

Think before visiting an orphanage

Friends International's daughter company **Child Safe** works to protect children and youth from all forms of abuse. They have many different projects working on the issue. Babel Guesthouse is certified by Child Safe, which means that our staff and drivers receive training in Child Safe policy. The main issue is what we call "orphanage tourism". More and more tourists want to help while travelling, and a visit to an orphanage seems to be the most popular way. Now there are more than 300 orphanages in Cambodia, and the number is growing. Research shows that 72% of the children living in orphanages still have at least one parent alive. The children are often put in orphanages with the belief that the child will get a good future. But the fact is that the orphanages are often held in very bad shape so the tourists will feel sorry for the children, and give donations. Please **THINK** before visiting an orphanage!



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