

Part 320 for Cathy's Blog

Saturday 27th to Wednesday 31st December, 2025

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We walked to the Angkor Supermarket. We usually go to the one on National Road 6. It used to be the biggest. A new one was built almost opposite the National Museum and the small, two story one (very narrow aisles) in Sivutha Boulevard closed. Then Angkor took over the old Lucky Supermarket site (a block further north on Sivutha Boulevard). After a lot of refurbishment, it is now rebranded as Angkor.

The newest one is three stories, with a traveller. You can park directly on the "apron" in front of the store and it is not tricky to pull back into traffic. You can also park underneath the store in the underground car park.

How modern is Siem Reap these days!

Still, we like the walk. It is cool in the morning, but the sun on our backs is warm as we walk the last 500m along National Road 6 to get there.

The store is air conditioned and has toilets.

Downstairs is like any supermarket with fresh food, meat, fish and seafood, dairy, alcohol and aisles of dry groceries, soap and toothpaste.

Upstairs is full of baby products, pet food, stationery, laundry liquid, plates, cups and cooking utensils and household linen (very expensive here to buy sheets and towels, and very poor quality!)

I usually browse around the stationery (they sell watercolour paints and paper, coloured pencils etc) and then meet David downstairs. It is then my job to check on coffee, Vegemite, spray vegetable oil and rolled oats and weetbix. Not everything is available every week.

Angkor Supermarket make up packs of different “local” dishes. The spelling can be funny at times. We use sa-om straight from the plant (you have to be careful of quite big thorns on older stems!) in omelettes. We could use chilies too, but not three or four of them!

You can buy most things here. Rosemary would be hard to grow (and I have no idea what the price would be in Melbourne, because we had it in the garden there!)



I mustn't forget to buy some fresh **cerlery!**



And the brand name on these carrots is cute.



Nearly all the Australian brands are available.



And some more exotic things. Dragonfruit are usually red. Inside, they can be white with black seeds, or a rich pinky red with black seeds. I wonder what colour the flesh of these yellow dragonfruit is?

We caught a “tin can” Tuktuk home. Then David took the bike for a service. The front wheel needs work (new tyre). They will also wash it.

Sunday 28th December, 2025.

After a quiet day at home, we went out for an evening ride. We don't do this very often because the traffic is unreliable at best and it is difficult to see at night because the street lighting is poor.



This is the Angkor Eye (a still from the video I took).



And the dogs at a local eatery just around the corner from our apartment.

I had to get off the bike here, because we had a flat back tyre! At least it didn't happen while we out 10km away at the Angkor Eye!

Monday 29th December, 2025.

So this morning it is flat tyre repair. It is lucky, the motorbike mechanic's shop is about 500m away, our side of the river, on Road 63.

In the evening, we rode out to Angkor Wat to see the sunset.



Tuesday 30th December, 2025.

Temple Day : Pre Rup



View from across the road.



And a mobile plant store going past.



Gargoyle to channel water from one level down to the next.



Three of the five main towers, seen from the first level up from ground level.



Leaning front tower in the still smokey morning air.



Guardian lions of the central tower; all four cardinal directions are guarded (these are facing north).



We did find some wildlife.



Looking south.

Wednesday 31st December, 2025.

The last day of 2025.

Anjali day for David and cleaning day for me.



**Our landlord dropped by to wish us a Happy New Year
and to give us a bottle of Prosecco.**

Wishing all our readers a Happy and Safe New Year. And we are hoping the cease fire will develop into peace here in Cambodia.

