

Jansen, Herodotus, and Indiana Jones

Sabbatical presentation
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The main focus of my sabbatical was to gain a “primary source” experience of the places, people and things that I teach about, and that I studied throughout my education. I was interested in the tools and the techniques in context. I wanted to have first hand knowledge that I could pass on to my students in the classroom. To borrow a metaphor, I have spent much of my academic career as an astronomer gazing from afar, it was time to become an astronaut and actually walk and see with my own eyes the places and things I had always and only experienced in books .

everything we do is based in some way on the past, or the history, and to know the past, is to have an Idea of the possible direction of the future.

- 20 countries
- seven and a half months
- travel by any means necessary, including but not limited to car, bus, plane, boat, raft, camel, horse, elephant, tuk-tuk, cart, foot, stroller, and so on.
- Adventurers included my wife Monica, and our three children, Samuel, Roan and Ani, ages 12, 10, and 4.
- visiting museums of all sorts, archeological sites, artisan workshops, schools architecture, markets, festivals, and so on.

Frequently Asked Questions

My wife is a digital photography professor at both Ventura College and Oxnard College, and was able to take a leave of absence for the journey.

We home schooled our kids over the course of the year, and visited first hand many of the places there classmates were studying back home from textbooks.

We were not modest while planning the trip, or about what we were doing on our trip, and took advantage of as many opportunities from friends and relatives, and friends of friends as possible, with regards of places to stay etc.

I am still trying to pay off the credit card.

What follows is a series of images which represent some of the highlights of the sabbatical. We came back with well over 10,000 images, and close to 60 hours of video. we all shared the cameras, so there may be pictures and video included that were created by all of us.

We kept a running Blog, which is still available at furmanskiworldtour.blogspot.com



our bags, we had four checked bags for the five of us, and a carry on bag as well. I had the backpack, so I could push a stroller when needed.



England to start! we almost speak the same language anyway



Prime meridian, Greenwich mean time, the Longitude Prize, and the Harrison Clocks.



Victoria and Albert Museum, Matt with his tactical stroller pack.



V&A introduction to Ironwork



Stonehenge of course



Bath, the Roman Museum at Bath



Bath, how the Romans moved heavy stone to build the bath



Stone masons and cathedral building tools



Looking at colleges for the kids, Cambridge



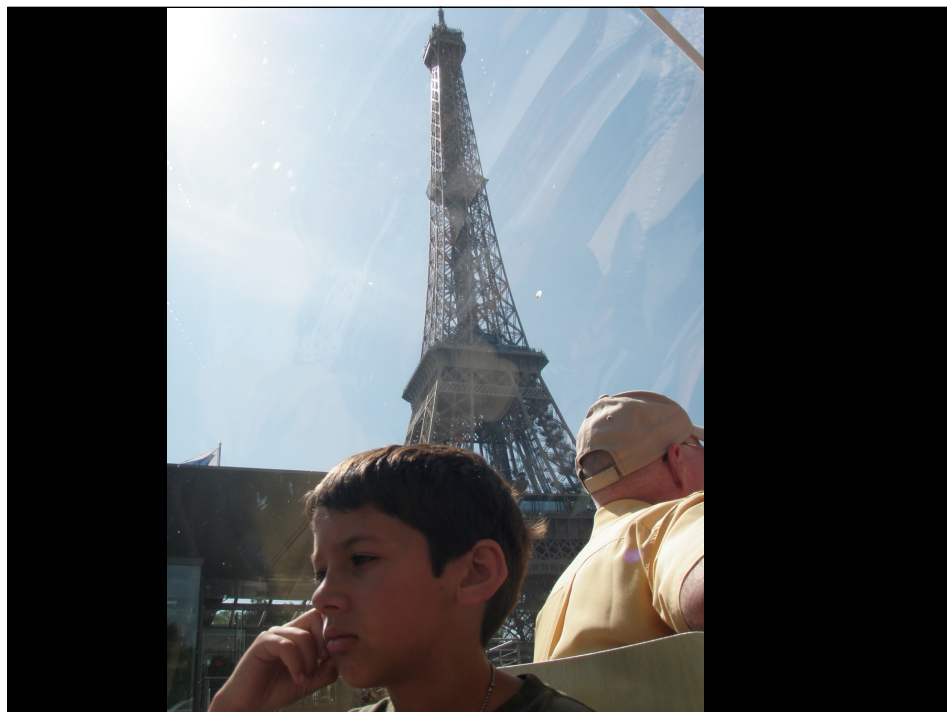
Paris for Bastille Day, one of Cleopatras needles



Notradame and the “rose window”



Catacombs beneath Paris



Roan and Tower Eiffel, as seen from the River Seine



Natural History Museum, Paris, my favorite! Many long hours were spent browsing its collections.



Mont Saint Michel, a days worth of exploring



Louvre, Venus De Milo and Sam, some fun in the museum



Sam and Mona Lisa



“Raft of the Medusa”



Holland, Amsterdam, public art abounds in the Netherlands



Rijksmuseum in the back, Rembrandt, Vermeer, etc.



