

Cambodia

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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- Both THC and CBD products are classified as illegal narcotics under Cambodia's *Law on Drug Control*. There is no legal medical cannabis program, and foreign prescriptions are not recognized.
- Penalties under the 2012 amendment include: for small-scale possession, up to 2 years imprisonment and fines of US \$250–1,000; for trafficking or large amounts, 1–5 years' imprisonment (potentially longer), plus deportation for foreigners.

Background

- The 1997 *Law on Drug Control*, updated 2005/2012, prohibits all cultivation, production, trafficking, possession, use, import, export, and transit of cannabis without a special license. There are no provisions for medical or personal import.
- Consumption of cannabis in forms like food, drinks, and topical products remains technically illegal, even as some businesses sell them overtly in tourist areas.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Recreational use is also illegal and can lead to enforcement including seizure, arrest, and detention.
- For small amounts, customs may impose fines or short jail spells; trafficking or cultivation can result in up to 20 years imprisonment, fines, or deportation.



Traveling to Cambodia with Medical Cannabis

Import & Possession Strictly Prohibited

- There is no legal pathway for travelers to enter Cambodia with cannabis-derived products (THC or CBD) including oils, edible, or topical forms.
- Customs treat such items as narcotics; detection may lead to seizure, arrest, prosecution, and denial of entry.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not pack any cannabis-based product, including CBD oils, edibles, topicals, or vapes.
2. Only carry legal prescription medications, labelled with original pharmacy packaging.
3. Verify that your wellness, anti-inflammatory, or cosmetic products are free of cannabinoids.
4. Be prepared for strict customs inspections, even trace amounts could trigger detention or prosecution.
5. Check transit-country drug laws, cannabis could be seized en route, compounding risk

Practical Tips

- While Cambodia may appear “tolerant” in some areas, the law remains unchanged, there is no safe zone for travelers.
- Never rely on tourist establishments selling cannabis as a sign of legality, official enforcement may respond harshly.
- For medical cannabis needs, seek alternative legal treatments in countries with regulated medical programs, not Cambodia.
- If unsure, consult the Cambodian National Authority for Combating Drugs or your consulate before travel.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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