



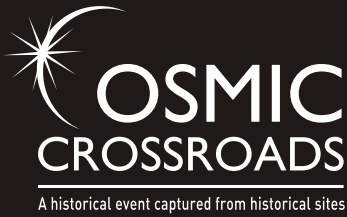
OSMIC CROSSROADS

A historical event captured from historical sites

22nd July 2009, India will wake up to this centuries longest Total Solar Eclipse also the last one to be seen from majority of India until 2114. Lets not miss this golden opportunity and capture this beautiful spectacle with different Indian landmarks. We invite all the photographers to capture this historical event and create a Unique collection of images.

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Eclipse Chasers Atheneum (ECa), the eclipse sphere of SPACE calls all photographers and photography enthusiasts. This year, on morning of 22nd of July, the **umbral** shadow of the moon will be passing over the rich heritage of our country. The Greatest eclipse of the century is just few days away from us and is tailor-made for India. It crosses the entire breadth of India starting from the westernmost state of Gujarat to the easternmost state, Arunachal Pradesh. The path of totality passes over 13 Indian states including the small area called the Chicken's Neck in West Bengal. Not only this, partial eclipse is visible throughout the country.

What's Special About This Eclipse?

1. This is the **longest eclipse of this century**. The maximum totality time of this eclipse is 6 minutes 39 seconds (Over pacific ocean). Even in the beginning of the path in India the totality time is over **3 minutes**. A longer Total Solar Eclipse will only occur the year 2132 over Pacific, Latin America, and the Atlantic.
2. It is the penultimate total eclipse visible from India in this century. The next one is in the year 2034. However, the 2034 eclipse is visible from only a small area in Jammu and Kashmir. The next total solar eclipse visible from India is in the 2114. **So this is the last total solar eclipse visible from such a large area in our life time.**
3. The eclipse is visible From a long belt **13 Indian states from Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh** having a tremendously varying culture, people, heritage and landscape.
4. **A deep partial eclipse will be visible throughout India** with many important cities witnessing the phenomenon.

A Life time Photographic Opportunity.

India itself is full of great photographic opportunities, with its diverse culture, people, landscape and the anatomy of the nation changing every few miles. The Total eclipse of 22nd July 2009 is visible from 13 states of India, each having a unique flavor, a unique culture and rich heritage of our past. And here is the opportunity of a lifetime where we can capture the ephemeral eclipse casting its shadow over the monuments/heritage sites across all these states and can preserve a rare happening in time for posterity. The eclipse is visible from many important sites like Taj Mahal (90% eclipse), Mahabodhi Temple (Totality), Sanchi Stupa (Totality), Khajurao Temples (99.7% eclipse), City of Temples - Varanasi (Totality).

The Project

With so much in the offer, we can't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. Cosmic Crossroads - a project proposed by Atish Aman, an avid photographer, astronomer and a member of SPACE -, endeavors to bring together a group of photographers who are passionate about photography as well as this project, and who would volunteer to go to an assigned location to capture this

phenomenon on camera, and contribute the images to the collective pool. Thus we could build a rich and resourceful collection of images showcasing the eclipse cast its shadow over many important heritage sites across the breadth of the country.

What's in offer for you?

1. You get a lifetime opportunity to capture this phenomenon and be a part of this unique project encompassing the major heritage sites of the country falling under the path of total as well as partial eclipse.
2. You will be part of a group that will be the only one to capture the event at such a scale and contribute to the pool of eclipse images juxtaposed with heritage sites, possible only once in our lifetime.
3. This will be followed by a series of exhibitions showcasing your work at different venues if we have a good collection of images.
4. All Delhi based participants will get training in eclipse photography by world renowned Astrophotographers, free of cost.
5. You get the permission to use various equipments including tripods inside the monument premises, otherwise not allowed.
6. We will give credits to the respective photographers wherever possible.
7. You will still retain the copyrights to all the images captured by you.

Whoever you are, whatever photography equipment you use. Eca Invites you to join the endeavor to capture showcase images of Indian landmarks alongside the Total Solar Eclipse on the morning of 22nd July 2009.

Terms and Conditions

1. In contributing to the project "The Cosmic Crossroads" you agree to grant **SPACE** license to publish and otherwise use the photographs for non commercial and educational use and in any media worldwide under Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial 2.5 India License.
2. You will still have the copyrights of the photographs submitted to the project.
3. You are required to submit the original RAW files of all the eclipse photographs, when using a digital format, and unprocessed film rolls when working on analogue format (film camera).
4. We will publish your name alongside the image wherever it is used. We cannot guarantee that all pictures will be used.
5. We reserve the right to edit/process your Images.
6. At no time should you endanger yourself or others, take any unnecessary risks or infringe any laws while working on this project.
7. The participants should have their own equipment - Camera (at least one), a heavy tripod, solar filters.
8. The selection of participants rests solely with the organizing body of the project "The Cosmic Crossroads" and submission of the application form in itself doesn't assure their selection.
9. The selected participants will be required to bear all the expenses including traveling, accommodation, food and any other expenses required during the project on their own.
10. While volunteering to participate in the project, the participants must ensure that they are medically and otherwise fit to undertake the project, and the organizing body doesn't take the responsibility for any mishap or unforeseen incident, that may happen during the project.

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