

Part 292 for Cathy's blog

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th August, 2025

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Temple Day : Trip to the Bakong

There is a ring road around Siem Reap and we can use it quite conveniently to avoid Highway 6. However, we do not know the best connecting roads and on our way out to the Bakong (in the Roluos group of temples) we managed to find ourselves in seriously flooded areas.

But we got through.



Having stopped to allow a small group of buffalo to pass, we made it to the Bakong.





The moat at the west entrance to the Bakong.

Outer towers, made of brick (and restored). Another cow statue, too.





The Bakong central building, with the elephant statues at the corners (smaller with each rise).



The building is guarded by lions.



**Carved and patterned, these moonstones are the most complicated we have seen.
(Moonstones are the stepping stones into the temples or at the base of the stairs... think “threshold”.)**



The old and the new.



Looking at the Bakong from the east. There are three sets of outer buildings inside the walls (which are inside a moat which has its own wall).



Sandstone ruins of outer buildings, perhaps a library.



Pretty butterfly in the grass.



**Another pretty butterfly (a new one for us).
Perhaps Graphium Antiphates**



The steps at the Bakong are tall and quite narrow.



Up close with a worn elephant.



This is looking east from the second level. You can see some of the buildings in front of the temple.



The temple carvings are weathered. This looks almost like a faun playing with a deer.



And this fellow is just hanging around.



This is Hanuman, the monkey god.



There are carvings telling stories too. This is part of an army.

**On our way back into Siem Reap, we accidentally found
Prasat Trapeang Kaek.**





Some carving showing significant erosion.



And some restored carvings.



The building itself needs some TLC.

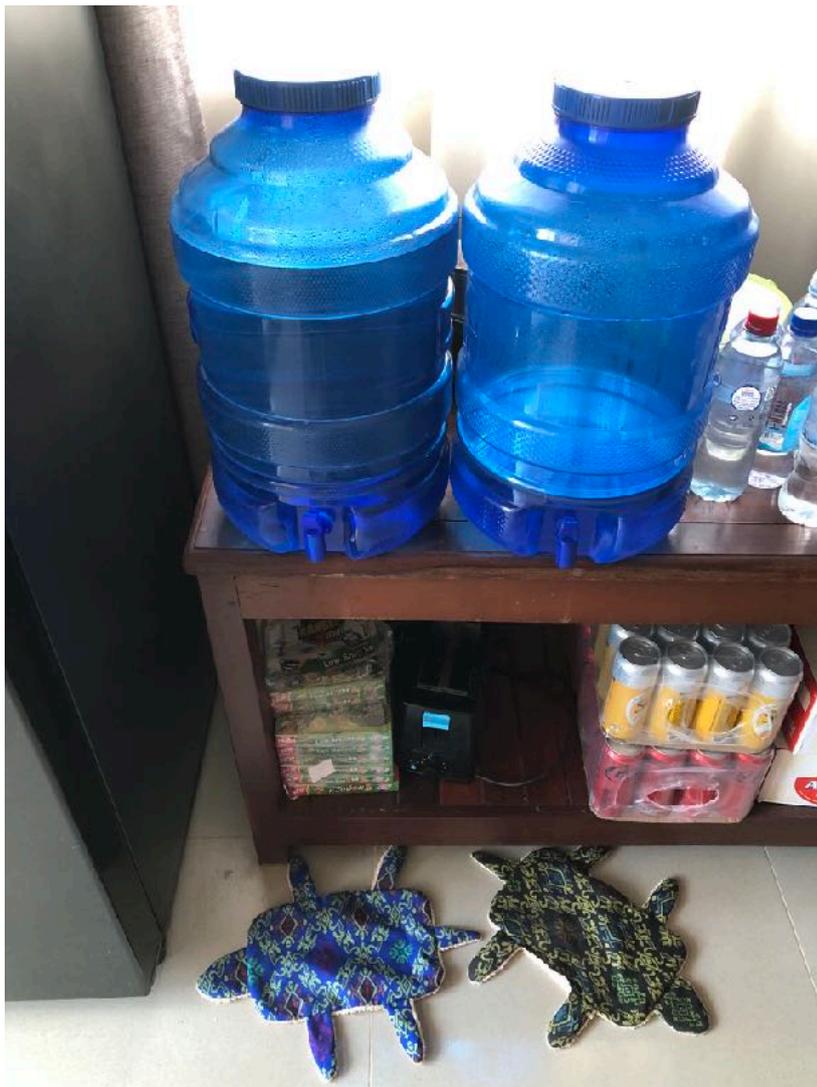
The stele in this building was still present but eroded. It is a 9th C temple.

On researching this temple, apparently there is a father's and a child's footprint in the bricks. It is something we will look out for next visit!

Wednesday 27th August, 2025.

As usual, Wednesday is Anjali day and cleaning day.

Thanks to the success and use of my floor turtles, I sewed two more today.



This shows our water set up and our supply of Coke Zero, tonic and Angkor beer. Also, you can see the mosquito coils (which we light every evening, outside on the table on the balcony)

