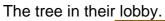
## **Holidays in Phnom Penh**

I decided to hand hold some night shots last night to share some of the holiday sites in Phnom Penh. As a country that is 98-99% Buddhist, the primary displays are in the "Western" hotels and establishments.



The Raffles Le Royal Hotel is the classic old hotel. Everything is "done right."







Cambodian influence.



Fine dining at Raffles.



Yes, we can swim on Christmas Day in Phnom Penh.



The brightest lights display is the US Embassy.



A new restaurant is opening on the  $1^{st}$  floor of the beautiful old building. The  $1^{st}$  floor is one flight up from the street – for my American friends –  $2^{nd}$  floor.



Wat Phnom looks about the same. The lights in the forground are actually a huge clock. There is a large "Happy New Year" sign that is not lighted.



Local bar added a few lights.



What holiday spirit at some places.

Shanghi looks the same - year round.





Around the corner from my place is a guest house, café and typical holiday decoration – lights in the palm tree!



The tree in my hotel lobby.

Hope you and your family are well. As they say in this part of the world "Good Luck to You!" May 2008 be "Same – Same, but Different"!