

Spiritual journey to India features the Kalachakra festival and the Dalai Lama



The Dalai Lama in 2012 at the Kalachakra festival in India. He will also appear at the festival being held in January. (Diptendu Dutta / AFP/Getty Images)

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Kick off 2017 by spending nine days in India at the 34th Kalachakra festival, presided over by the Dalai Lama. Prayers, teachings and ritual dances highlight the festival's activities.

[Perillo's Learning Journeys](#) hosts the trip that spends two days in the sacred city of Bodhgaya at the Tibetan Buddhist festival before traveling to Varanasi, one of Hinduism's spiritual capitals.

While there, travelers will meet with a local family and an astrologer, attend an evening Hindu ceremony on the Ganges River and celebrate a Hindu guru's birthday.

Dates: Jan. 4-12

Price: From \$2,590 a person, double occupancy; single supplement, add \$900. Includes five nights in hotels, three nights in tented accommodations, flights within India, transportation, most meals, daily yoga sessions, English-speaking guides, admission to the Kalachakra festival and some activities. International airfare not included.

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