

Part 360 for Cathy's blog

Tuesday 26th May, 2026

Temple Day : Angkor Wat North Gopura

Angkor Wat has it's own grounds and gardens. With the moat around the outside, it has space with grasses and big trees. Inside, it is almost jungle around three sides. We have found plenty of plants and fungus in the Angkor Wat grounds and with the recent rains, we are hoping to see the first wave of mushrooms.

The moat around Angkor Wat, east side.



Eastern gopura (renovations finished about a year ago).





Cormorants drying their feathers.



These are Little Cormorants. They are very shy and flew off as we approached.



Carvings in the blocks around the North Gopura.



The North Gopura.



Inside the North Gopura.



The towers of Angkor Wat (from the North).

No luck with mushrooms at all!

On the way home, we saw the little fire trucks (practising their skills with the monitors, by watering the grass in the traffic islands!)



Wednesday 27th May

Temple Day : West Top Temple and Tro Muong

Today we checked out two different restoration projects.

Firstly. West Top Temple, which has been roped off since we first arrived. West Top Temple is about 200m south along a little track from the road to the West Gate.

Apparently, the restoration works were meant to have finished in about 2022.

Something important is covered by this tarpaulin.



We walked over the moat to find a space with a range of pediments set out. The carvings are beautifully done.

The patterns are different.

We will keep coming back.







Then it was on to Tro Muong. You can find this small temple quite easily. It is just off the Korean Ring Road, near the road through the West Gate. Just turn east by the big gum trees!



The small central tower of Tro Muong, from the remains of the East Gopura.



Patterns carved in the doorframes (“tapestry”).



Worn carving in the blocks around the temple.



See the Strings? Guidelines for restoration works

Tro Muong has some wildlife too.



Contrasting colours.



Disguised.



Berries.

And more dragonflies.





Strangler fig.