

Getty Images Gallery presents  
*Indian Treasures*

An exhibition revealing rarely-seen images from the Getty Images Archive and including some of the earliest photographic views of India and its people

2 August to 7 October, London



**London** - Getty Images Gallery announces *Indian Treasures*, an exhibition marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence from Britain, which will be on view from 2 August to 7 October 2017. Drawn from the renowned Getty Images Hulton Archive, the largest and most comprehensive photographic archive in private hands, the exhibition reveals some of the earliest views of India and its people recorded using photography.

The images have been sourced from various scrapbooks, albums, glass plate negatives and vintage prints held in the Archive - many of which have gone unseen for decades - and include a diverse range of subjects, from one of the earliest photographic views of the Taj Mahal to portraits of Maharajas, musicians and snake charmers. The exhibition includes a group of 19th and early 20th century prints on temporary loan from the Archive, as well as museum-quality prints made using the latest dark room techniques which are available for purchase in limited editions and in a range of sizes; these images have been subject to eight months of digital restoration to ensure their historical integrity.

**Matthew Butson, Vice President, Getty Images Archive** said: *"A complex landscape and medley of influences, India has long been a springboard for the imagination, not least for some of photography's pioneers. After what has felt like a thrilling archaeological dig, we could not be more excited to share these incredible images – and stories – with gallery visitors."*

**Getty Images Gallery Manager, Amie Lewis** comments: *"Our aim at the Getty Images Gallery is to make accessible to the general public these incredible cultural treasures from the Getty Images Archive. We welcome admirers and collectors alike to immerse themselves in Indian Treasures."*

A leading highlight is a group of remarkable portraits from a four-volume album of photographs which show the princes and rulers of India, bedecked in pearls and precious stones. The album was found to contain a hand-written note revealing that the set has only one other copy which was presented to Queen Victoria, probably for her Diamond Jubilee. Elsewhere a set of studio portraits for a visiting troupe of performers includes images of a conjurer, a dervish and a juggler.

The exhibition includes a diverse and fascinating selection of landscapes and portraits, including views of notable landmarks from the Taj Mahal to the Himalayas, and including images captured by renowned photographers including Samuel Bourne, John Edward Saché and Felice Beato. Also on view is a series of striking colour prints made using the rarely-seen photocrom process.

The Indian Treasures exhibition takes place from 2<sup>nd</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the Getty Images Gallery. An exhibition catalogue will be available for purchase at the Gallery.

The exhibition is available to travel, please contact the [Getty Images Gallery](#) if interested in hosting the exhibition once its London season has closed.

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#### **Notes to editors:**

##### **Photographer background**

##### **Samuel Bourne (1834 – 1912)**

- Samuel Bourne is considered one of the most prolific 19<sup>th</sup> Century travel photographers
- Bourne travelled throughout India from 1863 – 1870
- The studio he opened in Calcutta still trades today, possibly making it the oldest photographic business in the world
- To carry his equipment, he is said to have needed up to 30 porters

##### **Felice Beato (1832 – 1909)**

- Born in Venice, Beato was two when his family moved to Corfu
- When news of Indian Mutiny reached Beato, he decided to head east and photograph the full horror of the war for the first time
- Beato would later go on to produce some of the earliest surviving photographs of China and Japan

##### **John Edward Saché (1865 – 1882)**

- John Edward Saché was one of the more prominent 19th century European photographers in India.
- He began his career in America and then surfaced in Calcutta in 1865, where he formed a partnership with Westfield.
- During his 20 years in India, Saché travelled extensively throughout northern India, covering major sites and towns, and produced an accomplished collection of images, proving himself a master of the picturesque composition.

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### **About Getty Images Gallery**

Getty Images Gallery is London's largest independent photographic gallery and was founded in 1996. Located on Eastcastle Street, just a stone's throw from Oxford Circus, Getty Images Gallery showcases stunning exhibitions on a regular basis. The majority of the imagery on display in the Gallery is taken from Getty Images' archival and contemporary libraries and is available to buy as fine art prints in a variety of sizes and framing options.

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