



India

February 2024

with
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SHE FREIGHTS &
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SOURCING, SENSATIONS & SHE FREIGHTS

Join us on this incredible sourcing and supplier trip to the fabulous handicraft Fair in India, providing access to more than 2000 product lines and more than 300 trends across 14 distinct product categories. You'll also explore the markets with locals and experience the incredible hospitality of this vibrant nation.

After an incredible buying and sourcing experience, you'll then journey along the Golden Triangle to help you discover your India!

HIGHLIGHTS

DURATION: 10 Days/9 Nights

DATES: 5 - 14 February 2024

GROUP SIZE: 12 women

START: Delhi

FINISH: Delhi

JOURNEY: Delhi/Agra/Jaipur/Delhi

PRICES & INCLUSIONS

Cost w/ Share Room: \$3,950 AUD + GST

Payment Plan: \$1,100 AUD + GST x 4 payments

Cost w/ Single Room: \$ 5,250 AUD + GST

Payment Plan: \$1400 AUD + GST x 4 payments

INCLUSIONS:

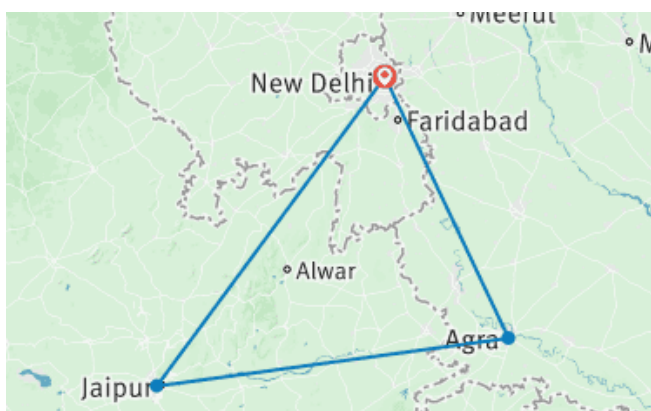
All India transport, airport transfers, train tickets, 4-5 star accommodation, all breakfasts, all dinners, all entrance fees for scheduled monuments & activities + fair entry.

EXCLUSIONS:

International flights, visa, travel insurance & lunches. And any items of a personal nature.

OVERVIEW

- 4 days at the IHGF Delhi Fair Spring 2024
- Tour the markets with a local to meet suppliers and source products firsthand
- Visit an NGO, a registered non-profit organization working for the welfare, education, and empowerment of underprivileged children and women in urban India. A portion of your trip cost will be donated to support them.
- Behold the glorious Taj Mahal at sunrise
- See the Forts & Palaces of the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Delhi & Walk the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar
- Hosted by Freight Forwarding expert Christine Kankkunen and India Specialist & Business Mentor Emma Lovell



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Delhi

05 February 2024

Day 01

On arrival in Delhi, you would be met by our Representative and transferred to your hotel. Spend the remainder of the day recovering from your journey, and perhaps a stroll around the local neighborhood later.

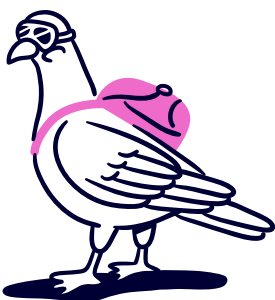
Gift Fair

06 -10 February 2024

Day 02 - 06

Spend 4 days at the IHGF Delhi Fair, exploring over 3000+ new product expressions and more than 300 design developments across 14 product categories. This is a one stop sourcing destination for retailers, importers, wholesalers and design professionals. You'll get to meet with suppliers, speak to manufacturers and travel alongside your freight forwarder Christine to help you with understanding how to import products to Australia including documentation, landed costings and contract of sale negotiations.

When you're not at the fair, we'll be exploring some of the amazing sights of India's capital. As part of your trip, we will be making a special visit to an NGO, a registered non-profit organization working for the welfare, education, and empowerment of underprivileged children and women in urban India. Apart of She Freights initiative is giving back to community, so a portion of your trip cost will be donated to support their vast array of programs such as their Beauty Culture Centre, where professional beauty training is imparted to women from underprivileged communities. The aim is to impart skills that could lead to job opportunities and income generation. Another program is 'Sew and Stitch', where they teach garment stitching, needlework training to women from less privileged communities so they are able to find paid work which will help foster their economic independence.



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Agra

10 -11 February 2024

Day 07

Head to Agra. Next day, an early start, but worth it for sunrise views of the Taj Mahal. It's also the quietest time to visit, before the crowds arrive. Also see the impressive Agra Fort & the ornate tomb of Itamud-ud-Daulah. Later meet the beautiful ladies at Sheroes Hangout Cafe, a project for acid attack survivors offering solidarity, optimism & opportunities.