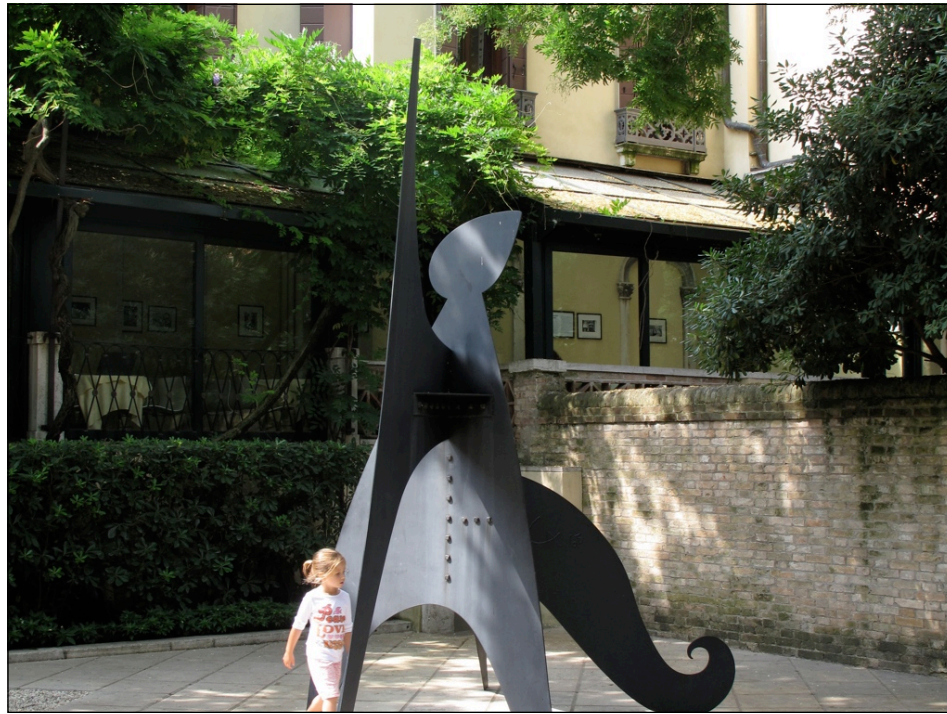
Venice, view from St. Marks across the canal



Ice-cream on Crusade-era spoils of war in St. Marks Square.



Venice Biennale, (Claes Oldenburg) amazing exhibition, all over the city and in several main pavilions.



Peggy Guggenheim's house/art collection on the Grand Canal



Peggy's garden



Ani in the Throne in the Garden at Peggy Guggenheims house



Greece, the Parthenon on the Acropolis



Temple to Aphrodite acropolis



Santorini, volcanic rim and excavations



Pompeii, Rome



Pompeii house with beautiful garden and murals



Pompeii wall painting



Pompeii mosaic rug



Pompeii wall fresco



Pompeii street seen, notice crosswalk in the bak-ground



Street in Pompeii



artifacts, pompeii, amphora and a human cast in the center



cast of dog caught in Pompeii



Sam as Caesar, studding ancient Rome for school



Colisseum



Colisseum from the top



underneath the Colisseum floor



Vatican Treasures



Vatican Bernini's square and Egyptian obelisk



Galileo's grave, Florence, Italy



Pisa, the leaning tower and the main basilica



Exhibition of work by Matisse and Rodin, Villefranche



La Sagrada Familia, Barcelona Spain, Gaudi



Forest, Antoni Gaudí, inside the Sagrada Família



exterior of Sagrada Família



Casa Batlló, Gaudí



Gaudi Roof



Gaudi Roof with Sagrada Familia in the background



Gaudi Attic





Park Guell, Gaudi



Marrakech, Morocco, Riad Orangerie



Shopping in the Medina, the souks, Marrakech



everything and anything in Jemma Al Fina



The Souks, in the Medina, like the organs of some beast



Jemaa Al Fina, main square in Marrakech



Re-Bar and cement by horse-cart, Jemaa al Fina



Or youngest photographer



Coke in Arabic



Essaouria, a magical place, conquered by the romans for its sea creatures and the purple dye they made, the meeting place of the Bedouin and Touareg nomadic tribes, home to both Jimmy Hendrex and Orson Wells



our room in Essaouria, a Riad on the great sea wall.



Fishing Fleet in Essaouria



The Nets, and boys playing on the Portuguese cannon in the fort



Portuguese Cannon



Portuguese cannon to defend the city



Ramadan began, Muslim festival, Essaouria



Cuenca Spain, the city built on the cliff



Art museum, Cuenca



Art museum, Cuenca



Toledo



Madrid, Guernica by Picasso, the Prado



American Sculptor, Richard Serra



Bilbao, Spain, Frank Ghery museum, and Jeff Koons Sculpture



Bilbao



Carcasone, mideval castle



Les Arnauds, French Alps



our source of heat and hot food



outside of the farmhouse barn home



On to the lake district, northern Italy



Lake Maggiore, Northern Italy



Secret Garden, Inga's house on Isola Pesciatore



Maritime Museum, Venice Italy



Cappadocia, Anatolia, central Turkey



Video, double click





Cave ceramics, Hittite style, birthplace of the pottery wheel
(disputed)



Cave Dwelling, our hotel





Early Christian paintings in the caves, hiding from the romans



Hidden monastery, Cappadoccia



Collapsed Church



restored church ceiling



restored paintings on the tufa church ceiling



Hidden cathedral, carved in Tufa, volcanic stone



Indiana Jones, stay away from the light



Citadel, and carved city



traditional silk rugs being made in turkey



Process of making silk



To the Mediterranean, and aboard our Gulet, like Jason and the Argonauts



King Mausolus' Tomb, the original Mausoleum, and one of the wonders of the ancient world, nothing remains, all used as spolia in surrounding structures.



