

Sunday 23rd February to Friday 28th February 2025

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Tuktuk to shopping at Angkor Supermarket.

No Johnnie Walker Whiskey, no coffee and no Vegemite.

(Well, you can buy black label and special varieties of whiskey, and you can buy International Roast coffee, and there are still 4 jars of promite and 4 jars of marmite on the shelves.)

Monday 24th February, 2025.

David got the bike started (thanks to Srey) and rode around the block. That is quite a step forward.

Tuesday 25th February, 2025.

David went to physio.

Wednesday 26th February, 2025.

David went to Anjali.

It was a long day for him, standing barefooted. He managed quite well, only tired (and his feet are sore) but his back is fine.

**I finished sewing my old shirts into patchwork bags.
One has handles, one has a shoulder strap.**



Thursday 27th February, 2025.

We went on the motorbike to Heritage Walk, to get David's license.

The (relatively new) Asia Supermarket on the north side of Highway 6 has been completely demolished.



Those of you who know Siem Reap, might like to know that the Lucky Supermarket in Sivutha Blv. has been gone for more than a year and is being refitted (not sure for what).

The small two story Angkor Supermarket in Sivutha has also closed, and is being refitted. A new Angkor Supermarket opened (near the Museum).

David had to go back to the license office, because he only had his electronic Victorian license. He had to take back the physical card!

Then, we had to go back later in the day for the new Cambodian license (just a quick detour on our way to Lao noodles for tea!).



This is looking east from upstairs at Heritage Walk.

The building across the road still has maniquins dressed in very faded and very dated fashions. A little further along this road is “Bat Shit” alley, where the big flying foxes roost in the trees all day.

At the end of this road, you turn left to go around the Royal Residence. The river is just a bit further on.

Heritage Walk itself is almost completely deserted. David was the only one in the license office. There were other people in a different office organising passports. The cinema on the top floor was open, but not yet showing films. There are several restaurants, none open in the morning.

This “top end” of town is not touristy. The cheaper hotels are nearer Pub Street and the Old Market.

Friday 28th February, 2025.

Temple Day : Kravan

Four weeks later, and this is our first trip to a temple. Kravan is convenient because it is quite close (an easy ride) and relatively flat.



Looking between two of the towers at Kravan. The moat is dry (well perhaps there is some mud there). And the little row of souvenir shops look neat, with the sellers waiting to speak with all the visitors as they leave the temple.



David very carefully climbing the steps to the tower platform. The morning sun is just breaking through the thin cloud.



Bas reliefs inside the temple towers.



Raised platforms for other buildings (looking east).



This dog ran around us, in a friendly way, for most of our visit.



Pretty flowers falling from one of the trees. They almost feel like those “easy to catch” rubber balls. The ants like them too.



David and friend.



Kravan from the (south) east. It looks like autumn with the leaves on the grass, but it is almost spring.