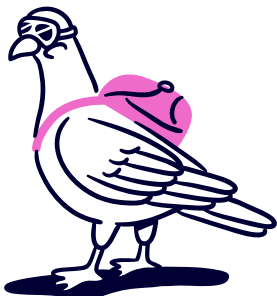
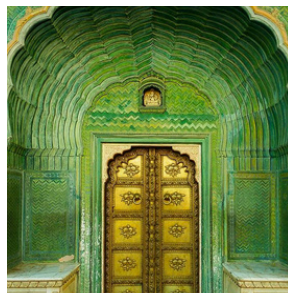
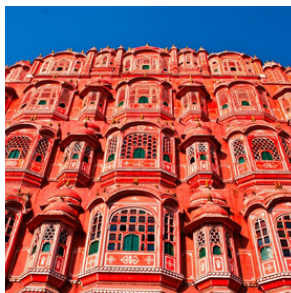


Jaipur

11 - 13 February 2024

Day 08 - 09

Drive to the Pink City of Jaipur with enroute stops at Abhaneri Stepwells and Sikri. Next day, head for sightseeing beginning with a trip out to Amber Fort then Jantar Mantar Observatory and world-famous City Palace museum. Enjoy a local market walk to explore the way of life here and source amazing products for your business. Meet with local merchants and manufacturers and learn more about business in India.



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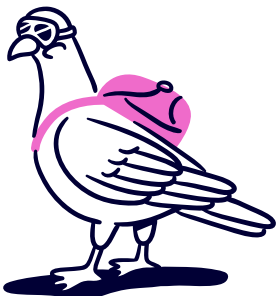
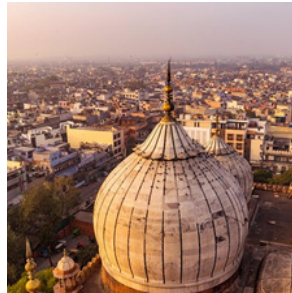


Delhi

13 - 14 February 2024

Day 10

Finally, head back to Delhi for more exploration. Starting with Old Delhi in the morning: enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride in the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk followed by the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. In the afternoon, drive past Lutyens's New Delhi and visit the tomb of Humayun and the Qutab Minar. You'll also enjoy a cooking class experience and dinner with a local! The following morning, at an appropriate time, you would be met by our Representative and transferred to the International Airport to board your flight back home, or maybe, continue your onward journey.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- **Will I need a Visa?**

You will require a visa to enter India. The best option is the e-visa link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Note: When you google India visa, there are many agency sites that come up. They will charge an additional fee for their service so it is best to go through the government site above.

It should cost approximately \$88 USD

Make sure to put an answer for ALL fields and SAVE each time you do a page. If you choose "other" it sometimes won't let you go to the next page. You'll need a copy of your passport and a passport sized photo on your computer.

Note: You get a status confirmation. Then an email saying granted and then you must go back into the visa website to get the actual GRANTED Letter. It's pretty straightforward, just follow each step carefully.

Note: Check with your travel agent to ensure you are up to date to the changes with visa and vaccinations.

- **What vaccinations do I need?**

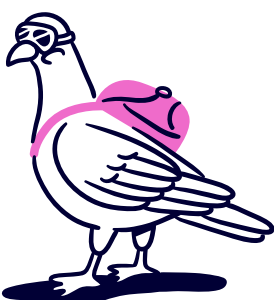
You will require a few vaccinations to enter India and to protect your health while travelling there.

Please speak to your GP or travel doctor about the vaccinations you require in destinations visit. Take a copy of your itinerary with you, so they know exactly where you're going. We suggest that you contact them now if you haven't already to give yourself sufficient time to organize.

More info here about staying safe and Vaccinations can be found here: <https://www.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation/when-to-get-vaccinated/immunisation-for-travel>

or

<https://www.traveldoctor.com.au/destinations/travelling-india>



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- **Is India safe for Women travelers?**

India has made significant strides in terms of safety for women travelers. While it is generally safe, it's important to take precautions, such as traveling in groups, avoiding isolated areas at night, and being aware of your surroundings. Be careful of your belongings and yourself in the crowded areas, as the crowds might be very dense.

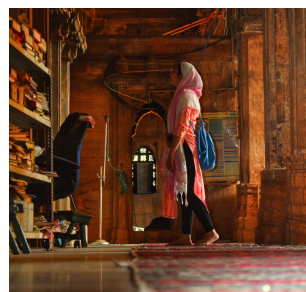
It's advisable to dress modestly and respect local customs and traditions. Some destinations such as temples may require specific requirements such as three-quarter length to full-length sleeves and hems to be mid-calf to floor length so it covers the knee when sitting.

As with any travel destination, it's essential to exercise common sense and follow recommended safety guidelines. As India is a developing country and can have many health issues, please do carry the basic health essentials. , and also check for any travel advisories and restrictions in place, and get the necessary clearances and vaccinations before travel.



- **What should I pack for a women's retreat in India?**

When packing for a women's retreat in India, it's important to consider the local culture and climate. Comfortable and modest clothing is recommended, including lightweight and breathable fabrics. Don't forget to pack sunscreen, insect repellent, a reusable water bottle, comfortable walking shoes, and any necessary medications. It's also advisable to carry a scarf or shawl for covering shoulders or head in religious sites.



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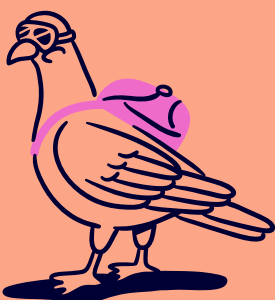
- **Is shared Accommodation an option?**

Certainly! Shared accommodation options are available for the women's retreat in India. Sharing a room with another participant can be a wonderful way to foster new connections, enhance the retreat experience, and create lasting friendships. The shared accommodations are thoughtfully arranged to ensure comfort and convenience for all participants. If you prefer private accommodation, there is also a single supplement option and private room option for you to choose.



- **Will there be time to meet with suppliers and manufacturers?**

Yes, we have designed this itinerary specifically around key destinations that are known for their products, handicrafts and manufacturing. We also partner with local suppliers and agents in India who can help us to make specific introductions for you. Whether it's at the fair, the local markets or visiting their premises, we know the people and the places to go to help you increase business with India.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- **What is IHGF Delhi fair?**

IHGF Delhi Fair is amongst the world's largest international trade fairs, organised since 1994 as Spring and Autumn editions by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) - the apex organization representing manufacturers and member exporters of home, lifestyle, fashion, furnishing and furniture in India.

The 57th IHGF Delhi Fair (Spring) 2024 will be commencing from 06 – 10 February 2024 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR. The fair will be present a very comprehensive selection exhibits showcasing over 3000+ new product expressions and more than 300 design developments across 14 product categories. This is a one stop sourcing destination for retailers, importers, wholesalers and design professionals.

- **What products will I have access to?**

Examples of Product Categories:

Bathroom Accessories

Candles, Incense Sticks, Potpourri and Aromatics

Christmas and Festive Decorations

Decorative and Gifts (including Corporate Gifts)

Fashion Jewellery, Bags, Scarves, Tie & Accessories, Canvas, Jute, Leather Bags, Handcrafted Garments including Chikankari & Zardozi

Furniture, Furniture Hardware & Accessories including Cane, Bamboo, Natural Fiber & Eco Friendly Products

Home Furnishings & Made Up

Housewares, Tableware, Kitchenware and Hotel Ware including EPNS

Lamp & Lighting Accessories

Lawn, Garden Ornaments & Accessories

Handmade Paper, Gift Wraps & Ribbons including Soft Toys



MEET YOUR HOSTS



Hello, I am Christine Kankkunen an international freight forwarder, business owner, mum, wife, coffee drinker & wannabe surfer.

I am your go to international logistics confidant. The person you can call once you've placed an order with your overseas supplier (the part before you agree for them to ship it out for "free" as nothing comes for free). The person who makes Ship happen.

Founding a freight forwarding company 9 years ago has been an epic ride but our brand did not represent who we wanted to serve, so we decided to Pivot and have just re-launched our new brand Pivot Freight Solutions.

I'm also the founder of She Freights, a network that connects and empowers women in the freight industry with women who are importing and exporting.

Together I believe we can have more women in this industry, and bringing you to India is a huge part of that. We're also finding ways to give back to women and communities, and I'm so excited to develop this community further.

Looking forward to connecting, sharing more and getting to know you.



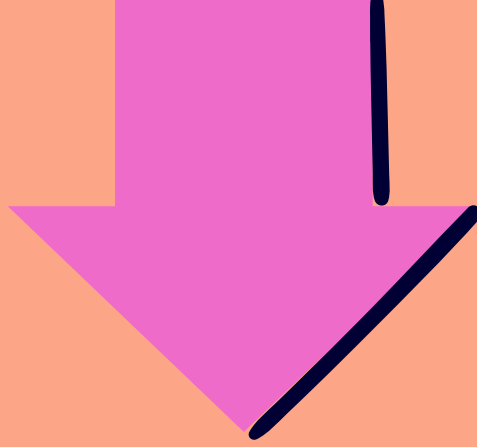
Hey there, I'm Emma "Lovelly" Lovell! I'll be your host & travel coordinator for this retreat.

I've been running my business for 14 years and I can tell you that I have experienced all of the above and it's why I have brought together my passion for business & travel by hosting retreats around the world.

Through my programs, coaching, podcast and retreats, my mission is to help people to live a life they love. I believe that when you gain more clarity, you can build your confidence in choosing you and attract the work and life you truly want.

I've also been travelling for 18 years, and I mean serious travelling. I've been to 72 countries around the world, some of which I've visited more than 13 times. But I keep coming back to South Asia and I now partner with an incredible travel company called Indus Bound who have help me put together this incredible itinerary for you.

India is like a second home to me. Athiti Devo Bhava is the unspoken motto of India and it means "guest is god". I believe so truly in the kindness, generosity and hospitality in India that I've experienced on my 13 visits over 18 years that I now have it tattooed on my arm. I cannot wait to welcome you to India and share its magic and charms with you.



**EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS
WITH THIS INCREDIBLE
INDIA EXPERIENCE**

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