Greek column blank, recently recovered from the ocean floor. was lost on its way to be carved for some forgotten temple?



Roman Bronze anchor, recovered by accident when it was caught in a fishing net



Spolia



Cow pasture, full of the remains of ancient history!



Ceramic vessel find, by Roan, probably greek!



Rhodian Amphora handle, can tell by the double roll coil handle



spolia, the wall of an old church made from the ruins of an old greek temple.



ruins at Labranda



Temple of nike?



Port of Iasos



Colosseum, boys have the stage.



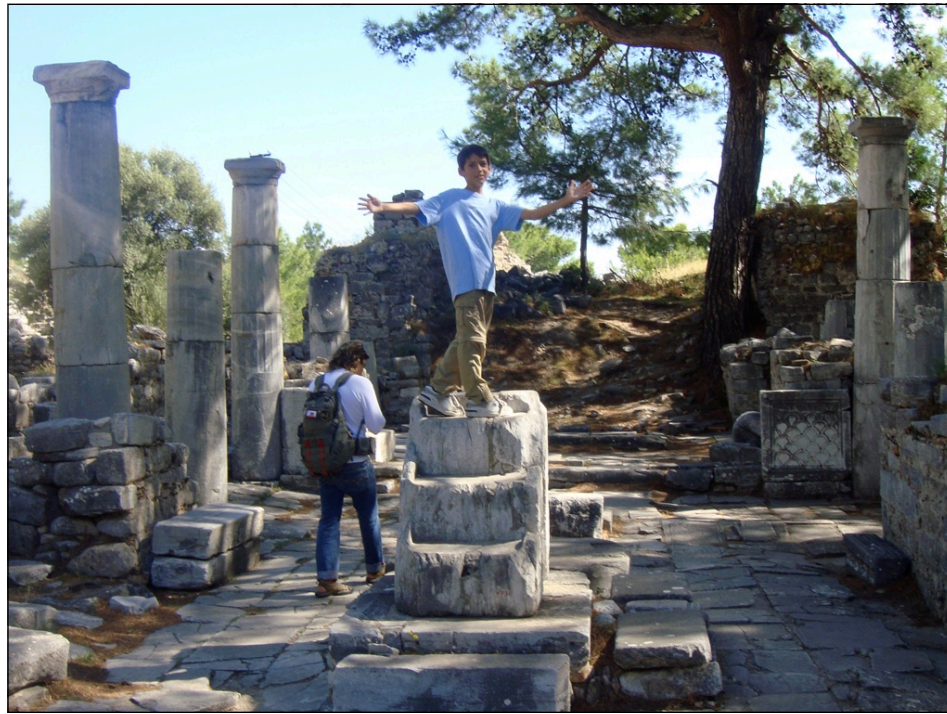
Colosseum in Turkey, notice the large Vomitoriums



Large column Temple of zeus, Turkey



Pick-nik in the ruins



Roman God



Museum of antiquities, Turkey



Artemis of Ephesus, 1st century AD



warped perspective in sculpture, it looks great from down here!
Emperor Domiti-constantine



Scale, museum of antiquities, Turkey



YUNUSLU EROS
Eros on the Dolphin
Efes - Kureter Caddesi
Ephesus, Kuretes Street
İS 2. Yüzyıl / 2nd Cent. A.D

The boy on the Bronze Dolphin



Ephesus, the good neighborhood, being restored



Private rooms, frescoes and mosaics



quite a puzzle, restoring the grand houses of Ephesus.



public restroom, Ephesus



Ephesus walkway and collonade



The Library at Ephesus



The Library



Technical details



Istanbul, not Constantinople



The Cistern! only recently discovered



Medusa Head column re used as spolia in the cistern





Hagia Sophia, Basilica and Mosque



The Blue Mosque



Inside the Blue Mosque



Headscarves everyone



Climb the tower my young Jenecarys!



Topkapi Palace, Istanbul



Kunefe, our new favorite desert. Fried cheese, honey and pistachio nut?



Museum of Islamic art and culture and mathematics, astrolabe



Model for the observatory



Saqqara, Egypt, the first pyramid



Cairo Museum



Giza



Big Climb



Up we go



Inside



Classic Egypt



Sun Ships, for Pharoah in the after-life



Pigeon, very tasty! a speciality in Egypt



Making Papyrus paper



meeting place of poets, writers and artist, perhaps the birthplace of the revolution?



Tea time





Abu Simbel



Inside the temple



Luxor





artisan making alabaster vases, much the same way they did 3000 years ago



Tools for working the stone



Hatshetsup temple, the woman pharoah



entrance to the valley of the kings.



Jordan



Colosseum in Jordan



Amman



Caravanserai, 60 KM from border with Iraq.



