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Although Sunday's are quiet days at home, this afternoon we were startled by a fierce wind. No lightning and no rain... very unusual.



On our walk into town for tea, we found some of our local dogs playing on the sand left for the building site next to our apartment.

**Monday 17th March, 2025.
Happy Saint Patrick's Day**

Temple Day : Ta Promh

There were more tourists here than we are used to, but this is the second or third most famous temple in the Angkor group. Ta Promh is famous for its big trees growing over the walls and buildings. It also has many beautiful carvings.



This is part of a Naga on the balustrade to the south gopura.



Carvings above doorways tell the religious stories.



Covered walkway, east side of the temple.



With a smaller covered “verandah” running alongside it.



On this side, the south side, both walkways have collapsed completely.



Intricate carving at the base of a pillar. Are they squirrels?



Inside the inner wall, many of the small buildings are now just piles of blocks, but some remain standing.



Sorry about the light, but this is to show how large the main buildings are.



And the roof is simply blocks laid one on top of the other, each a little off set to create an arch.

The weight of the roofing blocks puts a lot of pressure on the pillars and walls.



This shows the two sections of the walkway and the curved roof.



Inside these buildings, the carvings are protected.



To add to the pressure on the building materials, design and execution (8 or 9 hundred years ago), the trees have a way of growing over and around the structures.



The tree roots also grow and damage the structures.



More trees growing (on a wall, this time).



Ta Prohm is also famous for the stegosaurus.

What do you think about it?



This is a man riding a Garuda.



The pathway in to the temple (inside the outer wall, from the west).