



Buddhist Heritage of the World

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**Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya,
Bihar, India. Photograph
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**Dhamek Stupa, Sarnath,
Uttar Pradesh,
India. Photograph by
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Chaitya-griha, Kushinagara, Uttar Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Gilded statue of the Parinirvana, Kushinagara, Uttar Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Stupa and Ashoka Pillar, Vaishali, Bihar, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Pipaliya Stupa, Bhojpur, Madhya Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Gateway and Railing of
Bharhut Stupa 2nd century
BC, Madhya Pradesh,
India. Photograph by
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Stupa II, c. 100 BC, Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Great Stupa, Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Shalabhanjika, East
Gateway, Stupa I, Sanchi,
1st century AD, Madhya
Pradesh, India. Photograph
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**Buddha, Sculpture,
Gandhara, Indian
subcontinent. Photograph
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Kesaria Stupa, Bihar, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Chaitya-griha, Kondawane, Maharashtra, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



***Mithunas, chaitya-
griha, Karle 1st – 2nd
century AD, Maharashtra,
India. Photograph by
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***Mithuna couple, chaitya-
griha, 2nd century AD,
Kanheri, Maharashtra,
India. Photograph by
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Nashik caves, 2nd century AD, Maharashtra, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Stupa in cave interior, Junnar Caves, Maharashtra, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Riders on horses atop tall pillars, Bedsa, 1st century AD, Maharashtra, India.
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The Ajanta caves, 2nd century BC to 6th century AD, Maharashtra, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Cave 19, Ajanta, 5th
century AD, Maharashtra,
India. Photograph by
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Bodhisattva Padmapani,
Mural, 5th century AD, Cave
1, Ajanta, Maharashtra,
India. Photograph by
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Mahaparinirvana, Cave 26, Ajanta, 6th century AD, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Bulls, Mural, Bagh Caves, Madhya Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



