



On the Trail of Buddha

A Journey to the East

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- Exploring the ancient Indian connection to the Occident
- Discovering the unity in diversity of cultures connected by the 2,000 miles of the Silk Road and separated by 2,000 years of history
- A unique spiritual sojourn into China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Mongolia

On the Trail of Buddha – A Journey to the East is a unique sojourn in search of the richness, depth, and breadth of the spiritual, philosophical, and cultural linkages that bind India to the East Asia civilizations of China, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia. From the wandering monks of Asia to the temples and monasteries they visited; from the statues and frescoes in grottoes and temples to those in the museums; from the emperors who embraced Buddhism to the relics of Buddha spread far and wide; from the diverse ethnicities of the people to their common gods and goddesses – the book touches upon the entire gamut of the East-Asian culture and its deep-rooted linkages with the Indian civilization, which will be an eye-opener for many.

Deepankar Aron, recognized with the Presidential Award for his contribution as an Indian Revenue Service officer, is also a passionate traveler and a consummate photographer and writer. His articles have, over the years, appeared in various magazines and newspapers. *World Heritage Sites of Uttarakhand*, his first pictorial book was published in 2010.