**Cambodia** ([/kæmˈboʊdiə/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English) ([About this sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:En-us-Cambodia.ogg) [listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e4/En-us-Cambodia.ogg));[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambodia#cite_note-6) [Khmer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmer_language): កម្ពុជា, or **Kampuchea** IPA: [[kɑmpuˈciə]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Khmer)), officially known as the **Kingdom of Cambodia**([Khmer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmer_language): ព្រះរាជាណាចក្រកម្ពុជា, *Preăh Réachéanachâk Kâmpŭchéa*, IPA: [[ˈprĕəh riəciənaːˈcɑk kɑmpuˈciə]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Khmer)), is a country located in the southern portion of the [Indochina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indochina) Peninsula in [Southeast Asia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast_Asia). It is 181,035 square kilometres (69,898 [square miles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Square_mile)) in area, bordered by [Thailand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thailand) to the northwest, [Laos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laos) to the northeast, [Vietnam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam) to the east, and the [Gulf of Thailand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_of_Thailand) to the southwest.

Cambodia has a population of over 15 million. The official religion is [Theravada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theravada) [Buddhism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism), practiced by approximately 95 percent of the population. The country's minority groups include [Vietnamese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnamese_people), [Chinese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Han_Chinese), [Chams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chams" \o "Chams), and 30 [hill tribes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khmer_Loeu).[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambodia#cite_note-7) The capital and largest city is [Phnom Penh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phnom_Penh), the political, economic, and cultural centre of Cambodia. The kingdom is a [constitutional monarchy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_monarchy) with [Norodom Sihamoni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norodom_Sihamoni), a [monarch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elective_monarchy) chosen by the [Royal Throne Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Cambodia), as head of state. The head of government is [Hun Sen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hun_Sen), who is currently the [longest serving non-royal leader](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_current_longest_ruling_non-royal_leaders) in South East Asia and has ruled Cambodia for over 30 years.