Qasr Al Azraq, Caravanserai, inside the basalt fort



Qasr Al Azraq, Caravanserai, inside the basalt fort



Qasr Al Azraq, Caravanserai, inside the basalt fort



Bedouin Tent, hospitality and tea



Ceramic Sarcophagus



Early Ceramic Lamp



Caravanseraï, along the silk Rout, every 20 miles, center for trade and commerce.



Petra!, view through the Siq



Petra, the treasury



Playing in Petra, looking for artifacts



Jerash, Jordan, the main Polis



Krak des Chevaliers, Syria, close to the city of Homs crusade era castle



Krak des Chevaliers



Krak des Chevaliers



India, Mumbai, washer slum, laundry slum



India, Jane Temple, Living Temple



Jane temple, living temple



Victoria station



Gateway to India



Taj Hotel, Mumbai terror attacks, anniversary



Daulatabad Fort, northern India



Monkeys in Daulatabade Fort



Tile work on the fort



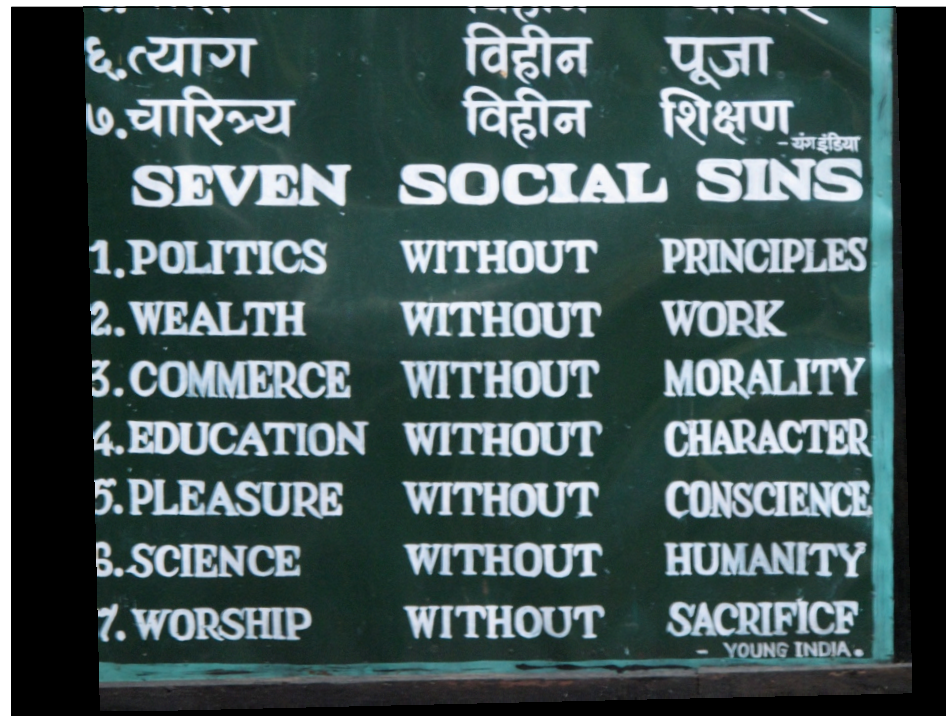
Ellora Caves!



