

Part 260 for Cathy's blog

Tuesday 29th April, 2025.

It is our first day back from our Europe trip, so we caught a Tuktuk to the supermarket and bought milk and veggies and meat. Then it was time to catch up on the washing.

Our trip was fantastic. It was so good to have time in Cologne before our Cruise. It was interesting to catch an ICE train. Amsterdam was picturesque with its buildings and canals and windmills.

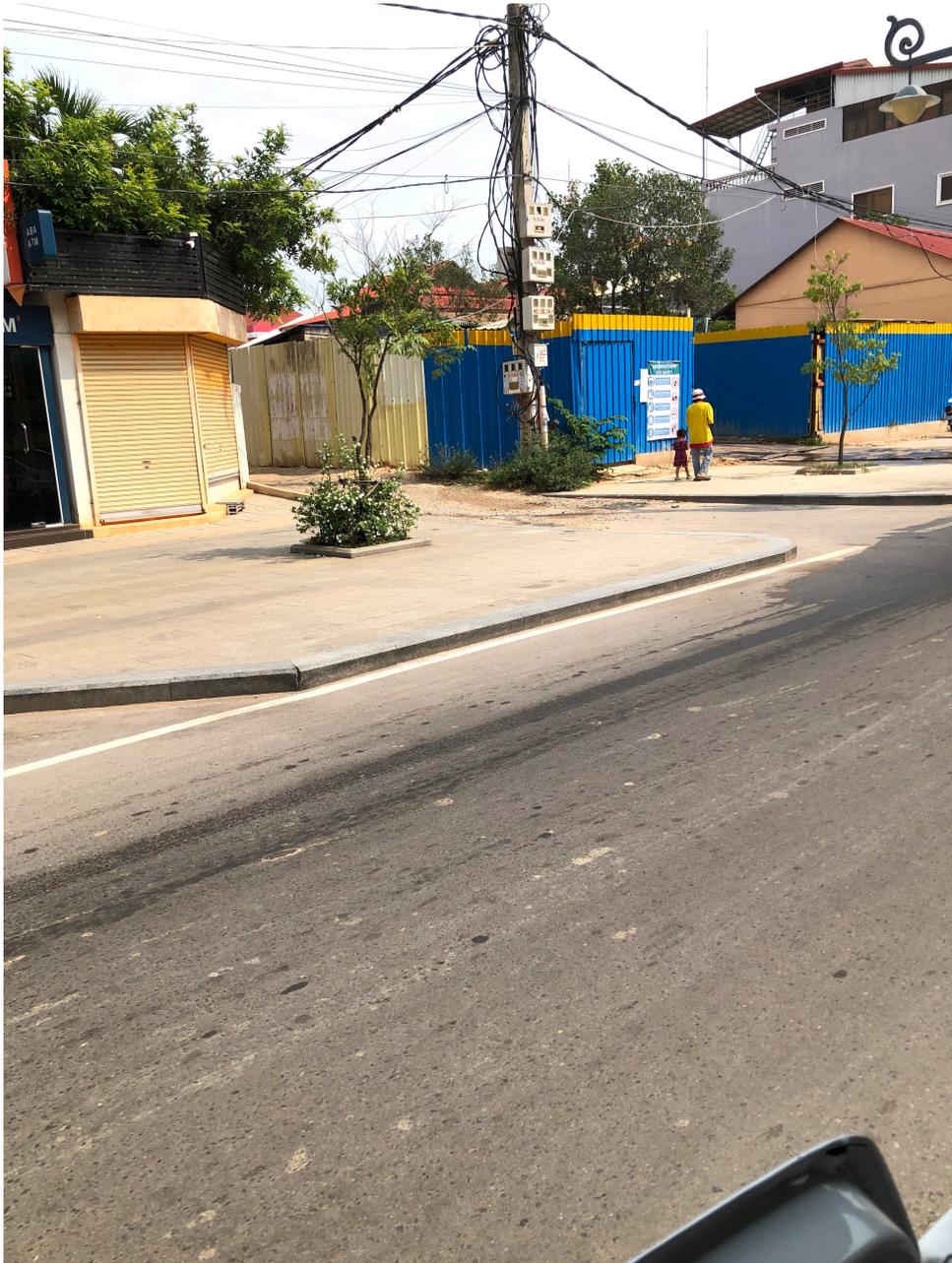
The Rhine River Gorge, with castles on the hills and swans was more than beautiful. The walled German towns were like fairytales or postcards come alive.

Vienna and Salzburg in Austria were over the top with paintings and sculptures and music.

Although we only had a morning in Bratislava, it was such a nice city, with modern shops and old fashioned buildings.

And Budapest was much more than I expected, so interesting and beautiful (and the food was so good) but also with challenges that need attention.

But we are back home and it is time to settle back into our retirement lives. That means exercises (to combat the extra kilos we ate!) and swimming and language work too.



Locals out for an early morning stroll.



The motorbikes parked on the road and on the footpath (and some parked under the umbrellas) reminds us we are home.



And here is “our river”, not nearly big enough for any sort of cruise boat.

Wednesday 30th April, 2025.

Anjali Day

Today I finished catching up on the washing. I also got my sewing out and finished putting away the little bits and pieces from our trip. We only bought a few things as presents for our family. Our photos are our memories.

It is the hot season here and Cambodia in general and Siem Reap in particular are waiting for rain. It is certainly hot for us after the pleasant days of up to 25degrees. The pool is cool and inviting.

We have been given mangoes, fresh, perfectly ripe mangoes, delicious.

On our way to tea, we were contacted by friends of David's, so we met them at their hotel and took them back to tea at one of our favourite local places. They were impressed with the food choices, the food quality and the prices. (They have been tied to tour group restaurants for several weeks now.)

I hadn't met either of them, but it was as if I had known them for years. They were so open and friendly. Thanks Tony and Catherine (another Catherine!).



Pub Street, not very busy but still bright with the neon lights.



Here the tuktuks are parked (at the cross road to Pub Street) because they are not allowed in (and not allowed to tout for fares from the people eating).

And so ends April, a month so looked forward to and so enjoyed.