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### FROM THE EDITOR

s you sit in the airconditioned bar, enjoying fine cheeses from around the globe and sipping on an expertly concocted

martini, it would be easy to forget you are in Cambodia.

As you gawp at an entire family riding past on a single scooter, or imbibe the smell of fermented fish being swished by streetside chefs, it is impossible to imagine being anywhere else.

This country is nothing if not a constant juxtaposition. And there has never been a better time to visit.

Still far from a metropolis, Phnom Penh is a capital city which offers plenty for those who enjoy the finer things, but combines them with perfectly imperfect streets and a small town charm all its own.

Culture connoisseurs will find everything they need in the country's peerless collection of temples, while supporters of sun, sea and sand are well catered for in the south of the kingdom. As our guide section (page 54) demonstrates, Cambodia is also a destination that can cater for everything else in between.

To come once is to fall in love. To return is to make a commitment. Cambodia is a country that gets under your skin; it inspires soul-searching and wholesale life changes. We hope Discover can be the first step in your very own love affair. We have enjoyed putting together a publication that shines light on many of the country's marvels, photographing and writing about the many wonders of the kingdom. Perhaps one day, like many of us, you will decide that you never want to leave. Join us on this journey through an amazing land and learn how to make the best out of your stay.





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The home of Angkor Wat, Siem Reap is Cambodia's most visited town. The **incredible surrounding** temples are its main tourist lure, but Siem Reap itself is a lively, winsome place. The diversity of restaurants, an emerging art scene and a vibrant nightlife are establishing Siem Reap as more than just a place to crash between temple tours.

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