

Tuesday January 14th to Thursday January 16th 2025

Tuesday 14th January

This was our first day back in Siem Rep after a great break in Australia.

We walked to Angkor Psa (an expensive shop today, to buy some fresh food and milk and stock up on things we deliberately ran low).

It is winter (well, the dry season) here in Cambodia and it is cold overnight and in the morning. This means the pool water is cold; there is not much sun on the water during the day (but I was brave and I swam 30 laps).



We got the motorbike out and (with the help of the workers here) got it started and we rode into town to one of our favourite restaurants for tea. We also bought some bread (half price after 6:00pm).

Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Anjali Day and cleaning.

Our apartment was cleaned while we were in Australia, so I had plenty of time for my sewing.

A day at school, standing barefoot, means David has sore feet, so we went into town on the motorbike.

Thursday 16th January 2025.

Temple Day : Palilay Temple

It was a cold ride out to the temples. The morning temperature was about 18C. The early sunshine is bright but there is a smokey haze in the air (due to burning off).



To get to Palilay, you go through the South Gate (Tonle Om). This is the one on all the advertising material (to attract tourists to Cambodia). Despite this being the high season for tourists, this is the Gate at 7:15 in the morning (more than half an hour after sunrise). There are simply not that many tourists here.



And this is the nearly full moon just setting behind the Bayon. This is the east side, where they have been busy digging out the water reservoirs.

The single tower of Palilay, shaded by trees.





The shadows and the sunshine can make the carvings stand out.



The trees around Palilay are beautiful.

This may be the last of these pretty weeds this season.



We rode on to Don Mao, to check on the excavation work, only to find it taped off with “No entry” tape. We presume this is because of their excavations.

So we walked in to Ta Keo Temple. This is the one that was struck by lightning when it was being built and it was never finished.

It is quite impressive in the morning sunshine.







Ta Keo has beautiful trees too.

Thursday is my speaking and listening lesson and I had a quick look back over my workbook so far... and in the lesson, I did remember most of it (which means I am up to the chapter test).