

Part 331 for Cathy's blog March 2026

Sunday 1st to Wednesday 4th March, 2026

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March has started quietly and the temperature has increased significantly. There is still some cool in the air in the mornings. Now, the washing dries in less than 12 hours.

The sun is moving around too and the balcony gets a good dose of morning sun (which helps this drying process).

Monday 2nd March, 2026.

Temple Day : South Gate to Prasat Chrung South East

The South Gate of Angkor Thom is the one you see on the travel videos, with a line of Asuras (demons... on the right) and a line of Devas (gods... on the left). They are holding the tail of the Naga. They represent the idea of good and evil constantly battling to attain the elixir of life.

The Gate itself has three towers with the benevolent head of King Jayavarman VII looking in all four directions.



The South Gate (Tonle Om).



Our shadows from the bike falling to the left... Does that make us Devas?



They have cleared the pathway along the wall here. In the still of the morning, the reflections in the moat are very pretty.



Interesting fruit, despite being quite dry.



The grass has been cleared around the corner temple too.



The carvings on the stacked blocks can be seen. This moss is in desperate need of rain.



The colours are bright.



By the time we walk back, even the pathway is no longer in the shade.



Occasionally, the Angkor Eye has half price tickets and that day was today. So we headed out in the afternoon to take advantage of a cheap ride!



Magnificent views from an air conditioned cabin.



Looking east along National Road 6 (towards the centre of town).



Looking west towards Puok.

The ride takes about 20 minutes, so if you had less than an hour to spend, you could easily make this part of your trip.

Tuesday 3rd March, 2026.

Today we went to Neak Tep Hospital for David to have a scan looking for kidney stones.



Just as we left, we heard the helicopter. It means someone important was coming up from Phnom Penh. Government officials are still transported in to the old airport (just ten minutes from the centre of town).

At the hospital...

A thorough check up later and a discussion with the doctor, has shown that David does have two kidney stones but they haven't grown and they haven't moved. The treatment is "drink more water".

\$35 dollars and about 2 hours later and we were back home.

Wednesday 4th March, 2026
Temple Day : Banteay K'Dei



Garuda and Naga at the east entrance to Banteay K'Dei.



Warriors at the entrances too.



**The more you look, the more you see.
I can't tell you story of each of these carved scenes.**



Or these...



This person is praying and the Apsara (a heavenly dancer) is dancing.



A weapon?

In the afternoon it was my first language lesson after having a holiday break in Australia. I am now working my way through Book 3.

It will be interesting to have lessons in the middle of the week, rather than at the end.