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## In the Footsteps of the Ancestors - A China Pilgrimage with Stephen Batchelor, Martine Batchelor and Shantum Seth

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### Beijing Extension

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## TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES

### Stephen Batchelor



**Stephen Batchelor** was born in Scotland and educated in Buddhist monasteries in India, Switzerland and Korea. In 1972, at the age of nineteen, he settled in Dharamsala, and in 1974 he ordained as a Buddhist monk in the Tibetan tradition and later traveled to Korea where he practiced as a Zen monk. Batchelor disrobed in 1985, when he moved to Devon, England to live and teach at the Sharpham Community and Gaia House. Stephen Batchelor has synthesized a distinctively Western Teaching style, drawing from multiple Buddhist traditions. He currently lives in south-west France.

His books include: *The Awakening of the West: The Encounter of Buddhism and Western Culture*, *Buddhism Without Beliefs: A Contemporary Guide to Awakening*,

*Verses from the Center: A Buddhist Vision of the Sublime*,

*Living with the Devil: A Meditation on Good and Evil* and *Confession of a Buddhist Atheist*.

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### Martine Batchelor



**Martine Batchelor** was a Buddhist nun in Korea for ten years. She studied Son Buddhism under the guidance of the late Master Kusan, and after his death she translated his book, *The Way of Korean Zen*. Following Master Kusan's death, she returned her nun's vows and returned to Europe. She is the author of *The Path of Compassion*, *Women in Korean Zen*, *Let go: A Buddhist Guide to Breaking Free of Habits*, and her latest, *The Spirit of the Buddha*. She has been active with the Silver Sante Study, teaching meditation, mindfulness and compassion to seniors in France to see if this could prevent ageing decline. She is on the Teacher Council of Gaia House and the faculty of Bodhi College. She is a teacher who is interested in what works for people and helps them to develop their creative potential for wisdom and compassion for themselves and others. Martine enjoys photography and art and lives in France with her husband, Stephen Batchelor



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## Shantum Seth



**Shantum Seth**, an ordained Dharmacharya (Dharma teacher) in the Thiền (Zen) Buddhist lineage of Thich Nhat Hanh, is the foremost expert on the sites associated with the Buddha and has been leading pilgrimages in India and across Asia since 1988. He worked with the United Nations for more than 15 years, and was a Senior Advisor to the World Bank and on the Advisory group to the Minister of Tourism and Culture on pilgrimage tourism. He has co-authored books such as *Walking with the Buddha* and been a consultant for films like BBC-Discovery's *Life of the Buddha* and BBC-PBS's *The Story of India*. He has been promoting mindfulness in education, with the police, and is setting up a practice centre in the foothills of the Himalayas through the non-profit *Ahimsa Trust* of which he is a co-founder.