

# Kratie Town Trail



## The Trail

Until recently, Kratie was a strategic staging port for the French on the river highway between Phnom Penh and the Laos border. The cargo route however has all but stopped, with new road highways making land transport a cheaper option.

**Distance:** 7 km return

**Transport Option:**



Trekking



Local bike



Horse cart

### Tour Brief:

Your journey will take about 2 hours to fully explore Kratie Town. Start in the early morning when its coolest, to catch the Rokakandal Market and the morning rituals of the monks at the Wat.

### Highlights

- The jingle of the bells on your horse cart it pull the horse cart along
- Colorful and bustling local markets
- French colonial architecture
- A journey from Wat to Wat



### Around Town

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Governor's Office      | 9 Rokakandal Market                |
| 2 Tourist office         | 10 Bicycle Hire                    |
| 3 Post Office            | 11 Bus Departures                  |
| 4 Bank and Western Union | 12 Local Transportation Center     |
| 5 Hospital               | 13 Wat Serey Santhor Vong          |
| 6 Town Pier              | 14 Wat Rokakandal                  |
| 7 Night Market           | 15 Heritage Vihear and Craft Store |
| 8 Kratie Market          | 16 Future Museum                   |



## A Riverside Sunset Town

Kratie's shady waterfront boulevard reflects Cambodia's 90 years as a French colony. Some buildings are beautifully restored, while others stand aging gracefully adding character to the town.

Kratie is a spacious, friendly, hassle-free place where you can relax for a while and plan your Mekong adventures. Beautiful river sunsets are guaranteed.



### Itinerary

Start early morning. Hire a bicycle or horse cart and head south of Kratie to catch the bustling Rokakandal Market. Along the way you will pass several French styled houses.

The larger Kratie town market is open all day, but if you'd like to sample village life, you will find the Phsar Kromourn (Rokakandal Market) a great experience. It is a great place to stop for breakfast too.

Continue to the old Wat Rokakandal temple, originally built in the late 18th / early 19th century. Hand-woven wicker crafts are sold in the restored Vihear. Look for the traditional decorations on the wooden pillars inside, the old timber monks' residence opposite, and a beautiful old stone carving on the river side of the Wat.

On the way back to Kratie town, try to spot domesticated Sambar Deer in the grounds of the French styled Governor's office on the riverfront

**Option:** Combine with Koh Trong Island Trail for a day filled with the sights and sounds of rural life.



### Contacts

#### Hire local bicycle/motorbike

Ke Sokheang Bike Shop  
Tel: 011 326 381 (*Khmer speaking*)

#### Horse Cart services (2 hour trip around Kratie Town)

Horse Cart Operators Association  
Tel: 017 371 844 (*Khmer speaking*)

#### Tours and bicycle rent

Xplore-Asia  
Tel: 023 218 810 (Phnom Penh)  
074 973 991 (Stung Treng)  
017 982 644 (Kratie)  
(*English speaking*)