

## LGBT

Although homosexuality remains largely in the closet for many Cambodians, a growing gay community is helping to create greater tolerance and understanding. The gay scene may not be as well established as in neighbouring Thailand, but the country's gay-friendly hotels, restaurants and bars assure a warm welcome.

## Sleep



### ● GOLDEN BANANA

Golden Banana is one of Siem Reap's best value accommodations, with lower-priced bungalows in addition to more upscale boutique rooms and three delightful swimming pools. The breakfasts, included in the room rates, are a highlight. Gay travellers will appreciate that it's also gay-owned, -managed and -friendly.

Tel: +855 (0)12 654 638  
goldenbanana.info

### MEN'S

This exclusively gay resort in Siem Reap is perfect for the traveller who wants to make the most of his hotel stay – a fully equipped gym, saltwater pool and professional spa are some of Men's considerable attractions.

Tel: +855 (0)89 787 600  
mens-resort.com

### MANOR HOUSE

Located just a few steps from Phnom Penh's Independence Monument, Manor House is a charming gay-friendly boutique guesthouse in a striking mansion. Rooms are smartly decorated, and the outdoor pool is an added bonus.

manorhousecambodia.com

Check out [utopia-asia.com](http://utopia-asia.com) for LGBT travel tips in the region

## Eat

### THE EMPIRE

Although western-owned, The Empire is serious about cooking up flavourful local food, as well as other regional dishes. The gay-friendly and -owned restaurant is set in an intimate space near Phnom Penh's riverside, and the hospitable service makes diners feel as if at a friend's house.

Tel: +855 (0)77 851 230  
the-empire.org

### THE LOCAL

A gay-friendly Phnom Penh-based restaurant/bar, The Local specialises in good food, cocktails and live music. The first location – with an impressive rooftop – is near the Russian Market, and The Local 2 is situated off the riverside. The menu includes hearty Khmer, Thai and western dishes such as tom yam soup, lasagne and burgers.

Tel: +855 (0)68 891 677  
thelocal-cambodia.com



ONE OF PHNOM PENH'S NEWEST SALONS, GAY-OWNED THE DOLLHOUSE IS GARNERING A REPUTATION AS THE GO-TO SPOT FOR THE CAPITAL'S TRENDY YOUNG THINGS.