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Battambang’s charm awaits – from exquisite dining to colonial-era retreats, discover it all.

Explore the culinary delights and cultural richness of Battambang, distinguished in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network for its gastronomic excellence. Renowned for its traditional culinary treasures like Nem Battambang (soft fish), Prahok Battambang (salted and fermented fish paste), Amok Battambang (steamed fish curry), and Kralan Battambang (sticky rice

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stuffed in bamboo tubes), these dishes hold a special place in the daily lives of Battambang locals.

As the Water Festival draws near and the cool season approaches, indulge in the province's exquisite culinary offerings. Here, we present our curated recommendations to enhance your Battambang experience.



Image source: Maisons Wat Kor

Maisons Wat Kor

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Experience old-money luxury at Maisons Wat Kor, a resort hotel preserving the traditions of Cambodian homes. Once the accommodation for Hollywood stars Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, this hotel boasts rooms adorned with local silk and redwoods. Surrounded by lush greenery, Maisons Wat Kor provides a natural haven for relaxation. Indulge in spa treatments and exquisite dining, savouring their signature dishes.

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La Villa Battambang Restaurant Boutique Hotel

Located on the banks of the Sangkae River in a 1930s colonial-era building, La Villa offers a staycation filled with art and antiques. Ideal for a family retreat, this Boutique Hotel promises timeless memories. Enjoy the finest cuisine while reminiscing about the Sangkae River's significance, celebrated in songs from the 1960s. The famous composition "Romdoul Dong Steung Sangke" by Sir Kong Bunchhoeun adds to the nostalgic ambiance.



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Miss Wong Battambang

For a lively nightlife experience, visit Miss Wong Battambang, known for its cocktails, wines, and delectable Chinese cuisine. Immerse yourself in chic decor reminiscent of Far East speakeasies from the 17th and 18th centuries, crafted by Amanda Louise Barnes. The signature cocktail, Miss Wong Punch, is a fruity tropical delight made with premium Martinique Rhum Agricole.



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Image source: Romcheik5 Art Battambang

Romcheik5 Art Space

Explore the vibrant art scene of Battambang at Romcheik5 Art Space, featuring works by accomplished contemporary artists. Discover collectible pieces and contribute to charity by supporting local artists at one of the best galleries in Battmabang. The art pieces vividly portray Cambodian life and cultural heritage, offering a unique perspective to the world.



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Image source: Phare Ponleu Selpak Battambang

Phare Ponleu Selpak

Beyond its culinary fame, Battambang is celebrated for its arts, with the circus being a traditional art form passed down through generations. Phare Ponleu Selpak stands out as Cambodia's premier circus, showcasing shadow theatre and contemporary performances that captivate audiences with cultural phenomena.

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Battambang Province

Best Places In Battambang

Cambodia's Gastronomy City

La Villa Battambang Restaurant Boutique Hotel

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