



Sala Bai Hotel and Restaurant School

A free school for disadvantaged young Cambodians

Environment



Community



Culture



Who are we and what do we do?

Sala Bai is a hotel and catering school for disadvantaged young Cambodians located in Siem Reap. We offer 100 students from across the country four different training programs in the hospitality industry: restaurant and bar service, kitchen, housekeeping and front office. Our training, plus four months' internship, gives students first-hand professional experience – a strong asset in finding a job.

Each year, we advertise all over Cambodia to attract applications from disadvantaged students who are between 17 and 23 and have the minimum educational level (grade 6 to 10, depending on the training chosen). Because girls have fewer opportunities for education or training in Cambodia, 70% of our trainees are female. A rigorous selection process considers what students write on their application form, results of a written exam, a visit to the student's family and an interview. A key step is the family visit which enables our social workers to assess the circumstances of each candidate.

Sala Bai also sources job opportunities in hotels and provides post-training follow-up, including support in creating a CV and help in filling out application forms. More than 95% of our students get a job in less than three months after graduation, which make us one of most successful vocational training centers in Cambodia.

In addition to training, we provide accommodation for a 12-month period (as most of our students come from outside Siem Reap), a bicycle, 3 meals a day, uniforms,

and manuals. Our team of social workers also collect data on job conditions and salary levels and remains in touch with former students to evaluate the impact of Sala Bai on poverty reduction of their families.

Our program was created by the French NGO *Agir Pour Le Cambodge* in October 2002.

What you can experience

- Have lunch at our restaurant from 12 to 2pm. We are open from November to July, Monday to Friday, with a set and à la carte menu of Western and Cambodian cuisine, plus a full range of drinks.
- Help our housekeeping and front office students improve their training by staying in our simple, but tastefully decorated rooms. Our hotel has 3 standard rooms and 1 suite, all equipped with air-conditioning and hot water.
- Help us by sponsoring a student, making a donation (cash or equipment) or by promoting Sala Bai in your country.

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