



**Gems of The Lands**  
**镇乡之宝**

Each town and village has its exclusive 'Gems'! Some of them are gifts from Mother Nature while some have unique industries that revolutionised the town's economy. *Gems of the Lands*, will explore the essence of each town and lead us to new perspectives of these lands..

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### **Episode 1: Sarawak, Malaysia / Highland Rice**

Long Semadoh is a quaint village hidden in Sarawak. It is home to 3,000 villagers and the birthplace of over 30 types of highland rice! The world-renowned rice is an heirloom in the village, but how is it different from the typical rice?

### **Episode 2: Lisbon, Portugal / Canned fish**

Portugal produces 60,000 tons of canned seafood annually and the locals consider these gifts from the sea as the "Gems" of Lisbon. For a country known for its rich gastronomic culture, why are the Portuguese so fond of these seemingly ordinary canned food?

### **Episode 3: Dongshi, Taiwan / Oyster**

Dongshi, Taiwan, is known as the Land of Oysters, where locals farm oysters for a living. The 20,000 hectares of coastal area is where two-third of Taiwan's oysters come from. How did the gem of Dongshi boost its economy, culture and what influence does it have on the past, present and future?

### **Episode 4: Granada, Spain / Flamenco**

Flamenco, the Gem of Granada, Spain, is an iconic representation of its local cultural scene. This world-renowned gypsy performance is an art combination of dance, music, and costume. How do locals in the small city bring life to the art performance and pass them on from generations to generations?

### **Episode 5: Kolkata, India / Shuttlecock**

There are many handicrafts made in different parts of India. Kolkata has a town of less than 35 square kilometers, known for producing handmade shuttlecocks! How are the craftsmen coping with the modernisation and yet still passing on the art of handmade shuttlecocks?

### **Episode 6: Redu, Belgium / Book Town**

There lies a small book town in southern Belgium, named Redu. A book town recognized by the International Book Town Organisation. It is home to only 400 people and was once home to 26 bookstores during its heyday. It makes one think, why are there so many books in such a sparsely populated town?

### **Episode 7: Ratanakiri, Cambodia / Zircon**

Zircon is one of the oldest minerals on Earth. Cambodia's Ratanakiri province, also known as The Mountain of Gems, is best known for producing precious rare blue zircon stones. The zircon industry is unmistakably their main economic lifeline, changing the lives of many locals.

### **Episode 8: Accra, Ghana / Fantasy Coffin**

Ghana, a country of Western Africa, has a rather peculiar 'Gem' - fantasy coffins. The non-traditional coffins have designs to reflect the identity of the deceased, yet still serve its basic function. The coffin art is a form of respect and blessing to the deceased and has garnered global attention.

### **Episode 9: Kannauj, India / Attar**

Kannauj is known as the capital of Attar (perfume) in India. It is equivalent to France's perfume town - Grasse. The town still retains the ancient distillation method from 400 years ago. Locals can make almost anything into a drop of fragrance that costs almost 16 times more than regular perfumes!

### **Episode 10: Uluberia, India / Wigs**

Uluberia is a town known for handmade wigs, hence earning the title of 'Wig-Town'. The piles of hair on the ground may seem fascinating to many of us, but to the locals, these are just part of their everyday lives. This unique gem also plays an important part in the acting and medical industry!

### **Episode 11: Swiss Jura Arc, Switzerland / Watches**

Switzerland is world-famous for its high-quality watches. There are many watch factories and workshops in the Watch Valley that covers all the Swiss Jura Arc, from Geneva to Basel. Switzerland produces 20 million watches every year, accounting for half of the global market!

### **Episode 12: Varanasi, India / Diya**

Located along the banks of Ganges River, Varanasi is one of the oldest cities in the world. The auspicious Diya lamps carry people's hearts across the waters of Ganges River. In the hearts of Varanasi locals, Light is an indispensable gem in this "City of Light"!

### **Episode 13: Mole National Park, Ghana / Safari**

Ghana has nearly 8 million hectares of forest land, accounting for about 35% of the country. Mole National Park, 690 kilometers away from the capital Accra, is the largest nature reserve in Ghana and home to thousands of wild animals. Wildlife tourism is now considered a Gem of the land!

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