Carved from the solid basalt mountainside



Gandi's Ashram



Gandis words of wisdom, the seven social sins



Ashram Observances



Ajanta Cave complex, northern India



Buddha, with the mudra of the teacher, and Matt with the thumb trick



Participation in a Hindu ceremony in the river



releasing the offerings



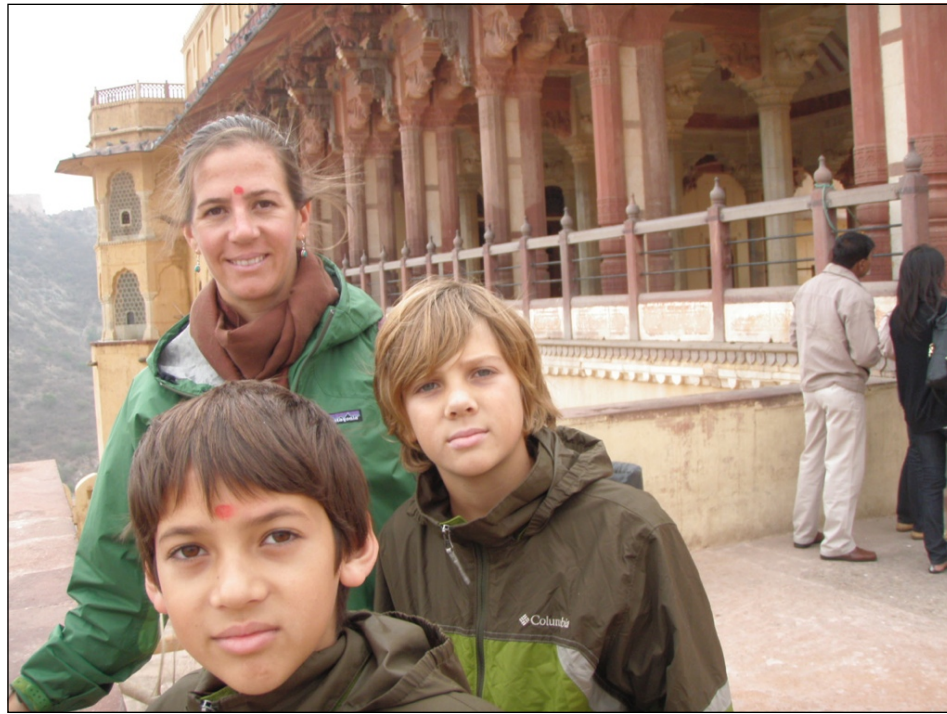
The Sandstone palace, carving



Amber Fort, Jaipur



Amber Fort, Jaipour



Hindu temple markings



Mogul or indian solar observatory, Jantar Montar



Tuk tuk ride, our usual form of transportation in India



Taj Mahal



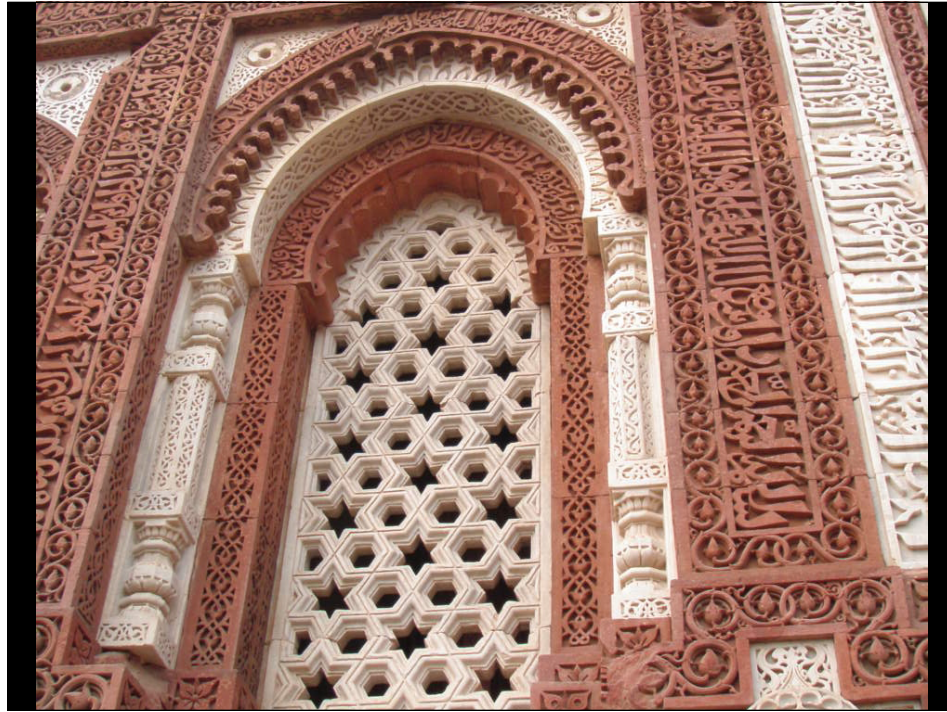
Mughal architecture, mausoleum for the 3rd wife of the emperor



Gandhi's memorial,



exploring temples



sandstone carvings



China!



