

# INDIA

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**When:** May 1-11, 2020

**Purpose:** Host a retreat for young women rescued from human-trafficking in India. Bring hope and restoration through music, art, team-building activities, and testimonies.

**Cost:** \$2800

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**About Freedom Firm India:** Freedom Firm works to rescue minors who have been sold into the commercial sex trade, restore their identities, and seek justice against those who perpetrate these crimes.

**Q: Do I need a passport/visa?**

A: You must have a valid passport through November 2020 (six months after the trip). Getting a new passport can take up to eight weeks, so if you do not have one, begin that process as soon as possible. A visa is required to enter India. Your trip leader will help you with this process two months prior to the trip departure.

**Q: Do I need any specific immunizations?**

A: It is required that individuals have routine vaccines, Hep. A, and Typhoid. Malaria prevention is recommended but not required. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

**Q: What does trip preparation look like?**

A: Your trip leader will schedule and host six team meetings prior to the trip. These meetings are required and beneficial for team-building, safety, and spiritual/cultural preparedness. Since India is a country closed to Christianity, you will receive specific training on how to share your story in a culturally-sensitive way.

**Q: Where will we stay and what should I wear?**

A: We will be staying at a wilderness camp in some type of cabin. During the day it can be in the 90s F, and at night it will go down to the 70s F. Layers are recommended. Women should wear long skirts or should wear long shirts with pants. Men should wear pants.

**Q: What does a typical day look like?**

A: Flexibility is key. However, a typical day will include meals with the girls (lots of rice and veggies with spices), team-building games, exercise, stories, small group time, art, dancing, and outdoor activities such as repelling, kayaking, etc. Each day will include time for individual and team devotions and debriefing.

**Q: Will we have translators?**

A: Yes, we will have several translators and most of the girls can speak broken English.

**Q: What does the trip cost include and when is it due?**

A: Trip cost includes airfare, lodging, meals, supplies, and transportation. Free-day activities are not covered. Half of the total cost is due eight weeks before the trip, and remaining amount is due two weeks prior to departure. Do not let the trip cost prevent you from going; the trip leader will provide resources for fundraising.