

# Chinese dragon mask template



## Special places

### Benares

Benares is an ancient city in India. It is a holy city and is special to the Hindu religion. Hindus go there to visit a holy shrine, and to bathe in the sacred River Ganges.

### Bodhgaya

Bodhgaya is a city in India. There is a special tree there, called the Bodhi tree. The Buddha sat under this tree and meditated for three days and three nights. The tree has almost been destroyed many times over the centuries, but it has always grown back again. Buddhists go to visit the tree and to pray there.



### Lourdes

Lourdes is a town in France. It is an important pilgrimage site for Christians. Christians believe that, a long time ago, a little girl called Bernadette saw a vision of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes. They believe that the water from Lourdes can perform miracles. Many ill people go to Lourdes to drink or bathe in the water. They hope that this will make them well again.

### Mecca

Mecca is a city in Saudi Arabia. It is very holy to the Islamic religion. The prophet of this religion, Muhammad, was born there. Muslims visit the Ka'bah when they go to Mecca. *Ka'bah* means 'House of God'. The Ka'bah is covered with black material, embroidered with gold.