Freezing at the forbidden palace, Beijing



forbidden palace



Tiananmen square, chairman Mao in the back



The Great wall, with friends and family



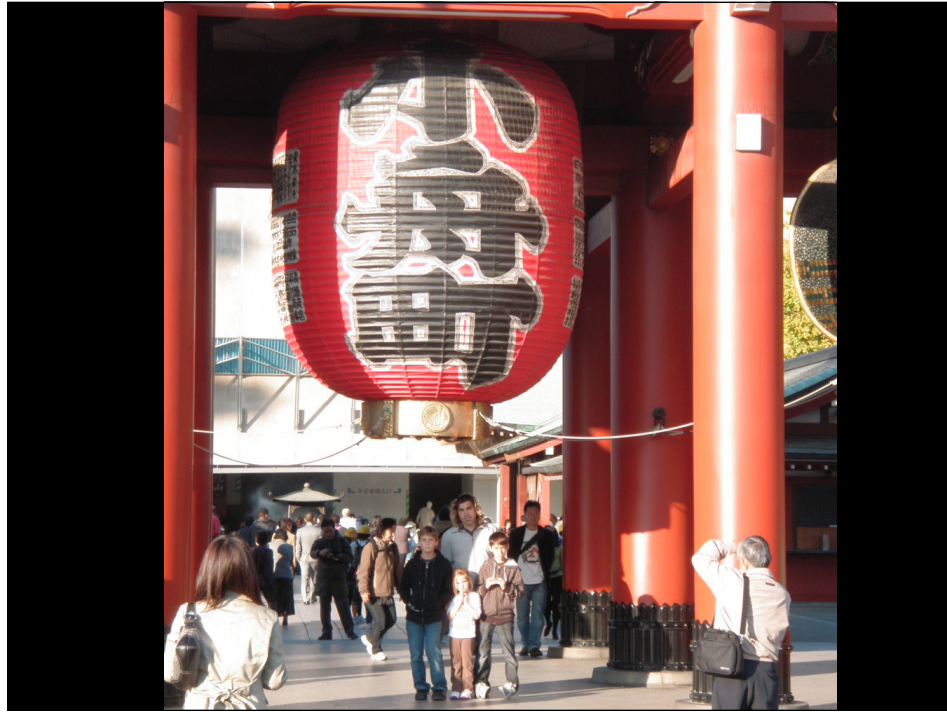
Japan



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Tokyo



Temple



Rokkaku temple, birthplace of flower arranging Kyoto



Flower arranging and bonsai tools outside the temple

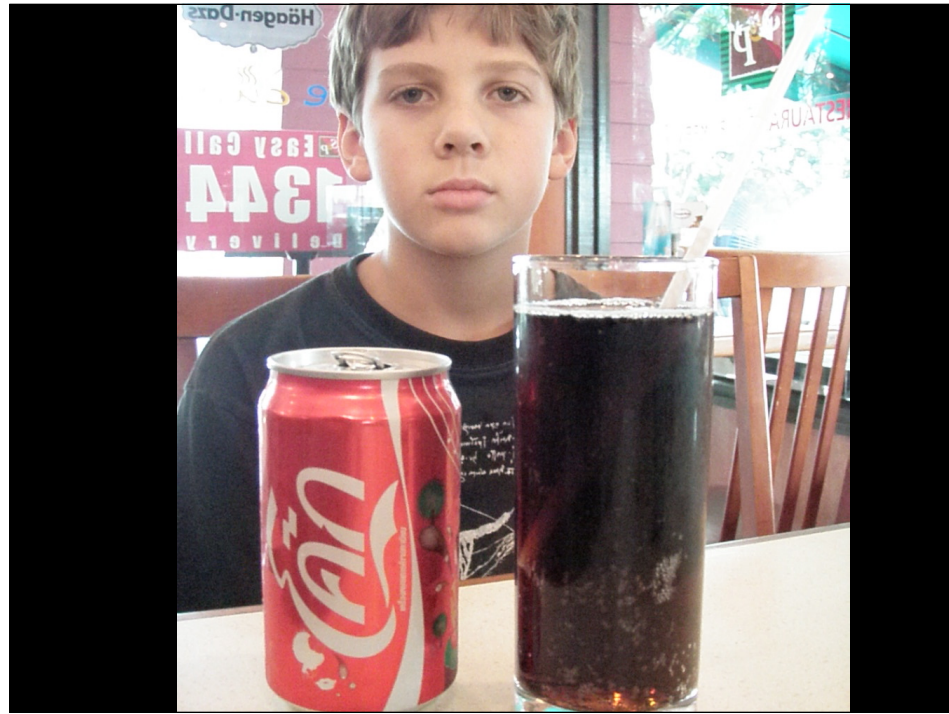
華道御家元池坊御用達

Tools of Ikebana Kanetaka

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Knit hats and clothing for the stone deities in the temple



Thailand, Bangkok



Royal palace, Bangkok Thailand



Bangkok Thailand



Stupa, burial shrine



Temple of dawn, Chao Phraya River, Bangkok



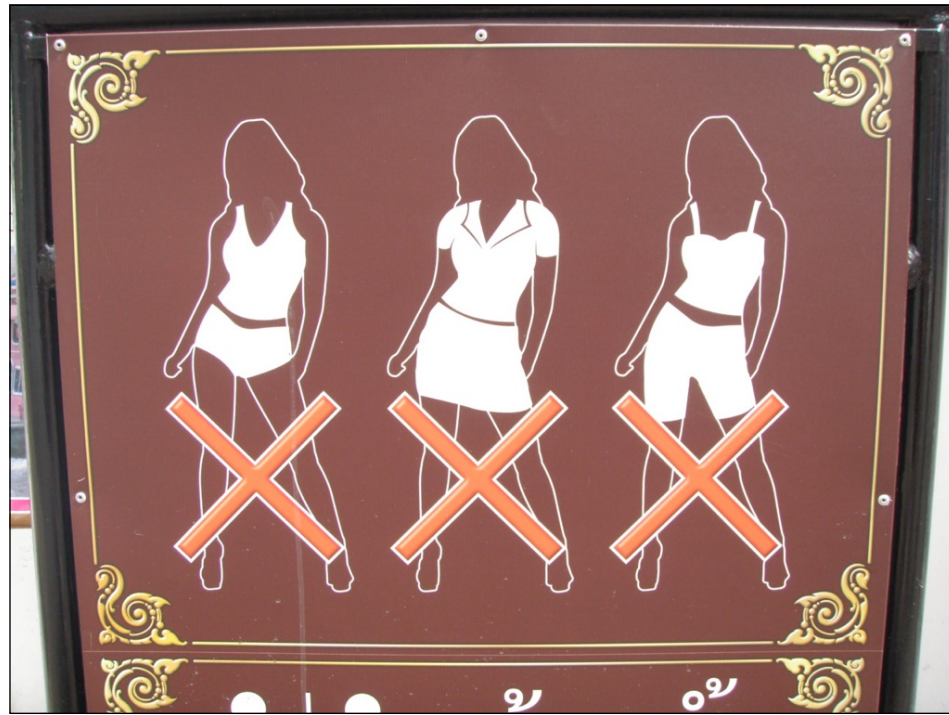
water-taxi, long-tail boat, car engine on a swivel with a long driveshaft to a propeller and skag



