

# Religion

The major religions in the Indus Valley are Hinduism and Buddhism. The Hindus and Buddhists people both believe in nonviolence, so it is crude to harm animals and people. The Hindus believe that in reincarnation that good people go to a higher class when they die and bad people go down a class or an animal. There were pools that were possibly used for religious reasons.



# Agriculture

The main crops of the ancient Indus Valley are peas, melons, barley, and wheat. People raise sheep, pigs, zebus, and water buffalo. People used this food for the city. They also had a surplus of food.



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Travel the Indus Valley

# Travel to the Indus Valley Today!



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## Location

The Indus Valley is in the northwestern part of India. This valley is mostly sunny and very dry, but in the summer, the monsoons move the moist air from the ocean to the Indus Valley and create rain. This rain helps people in the Indus Valley to grow crops.

The people have traveled by riding camels, boats, and elephants. They also used carts with wheels to carry things.



## Government

The one of the greatest rulers of India is Chandragupta. He got power by fighting many wars. When his grandson, Asoka, came to reign, he was very warlike until the end of the war in Kalinga. He realized how bloody and harmful the war was, so he stopped fighting and became a Buddhist. The rulers are called a raja.

## Culture

The people in the Indus Valley had many customs that were passed down. They passed down oral tradition, which are stories that were passed down by the word of mouth. They also had dances and music to dance to. There were also crafts. People



made sculptures out of medals and ivory, and did pottery. There was a pool that can be used for the religious morals. The Hindus did two kinds of yoga. One kind of yoga is to think about things deeply and the other one is to do something to others like giving things to the poor.

## Science

People in the ancient Indus Valley had technique abilities to do several things. They were really good at weaving, pottery, and metal working. The Indians also created steel from iron and carbon. They also made copper, bronze, and tin. One of the most important inventions was writing and numbers with decimals and a 0.



The people used weights to measure the weight of goods. They also cured people by using the study of medicine. They performed many surgeries like plastic surgery and dental surgery. Eventually, the people of the Indus Valley learned physics, Chemistry, and metallurgy.

