



The Quay

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Hot and captivating, Phnom Penh is Graham Greene-ish, dissolute and beguiling. Away from the whirling ceiling fans, the deep-fried spiders and the honking mopeds is a new, simple, modern nook that's absolutely charming. A sister to the famous Foreign Correspondents' Club, it has just 16 carbon-friendly rooms, full of granite-edged tubs and Arne Jacobsen chairs. This is the place to be in the city of misfits (the capital of a country whose own King spent many years as a ballet dancer in Paris), overlooking the Mekong, the main artery of all Asia, and surrounded by street cafés bristling with baguettes and local spices. The bistro is fantastic – amazing hot lemongrassy soup – and there's a great pool. The Quay is an immediate hub, the hot hangout.

Website thequayhotel.com. **UK reservations**

Cleveland Collection (tel: 0845 450 5732). **Rates**

Double, from £70, including breakfast. ▷