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Journey Into Buddhism: Dharma River

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Journey in to Buddhism: Dharma River is an exquisitely beautiful journey through Laos, Thailand and Burma, exploring the important themes and landscapes of Buddhism at the source. Moving down rivers, through villages, and to important Buddhist pilgrimage sights...the visuals and narration create a mood of timeless peace. *Dharma River* is part of the Yatra trilogy of sacred journeys into Buddhism by director and cinematographer John Bush. Yatra is the Sanskrit word for pilgrimage or spiritual journey. This is a meditative journey accompanied by music – classical Saung Gauk (Harp) of Burma; the Khene, the giant mouth organ of Laos, and the centuries old Pi Phat ensemble of Thailand which includes gongs, xylophones and cymbals, and harmonic chants from singer and composer David Hykes with *The Harmonic Choir*. En route, the journey locales include the Emerald Buddha, the Royal Temple, the Ananda Temple built in 1091, Chaing Mai, Karen people, Mekong River, Shangri-la of Luang Prabang, Swedagon Pagoda, mystical sites and ruins of ancient civilizations, and a myriad of iconic representations of the Buddha himself. John Bush undertakes the production of a travel documentary as if it were fine art. This is as good as this genre gets.

Admission is free.

