Travels Near & Far

MAINZ: The programs in ZDF Enterprises’ catalogue have stories that span the globe, from *Lost on the Atlantic* and *The Siege of Beijing* to *India Reborn* and *Inside Tibet*. The 52-minute *Lost on the Atlantic* tells the story of archaeologist Dominique Görflitz and his crew of ten who set sail from North America to Europe on a vessel made of ten tons of bundled reeds and rope. Heading East, *The Siege of Beijing*, shot in HD, is set in June 1900, when fighting breaks out between Western troops and Chinese insurgents supported by imperial forces. The 4x52-minute *India Reborn* takes an entertaining and informative approach to one of the world’s newest superpowers. The travel doc *Inside Tibet* retraces the historical journey of celebrated adventurers Heinrich Gärter and Peter Aufschnaiter, whose story was also the basis of the Hollywood feature *Seven Years in Tibet*.

Taking viewers into a magical kingdom in a parallel universe is *The Elephant Princess*. The 26x26-minute series centers on Alex, a normal, rock-music-playing 16-year-old, who learns that she’s a princess. She must then decide if she will give up her comfortable life to save her kingdom and take the throne.