The Nalanda University site, Bihar, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Bodhisattva, main temple,
Nalanda site, Bihar, India.
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Stupa, Vikramshila University site, 12th century Bihar, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**The Buddha, 5th century
AD, Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh,
India. Photograph by
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**Buddha
in *dharmachakrapravartana*
mudra, Sarnath, Uttar
Pradesh, 5th century AD,
India. Photograph by
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Cave 1, Guntupalli, Andhra Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Birth of the Buddha, recently
discovered sculptural panel,
1st century AD, Panigiri,
Andhra Pradesh, India.
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**Buddha Sculpture and Stupa, 3rd / 4th centuries AD, Andhra Pradesh, India.
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**Tara, sculpture, Ratnagiri,
Orissa, India. Photograph by
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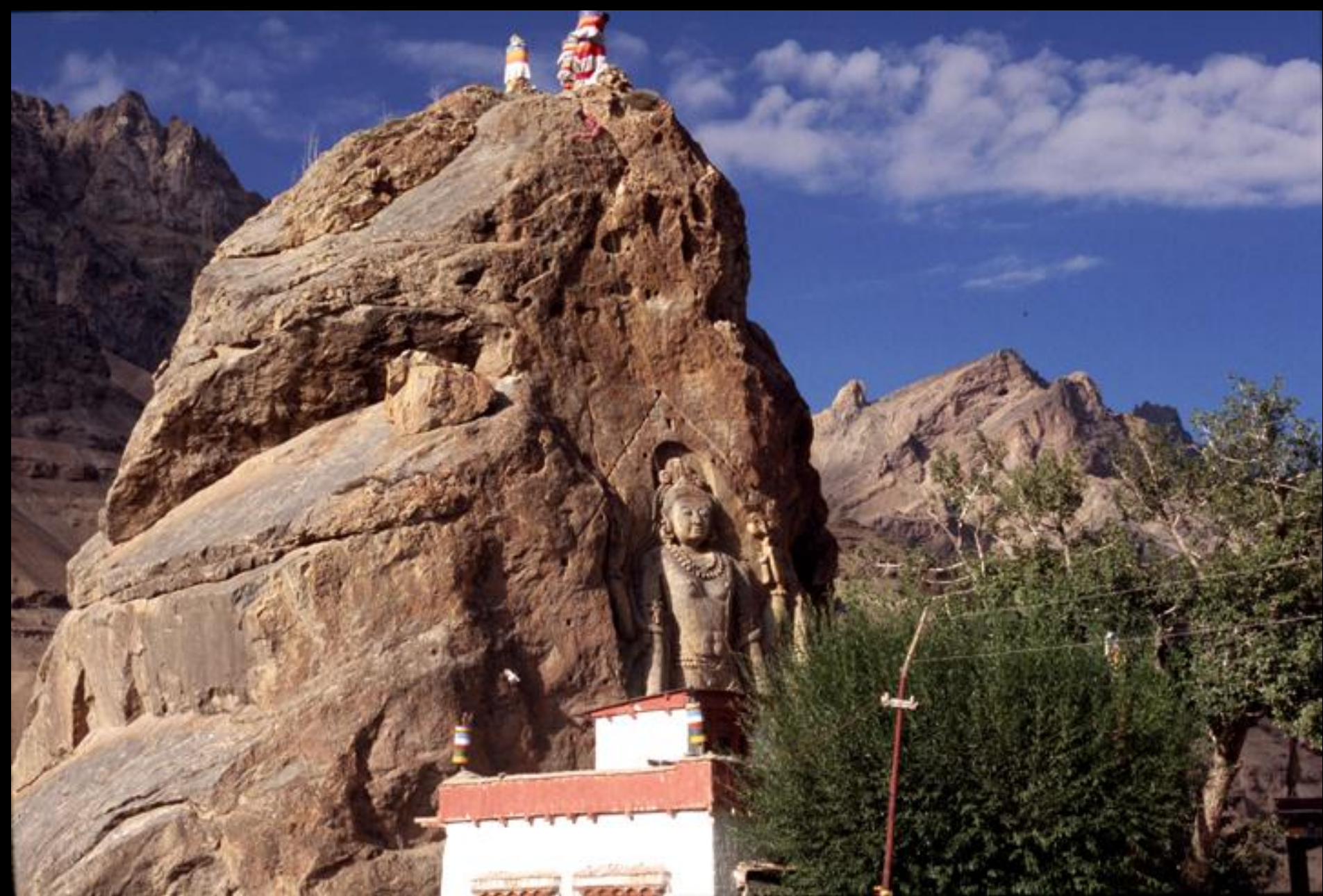
***Chaitya- griha, c. 7th century
AD, Ellora, Maharashtra, India.
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**Buddhist site, Harwan, c. 4th century AD, near Srinagar, Kashmir, India.
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**Remains of Monastery, 8th century AD, Parihaspura, Kashmir, India.
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Colossal Buddha, 8th / 9th century, Mulbek, Ladakh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Phugtal Monastery, Zaskar, Ladakh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Green Tara, Mural, c.12th century AD, Alchi Sumstek, Ladakh, India.
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**Detail of Mandala, Mural, 11th /
12th century AD, Nako
Monastery, Spiti, Himachal
Pradesh, India. Photograph by
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Clay sculptures, Suglhakhang, late 10th / early 11th century AD, Tabo, Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Maitreya, Basgo, 16th /
17th century, Ladakh, India.
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Rumtek Monastery, Sikkim, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Gorsen Chorten, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, 16th century AD, India.
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Cham, Masked monastic dance of the Lamas, Ladakh, India. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Rupbon Mura Vihara, 7th AD, Buddhist site, Mainamati, Bangladesh.
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Gokul Medh, Mahasthangarh site, Bangladesh. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Somapura Vihara, Paharpur site, Naogaon, Bangladesh. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Apsaras, Mural, Sigiriya, c. 5th century, Sri Lanka. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Bodhisattva, Mural, 12th
century, Polonnaruwa Sri
Lanka. Photograph by Benoy K
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Bamiyan, Afghanistan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Bamiyan Site, Afghanistan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Recently excavated Buddha,
Mes Aynak site, Afghanistan.
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Fayaz-Tepe, stupa near Termez, 1st – 3rd century AD, Uzbekistan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Buddhist Stupa at Zurmala, Termez, 3rd century AD, Uzbekistan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Buddha from Fayaz-Tepe, 1st-2nd century, Collection: Tashkent National Museum, Uzbekistan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Buddha, Mural from Fayaz-
Tepe, 1st-2nd century,
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Seated Buddha, Wat Maha That, Sukhothai Historical Park, 13th-14th centuries, Thailand. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Wihan Luang, Wat Ratcha Burana, 15th century, Ayutthaya, Thailand.
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**Seated Buddhas, Wat Chawattanaram, 17th century, Ayutthaya, Thailand.
