



**THE INDIA
EXPERIENCE**

Fibre Arts Australia

\$3400 AUD

This is a 12 day **all inclusive** Indian cultural experience, including a 3 day “mastering the experience” in your art practice with Glenys Mann

All rooms are single occupancy.

There is twin share available for couples

\$200 AUD NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON ENROLMENT

MASTER THE EXPERIENCE

In many different ways

January 3 – January 15 2024

TOTAL AMOUNT || \$3400 AUD

DEPOSIT || \$200 AUD

REGISTER

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no refunds for this trip due to the planning and logistics involved. When you register be sure to know all you can about travelling to INDIA.

*** Airport pick-up is only for indicated dates. Should you plan to arrive earlier to stay at DESERT COURSERS, ZAINABAD, you will be responsible for your own transfer fees. We can help you arrange your transfer and extra night if required.*

TRIP AND PRICE DETAILS

You will be sent a list of supplies to bring after registration.

*****Please do not book flight until we send you an email confirming that you can go ahead.**

Deposit \$200 AUD - non refundable due upon registration.

Balance payment is due: NOVEMBER 1 2023

PASSPORT

Foreign visitors wishing to travel to INDIA should be in possession of a passport valid for at least 180 days.

VISA

A Visa is required to enter INDIA.

What's included:

- transfers to and from **AHMEDABAD Airport** on arrival and departure days
- accommodations through out the journey in traditional GUJARATI KOOBA'S at DESERT COURSERS
- all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- English speaking guide and staff
- all guides + entrance fees
- 3 day 'mastering the experience' with Glenys
- transportation throughout the trip and sightseeing attractions as per itinerary
- tips and gratuities for hotel staff, drivers and guides
- safari's to the Rann Wildlife Sanctuary
- photographers paradise
- many amazing memories

What's NOT included

- airfare and travel costs to and from AHMEDABAD
- travel medical Insurance (mandatory)
- trip cancellation insurance (strongly advised)
- alcoholic beverages (GUJARAT IS A DRY STATE)
- optional activities
- SUPPLIES: -. list will be sent out after registration
- additional nights lodging or any add - on escapes
- personal spending money
- shipping of treasures home

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM GLENYS

- Trip cancellation insurance strongly recommended.
- INDIA can be overwhelming for the first time visitor. It is for the traveller who is open to new cultures, and is willing to have plans delayed, or a schedule which may shift. Flexibility is essential and participants should not be fearful travellers; being open to the diversity is all part of the experience and fun.
- This is for the person who wants to travel to INDIA with the safety of a group; it is for the adventurer, the person who wants to feel all their senses in this amazing country.
- If you have specific allergies (i.e. peanuts, wheat, gluten, dairy, etc.), it will be harder, but not impossible, for you to find food that suits your needs. We are unable to cater to any specific dietary issues - you will need to manage this. All meals are vegetarian and there is a non-spicy option available.
- Please ensure that your travel vaccinations are up to date.

Should you have any questions prior to registration please email.

“ROUGH” INTINERARY.

Expect exciting changes to this itinerary, due to the nature of Dhanraj Malik, our supreme host. There could be a nomadic tribe that arrives in the area or a bird that has just flown in from Siberia or a full moon that must not be missed whilst laying on our backs in the desert watching the stars and the satellites go overhead....

Or any other delight that comes to mind....

This Itinerary is not set in concrete... there are so many other places and people to see along the way... this is a very rough outline! Glenys

Day 1: Ahmedabad

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Arrival

If possible plan your arrival for late morning/early afternoon.

A driver from “House of MG” will collect you from the airport.

You will spend the night in this beautiful Hotel before travelling the 2 hours to Zainabad and arriving at Desert Coursers

This period will give you benefit of resting after your journey.

Meals are available at the Hotel

<https://houseofmg.com/>

Day 2: Ahmedabad to Zainabad

Thursday, January 4, 2024

BREAKFAST 8 - 9 AM | DEPART 10.30AM

After breakfast it's off to Zainabad and checking into your room at Desert Coursers!

Lunch will be served in the Dining Hall.

Rest will be required and a Sunset safari will be the highlight of the day

Dinner served upon return from the safari.

Day 3: Patan: Ancient Step Well and Ikat weaving studio

Friday, January 5, 2024

Rani ki Vav

BREAKFAST 8 AM | DEPART 9 AM

Early start after breakfast Lunch in Patan and home for dinner

Silted over, it was rediscovered in the 1940s and restored in the 1980s. It has been listed as one of the [UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India](#) since 2014.

Read more https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rani_ki_Vav

Day 4: visit local market in Patdi

Saturday, January 6, 2024

BREAKFAST 8 AM | DEPART 9 AM

This is the local town about 20ks from Desert Coursers.

Colourful and very very busy
Lunch
Evening safari to see Wildlife
Dinner after safari

Day 5: Time to rest

Sunday, January 7, 2024

BREAKFAST 8 AM

10AM- LUNCH

Relax talking to Dhanraj about the history of his hometown.
The Mir women will be in Desert Coursers to show you, their wares.
Time with Glenys to talk about your art practice.... Not essential for everyone.
Afternoon safari, if interested to visit the Salt Farmers...

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rann_of_Kutch

Day 6: Sun Temple Modhera

Monday, January 8, 2024

BREAKFAST 8 AM

EARLY LUNCH

Travel to Modhera after lunch

This Temple is an amazing structure

The halls have intricately carved exterior and pillars. The reservoir has steps to reach the bottom and numerous small shrines.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun_Temple,_Modhera

Day 7: Varnindra Dham – PATDI

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

BREAKFAST 8AM

Relax talking to Dhanraj about the local wildlife.

The Mir women will be in Desert Coursers to show you, their wares.

Time with Glenys to talk about your art practice.... Not essential for everyone.

In the late afternoon, travel to the bright colourful VARNINDRA DHAM temple to see the procession of worship...

<https://surendranagar.nic.in/tourist-place/varnindra-dham-patdi/>

Day 8; the Mount... Little Rann of Kutch

Wednesday January 10, 2024

BREAKFAST 8AM

LUNCH WILL BE ON THE MOUNT

Travel to 'The Mount'. The highest point in the Rann.

This trip is a full day.

This is where most of the inspiration came from for Glenys' recent exhibition "Beyond Silence"

Some of the most inspirational scenery and a truly emotional journey in a place that keeps on giving.

A spectacular place for all types of artists, especially photographers.

<https://desertcoursers.com/wildlife/>

Day 9... Stay close to home

Thursday January 11, 2024

BREAKFAST 8AM

Lunch 12.30pm

Dinner 7.30

A day to reflect where we have been.

Perhaps have 'chai' in the Rann at sunset.

Always a lovely place to be.

Day 10... Visit the "Shawl man" in Bajana

Friday January 12, 2024

on this trip we will call in to see an Interpretative centre so you can get an idea of the size of the place that we have been in over the last 10 days.

Return for lunch

More conversation about 'art practice' in the afternoon.

Another sunset safari, if you have the energy.

Day 11... Prepare to leave

Saturday January 13, 2024

BREAKFAST 8AM

DEPART 11AM

Travel to Ahmedabad and stay in House of MG for one night to catch your flight home... or if you are travelling on elsewhere, to continue your journey.

Day 12... at the airport to depart