painting in progress in living temple in Bangkok



Temple of Dawn



signage, be respectful



Cambodia, more land mines than people in the country



Angkor Wat



Angkor Wat



Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom



Exploring Angkor Wat



Exploring Angkor Wat



Steep Climb, Exploring Angkor Wat



Exploring Angkor Wat



Exploring Angkor Wat



Exploring Angkor Wat



Exploring Angkor Wat



Exploring Angkor Wat, still a living temple



Causeway, Angkor Wat



Fish Massage, Siem Reap, after a long day exploring Angkor Wat



Visit to the artisional school and workshop



Artisans working stone



Artisans working





Types of stone used to carve the statues and use in the temples



sketches for the projects



Artisans working



Artisans working



Process



Artisans working



process and technique



wood carving



carving buda



Buda



someone having fun



Tonle Sap, on the Mekong



snake girl, Tolon Sap



don't swim in the lake



floating village, Tolone Sap



floating village, Tolone Sap



snake girl in a washtub boat, floating village



Lunch! fresh from the lake



Uluatu, Bali, Indonesia, Dreamland



Dreamland tempel



Dreamland temple



Dreamland temple, Uluwatu



Dreamland temple, Uluwatu



Dreamland temple, Uluwatu



Bali Gate



Friends in the gate



Cat in the Temple



Temple grounds, Bali



Volcano Lake temple



Hanoman, the monkey king, monkey temple



Hanuman temple gates



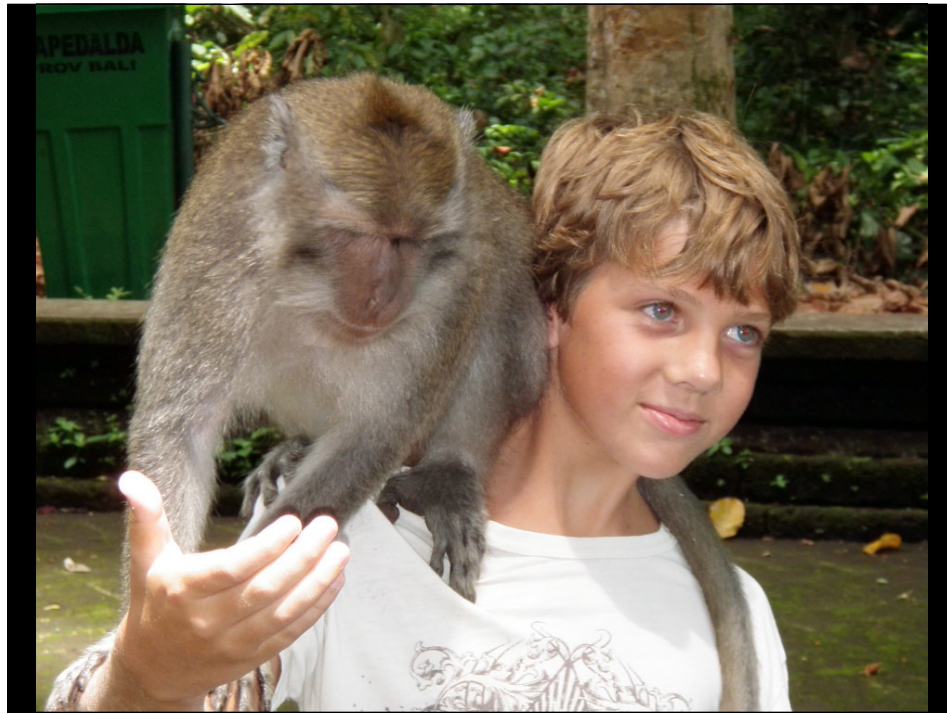
offerings to Hanuman, the monkey god



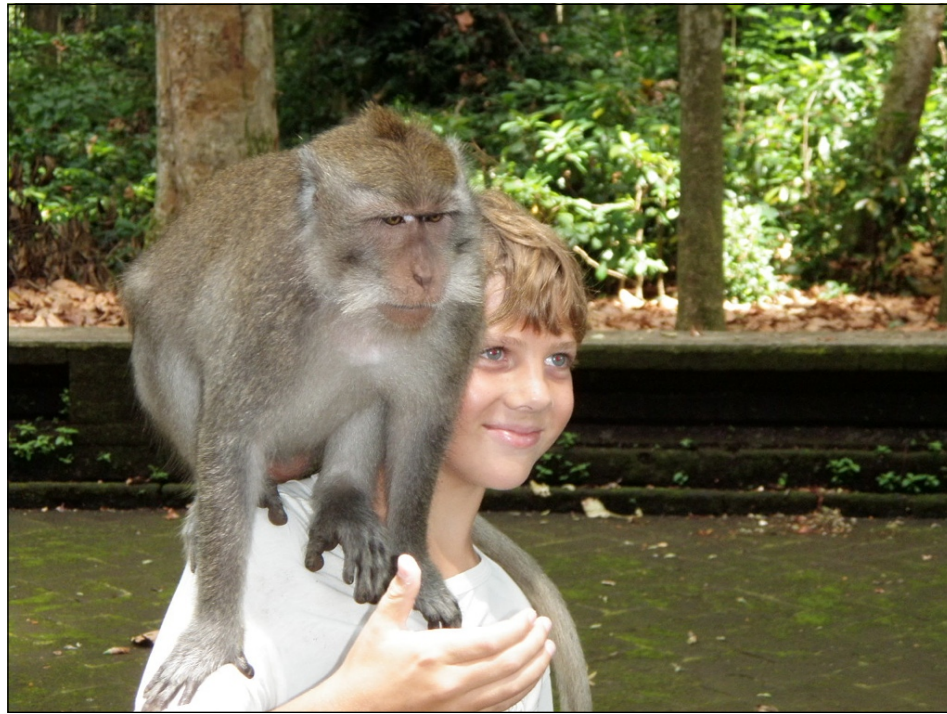
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see a family resemblance?