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Wat Phra Si Sanphet, 15th century, Ayutthaya, Thailand. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Borobudur Stupa, 8th-9th century AD, Java, Indonesia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Kala Gateway, near the top of
the Borobudur Stupa, Java,
Indonesia. Photograph by
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Relief, 8th-9th century, Borobudur Stupa, Indonesia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Pagodas at sunrise, Bagan, Myanmar. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Birth of the Buddha, Mural, Loka Hteik Pann Pagoda, 12th cent., Bagan, Myanmar. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon, Myanmar. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Vat That Luang, Vientiane, Laos. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Ongtue Temple, Vientiane, Laos. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Arms giving in Luang Prabang, Laos. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Bayon, 13th century, Cambodia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Seated Buddha, Dong Duong,
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Kizil Caves, Kucha, China. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Statue of Kumarajiva, Kizil Caves, Kucha, China. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Interior of Mogao Cave no. 45, Dunhuang, China. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Colossal Buddha, Bingling Si, China. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Bezeklik Caves, China. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Gandan Monastery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Three-eyed Ganesa, Tangkha, Late 19th century, Bogd Khan Palace Museum, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**White Tara, 17th century, made
by ruler Zanabazar, Zanabazar
Museum, Ulaanbaatar,
Mongolia. Photograph by
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Cham Mask and dress, 19th century, Mongolia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Zorik Lama, one out of many who studied in India, at Ivolga Monastery, Buryatia, Russia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Mongolian Ganjur, sacred Buddhist text, 18th century, Ulan Ude, Buryatia, Russia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Golden Abode of Shakiyamuni Temple, Kalmykia, Russia. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Atisa, Golden Abode of
Shakiyamuni Temple, Elista,
Kalmykia, Russia. Photograph
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**Interior, Khurul a Buddhist temple in Aarshaan, near Elista, Kalmykia, Russia.
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**People of Kalmykia receiving blessings of a Ladakhi lama, Elista, Russia.
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**Ashoka Pillar, Lumbini, Nepal.
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**Swayambhunath Stupa,
Kathmandu, Nepal.
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**Bouddhanath Stupa,
Kathmandu, Nepal.
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Kurje Monastery, Bumthang, Bhutan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Mural, Kurjey Monastery,
Bumthang, Bhutan.
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Samye Monastery, 8th century AD, Central Tibet. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Jokhang Temple, Lhasa, founded in the 7th century, Tibet. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Tholing monastery, 996 AD, Zanda, Ngari, Western Tibet. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Guge castle remains, Tsaparang, Tibet. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Dungkar Caves, c. 10th century AD, Western Tibet. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Painted Interior, South Facing Cave 1, Dungkar, Western Tibet. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



**Eleven-headed Avaloketiswara,
Mural, Dungkar Caves,
Western Tibet. Photograph by
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Ginkaku-ji Temple, Kyoto, 15th century, Japan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl



Kinkaku-ji Temple, Kyoto, 14th century AD, Japan. Photograph by Benoy K Behl