



## 1. Angkor Wat

Cambodia is home to the largest religious building in the entire world! It's larger than the Vatican and Westminster Abbey. It is called Angkor Wat and was built in the 12th century. It is so important to Khmer people that it is on their flag.

*The above information is from this webpage:  
<https://12go.asia/en/cambodia/interesting-facts>*



## 2. Khmer New Year

The celebrations of Khmer New Year has evolved over the years and is now characterised by crowds of people soaking each other with water. People gather in the streets with water guns, hoses and buckets of water to soak anyone and everyone!

Additionally, a lot of Khmer people will also use the three day holiday to visit their family in their hometowns.

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<https://sonasia-holiday.com/sonabee/cambodia-khmer-new-year>*



### 3. Cultural rules

In Cambodia, a person's head, as the highest part of their body, is considered sacred. This means you shouldn't touch another person's head, even if you do it in a loving way.

In contrast, as the lowest part of the body, the underside of a person's foot is considered dirty. Pointing the sole of your foot at someone or something is considered very disrespectful.

### 4. Fish and the Tonle Sap river

In Cambodia, fish is one of the most commonly eaten kinds of meat. The Tonle Sap river and lake is a part of the Mekong river system. Famously, the Tonle Sap reverses its flow every year!

In this process of reversing, the river provides huge numbers of Cambodia's rice fields with water, as well as providing opportunity for fish to nest, breed and spawn over large parts of the country. It is these fish that go on to feed millions of people in Cambodia.