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MARY ANN & RAY ANDERSON – Traveling for 40 years together, photography has always been part of this couple’s itinerary. The pair has visited over 45 countries. They are particularly attracted to independent travel and exploring less traveled parts of the world. Their curiosity is about the landscape and the culture of each country they visit. They extend their interest in people to learning about their religious practices and participating in their festivals and celebrations.

For over 25 years, Ray and Mary Ann have been producing multimedia presentations of their journeys. Their goal is to bring something new and different to every show they create – something you don’t normally see in travelogues. Their current shows incorporate a mix of photo, video, drone, time-lapse, and astrophotography images.

Amazing Travel Photography

The program will begin with the presentation of their show the **Wonders of Asia**. Mary Ann and Ray will give information about their trips and shows. They will also discuss how they approach people photography and the portraits they get when travelling. They will also tell us what equipment they use and how they get their wonderful panorama photos in the amazing locations. The program will end with the presentation of their latest show “**Bhutan – Where Happiness Reigns**”.

Wonders of Asia

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/520378912/2a33f03633>

There are so many reasons we love to travel to Asia. It is mostly because this continent is so diverse and so photogenic, and compared to other areas of the world, really quite inexpensive to travel. It is the getting there that is expensive.

1. India is a country that will overload your senses with sounds, tastes, smells, and intense colour. It has history, majestic forts and palaces, extraordinary festivals, and it is one of the best places in the world to take photographs of people. Two of our favourite festivals in India are the spectacular Pushkar Camel Fair in Rajasthan, and the Hindu festival of Dev Diwali in Varanasi where ritual bathing and candlelight ceremonies take place on the steps of the holy River Ganges.
2. The Himalayan kingdoms of Ladakh, Tibet, Nepal, and Bhutan offer stunning views of the world’s highest mountains. Symbolic representations of Tibetan Buddhism are everywhere – in the prayer flags, the ancient Buddhist monasteries, and in the religious festivals exploding with dance, music and deep spirituality.

3. The Southeast Asian countries of Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos all offer unique experiences. Theravada Buddhism and traditional charm threads through all of these countries. Thailand offers endless golden temples and Buddha images, Angkor Wat in Cambodia is one of the foremost architectural wonders of the world, Laos is rich with saffron monks collecting alms and largely unexplored mountain communities, and Myanmar, or Burma, offers stunning golden temples and the breathtaking site of thousands of pagodas scattered across the plains of Bagan.
4. Indonesia offers a different cultural experience or adventure on each island you visit. Bali has unique and spellbinding dance and music performances. Java gives us the world's largest Buddhist monument, Borobodur. Kalimantan, or Borneo, offers the opportunity to get up close and personal with orangutans in the wild. Indonesia is also home to over 120 active volcanoes, with opportunities to climb many of them.



BHUTAN- Where Happiness Reigns

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Bhutan – Where Happiness Reigns. Bhutan is the last remaining Buddhist Kingdom on earth. Nestled in the eastern Himalayas, and landlocked between India and China, Bhutan offers pristine landscapes, lush valleys, sacred mountains, fortress monasteries, and vibrant festivals, all seemingly untouched by the passing of time. A deep-rooted belief in Mahayana Buddhism, and adherence to a traditional way of life, lie at the very heart of Bhutanese society. The country's development is measured not in economic terms, but by Gross National Happiness. Mary Ann and Ray take you on an adventure across this land, trekking to the remote mountain village of Laya to attend the Royal Highlander Festival, witnessing spectacular mask dances in the courtyards of ancient monasteries, and hiking to Tiger's Nest, Bhutan's most enchanting and revered Buddhist temple.