families in Siem Reap, life is a daily struggle. A house means more than shelter—it means security, health, and a foundation for brighter days. 🏡 Homes come equipped with toilets, clean water wells, water filters, and simple solar units, ensuring every family has the basic necessities to build a better future.

A typical trip programme is attached for your information. The trip starts in Phnom Penh which includes some orientation to give understanding to the more recent history of Cambodia under the Pol Pot regime. We will then head to Siem Reap where we will spend 4 days building a home. You will also have time to visit the 9th man made wonder of the world (Angkor Wat) in Siem Reap.

The trip finishes on Saturday 3rd of October 2026, however team members have the option to join others in Vietnam for some R & R and tourism activities (additional cost from \$1,350 pp).

Flights & Trip Budget:

Best available fares from Auckland to Phnom Penh and from Siem Reap to Auckland start at around \$1800 return on various airlines, plus allow from \$160-\$200 to fly from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. We can assist you with making these bookings. After the build trip, you can join us for an optional week of R & R in Vietnam, or return to New Zealand on Saturday 10th of October 2026, or follow your own itinerary.

Departure Date: Thursday 24th September 2026	Costs from
Approx. Airfare from - AKL to Phnom Penh; Siem Reap to AKL from	\$2,000
Trip Cost	\$1,600
Building Materials Contribution Donation	\$1,000
Budgeted estimated total including building materials contribution	\$4,600

Costs are based on an exchange rate of US\$0.60 to NZ\$1. Pricing is subject to change with movements in currency and supplier price changes.

Accommodation:

Share twin with same gender or your spouse/child in 3/4-star hotels.

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Transport: Hire vans with local drivers, planes, tuk tuks, boat (river cruise)

Building Contribution: The building materials for the house, a water well, and toilet cost US\$4,000. Each person will contribute NZ\$1,000 to the building fund on current exchange rate. A receipt will be provided which may qualify for up to a 33% (\$333) donation credit on your NZ tax.

Vaccinations: You will need to consult your doctor, however common vaccinations required are Tetanus, Diphtheria, MMR, Hepatitis A & B, Japanese encephalitis, typhoid, flu vaccination. Remember it's not just you who needs protection – it's the Cambodian kids and families you interact with as well. You will also need to take anti-malarial medicine. All team members must be vaccinated to travel on this tour and provide confirmation to us prior to departure. More information will be provided in the full pre-trip briefing.

Visas: A passport and e visas for both Cambodia & Vietnam are required. You will need an electronic passport-sized photograph. We will email you instructions on how to get your visa 30 days before departure.

Travel insurance is compulsory and must include coverage for manual labor/building. Volunteer Build offers a Covermore policy. Once your application has been accepted, we will email you a quote.

To register for the Trip: log onto www.volunteerbuild.com/cambodia and complete the online registration form.

*What is covered in the Trip Cost?

Volunteer Build: \$1600 - covers accommodation in Cambodia on our core trip dates, van transport & driver, daily breakfast; drinking water on build site, dedicated trip guide, entrance to Killing Fields Museum, Tuol Sleng Security Prison, Angkor Wat tour transport.

What is not covered in the Trip Cost?

- Vaccinations
- Entrance visas and departure taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Lunch and Dinners
- Bottled water, drinks and snacks
- Optional Excursions – more info on optional excursions will be in the Pre-Trip Brief
 - Angkor Wat Tour & Ticket – US\$37 entrance fee plus any tour guide fee
 - Mekong River Cruise – from \$10
 - Tuk Tuk rides – from US\$1 upwards depending on where you go

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Vietnam Add on Package from \$1,350 twin share

Covered in the Trip Cost:

- 8 nights' accommodation hotels twin share (single supplement available)
- Daily breakfast
- Halong Bay Overnight Junk Cruise
- Airport Transfers
- Trip hosting

What's not covered in the Trip Cost

- Flights from Siem Reap to Hanoi – from \$160
- Flights from Hanoi to Da Nang – from \$160
- Flights from Da Nang to Ho Chi Min City – from \$100
- Vaccinations
- Entrance visas and departure taxes from US\$25
- Travel Insurance
- Lunch and Dinners
- Bottled water, drinks and snacks
- Any other optional Excursions – examples include:
 - Hanoi Cyclo Tour from \$50
 - Hanoi Jeep Tour from \$110
 - Cooking Class from \$50
 - Golden Hands Bridge & Ba Na Hills from \$120
 - Cu Chi Tunnels from \$100
 - Ho Chi Min City War Remnants Museum entrance from \$45
 - Tuk Tuk rides – from US\$1 upwards depending on where you go

PURPOSE OF VOLUNTEER HOUSEBUILDING in CAMBODIA:

1. **To provide an in depth and meaningful experience for foreigners visiting Cambodia.**
Team members will experience not only the tourist attractions but will come to understand and befriend Cambodians - including the poorest.
2. **To educate volunteers about poverty and the issues involved** – receive an education in the causes of poverty, the results of poverty and solutions to poverty.
3. **To give Cambodians the opportunity to teach foreigners** the skills of house building - rather than being taught by the foreigners which develops a deep sense of pride.
4. **The families chosen represent the very poorest in their communities as well as being role models** for their courage and faith in their own ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds.