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A SLICE OF VILLAGE LIFE

Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring Siem Reap's trendy Hap Guan Street, also known as Kandal Village

Saarti

Step into this heavenly boutique and you'll be greeted by a medley of divine scents, such as vanilla and lemongrass. This is thanks to the delectable range of home and body products on offer – from soy wax candles in silver alms bowls, to natural soaps and lotions infused with essential oils. Everything on the shelves is handcrafted in small batches in Siem Reap, using local materials wherever possible.

18A Hap Guan St;
saarticambodia.com

Vibe

Organic and plant-based fare takes the stage at this elegant, light-filled eatery, which advocates an “earth-to-table” ethos. Try dishes like zucchini pasta with cashew cheese; quinoa porridge with cinnamon and turmeric; and more. There's a range of healthy elixirs available, too, from kombucha to cold-pressed juices. Vegan food never tasted this good.

715 Hap Guan St;
vibecafeasia.com



LEFT: ECLECTIC HOMEWARE FOR SALE AT TRUNKH



Despite its moniker, Kandal Village in Siem Reap is less a village and more a dusty street. Nevertheless, this little neighbourhood south of the city's former French Quarter is fast becoming the place to see and be seen, thanks to a community of environmentally and culturally conscious boutiques, eateries and spas. And with new establishments popping up regularly, there's always something fresh to discover in this hip enclave.

RIGHT: THE HOMELY INTERIORS OF THE LITTLE RED FOX ESPRESSO



The Little Red Fox Espresso

Besides the usual long blacks and flat whites, this cosy coffee house also offers unique beverages like the Cafe Meas (Khmer for “Golden Coffee”), made with homemade turmeric milk and spiced with ginger, cinnamon and coconut. You'll also find 1960s Cambodian rock and roll blasting from the speakers and local artworks adorning the walls.

593 Hap Guan St;
thelittleredfoxespresso.com

Frangipani Spa

After a long day of temple hopping, a relaxing rubdown is definitely in order. This tranquil day spa provides a wide array of face and body treatments, from aromatherapy massages to herbal baths, all performed by professionally trained Khmer staff. Treat yourself to the Kampot Pepper Scrub, which harnesses the Cambodian spice to boost circulation and rejuvenate dull skin.

24 Hap Guan St;
frangipanisiemreap.com

MIDDLE, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: THE LITTLE RED FOX ESPRESSO EMPLOYS LOCAL BARISTAS; FRANGIPANI SPA IS A TRANQUIL HIDEAWAY; LOCALLY MADE SOAPS AND LOTIONS AT SAARTI; THE LIGHT AND AIRY INTERIORS OF VIBE CAFÉ; THE ENTRANCE TO TRUNKH

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Trunkh

From jewellery to home décor, this eclectic lifestyle boutique is a veritable treasure trove of trinkets proudly made in and inspired by Cambodia. Whether it's a hand-printed cotton sarong, a vintage street sign or a beautiful set of stoneware plates that catches your fancy, you'll find it almost impossible to walk out empty-handed.

11A Hap Guan St; trunkh.com