Ocean temple



The Holy Snake



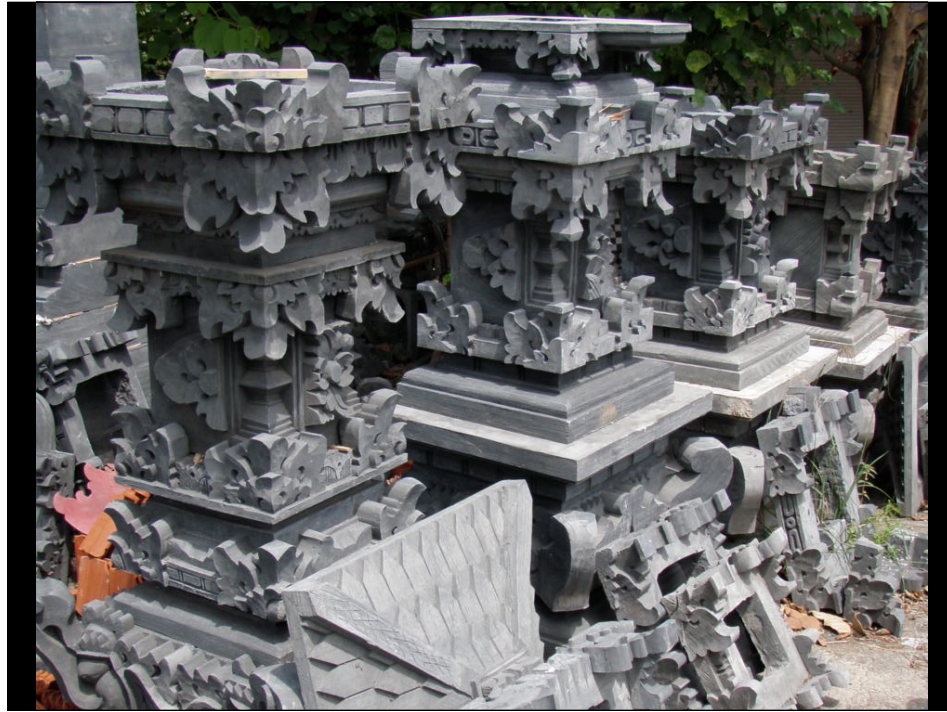
Cave of the Holy Snake



wild life in our room, giant gecko, we caught a snake too!



shrine



shrines being made



shrines for sale



wood work



carving and wood work



ceramic roof decorations



bali street life



ocean temple at low tide



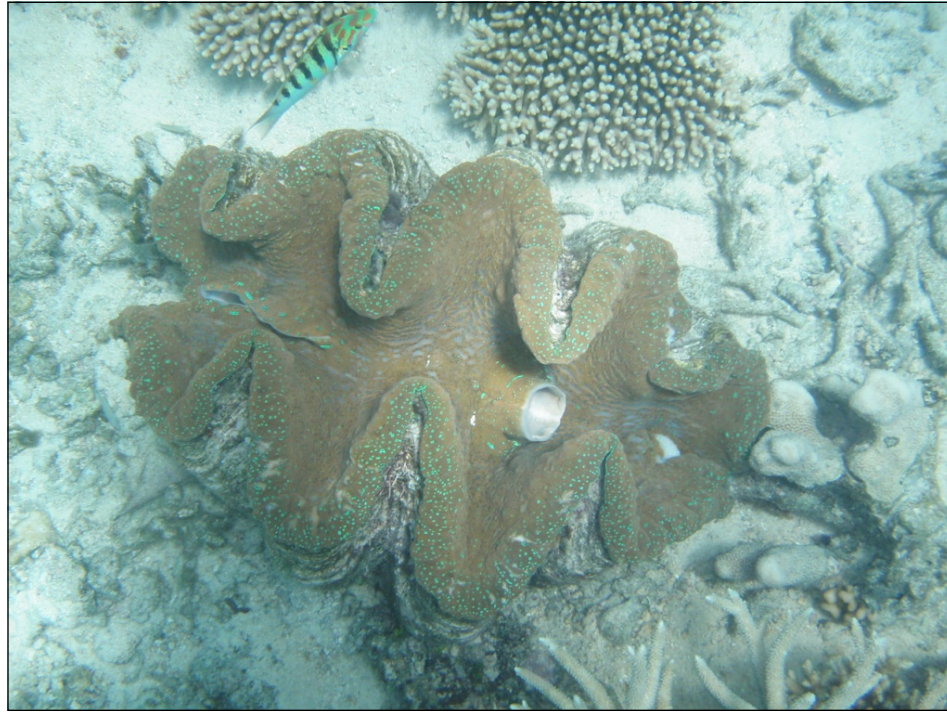
Australia



Australia, Cans, northern Queensland



Great Barrier reef



giant clam, great barrier reef



beach fishing, great catch sam!



our home in Australia



The end