The choices you make traveling can greatly influence the lives of local people. This is especially true in Cambodia, which is still feeling the effects of the Khmer Rouge regime and where many people live in poverty. You’re promoting responsible tourism by choosing hotels and restaurants run by Cambodians. This is particularly so when they’re run by women, as the Cambodian workforce, especially at senior levels, is still male-dominated. One such restaurant to choose is Embassy, where you won’t only be supporting female entrepreneurship, you’ll be treated to some of the finest Khmer food in the country. Embassy Restaurant is one of two Secret Tables restaurants in Siem Reap (the other is Mie Cafe) and it serves Khmer gastronomy featuring local and unique Cambodian ingredients in luxe surroundings. At the helm are the “Kimsan Twins”, two female executive chefs. While they share the same family name they aren’t really sisters, but together they do create unmatched deliciousness in their kitchen. Kimsan Sok and Kimsan Pol are legends in the Cambodian culinary scene, an industry dominated by men. They’ve trained with Michelin-starred chef Regis Marcon, and at the Paul Dubrule and Sala Bai culinary schools. At Embassy, the Kimsan Twins serve a seven-course set menu
which changes monthly (wine pairing is optional, there's a choice for mains) and you can expect dishes like Kep prawns, Chreav village free-range duck, and a traditional wedding stir-fried chicken with lemongrass, holy basil, and red ants.

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**When is the best time to visit?**

Evenings.

**How much does it cost?**

From KHR36.

The seven-course gastronomic set menu is $36 US.

**Do you have any tips?**

Reservations needed. It's wise to book far in advance in high season (mid-December to Chinese new year).

Embassy Restaurant is located in the King's Road complex which also hosts the Made in Cambodia Market, where (unlike in many Siem
Reap markets) you'll find quality goods made by local artisans.

Look for Secret Tables restaurants throughout Southeast Asia; they're unique restaurants which focus on local sustainable foods, and provide fair wages and career paths for local young people.

Is there an official website?

Yes, you can visit www.embassy-restaurant.com

Location
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