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Love Delhi



Synopsis

Handcrafted books for Luxury Vagabonds. Handbound, printed on handmade paper and covered in hand loom khadi with a percentage of profits going to the Love Travel Foundation. The third edition of Love Delhi is fully updated and expanded by 16 pages with an introductory essay by William Dalrymple and mini destination guides to Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi, Amritsar, Rishikesh, Ranthambhore and Darjeeling. Love Delhi is a must have guide to the best experiences in that city. In fact, all the savvy inside knowledge that a stylish traveller or resident, craves is here. India has clearly arrived as a hot luxury destination with discerning travellers flocking to the country in unprecedented numbers and yet Delhi, is frequently considered as merely a transit city. Delhi is a destination in and of itself says author Fiona Caulfield. It rivals Athens for history, matches Washington for political power and now gives Paris and New York a run in terms of great shopping and eating she adds. Fiona believes it is time for India's capital to have a stylish and authentic guide that helps the time-poor traveller discover the best experiences in the city. The highly curated guide to Delhi is designed for the discerning traveller who wants authenticity in style. The book celebrates Indian luxury and pays homage to India's rich craft legacy being completely handmade in India. The 168-page book, comprises eight sections including an overview of the city with 'must knows and must dos and presents the best places to eat, drink, shop and visit. Fiona sourced love stories from in-the-know locals; including chefs, artists, designers, architects, foreign correspondents and taxi drivers. Using this guide is like being chaperoned by a good friend. Love Delhi details the most authentic experiences in Delhi. Love Delhi also presents seven of the best escapes from the city and how to fall in love with them also including Agra, Darjeeling, Jaipur, Varanasi, Amritsar, Ranthambore and Rishikesh. Love Delhi is printed on handmade paper and crafted with care by local fashion designers and crafts people. The hand-woven khadi covers were developed in partnership with Delhi based fashion designer, Sonam Dubal of Sanskar. As founder of Love Travel Guides Fiona believes that falling in love with a city is just as exciting as falling in love with a person. Your senses become more engaged and you simply feel more alive, she says. The simplest criteria for inclusion in the guide was: does this place help you fall in love with this city? If yes, then it was in; if no then, it was out. Simple. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

These cherishable guides are a gold mine of local know how. I was so impressed. For one thing, it's their appearance: each is hand-bound using old Indian paper making techniques, with a hand-woven, khadi cover and sold in a khadi pouch with a silk trim. I cherish the slubbed pages and rough hewn edges. Another reason I rely on them is because Caulfield's local knowledge is compelling, especially her encyclopedic shopping savvy - always handy in India. I'll never shop in India again without her. The loving way she compiled them is a rarity in the mass-produced guide book market --Financial Times UK
Love Story: We know a thing or two about guidebooks so thought it appropriate to give props to the insightful, Indian- centric Love Travel Guides series. Each book is beautifully printed and teeming with tips that could only be gleaned by local knowledge --Wallpaper
Fiona Caulfield's Love Guides are beautifully produced, thoughtful guides to the truly special places and activities, treasured by locals, that make the visitor fall in love with the city. Most guidebook publishers aspire to give the reader insider, local wisdom on the best places to have an authentic experience, but few do more than recycle the same well-trodden sites, restaurants, shops and hotels. Caulfield's beautifully designed and crafted books set a very high bar for her competitors -- they are without question the best city guides for the discerning traveller to anywhere that we have seen --Globe Corner, USA

Fiona Caulfield is the creator of the Love Travel brand of guidebooks, designed for luxury vagabonds. The Indian series is now regarded as the flag bearer of India guides and are the only luxury guides for India. Fiona is a true citizen of the world. Born in Australia, she has lived in the UK, the USA and Canada and since 2004 had been based in India. Fiona has a high profile global career as a futurist and branding consultant and is an avid traveller and explorer. A self-confessed luxury vagabond, she has a discerning eye for the singular experiences that set a destination

apart. She is also a highly regarded speaker having presented The Future of Travel Writing in Hong Kong for the Asia Society and in October 2011 was an active participant in the Ubud Writers Festival. She chaired a session, Out of India as well as participating in two panels, The Power of e and Time Travel . Love Jaipur, Rajasthan was the best selling book at the Jaipur Literature Festival, Asia's leading literature event. As well as being the founder and CEO of Love Travel Guides, Fiona writes for leading international titles including Departures, DestinAsia and in-flight magazines for Qantas, Singapore Airlines and Gulf Air. She is a contributor to Conde Nast Travellers Hot List and Gold list annually reviewing the best hotels in the world. Additionally, she contributes to leading travel websites including Indagare.com, Area Daily and is consulting to a TV series for the Discovery Channel, the channel broadcasts to over 133 million households in 20 countries across Asia Pacific.

There are a lot of books about India for people who are looking for an overview, or for the least costly hotels and restaurants. This is not one of those books. It is intended for people who are looking for the best, the things that you may want to splurge on, the experiences that are off the beaten track and may be so because they are off beat. I travel to India frequently, and this is the book that I turn to for suggestions for where to go, what to eat and where to find the unusual. I wish it were less expensive, but it was worth it. But - not a book for everyone, and it would be one that would supplement a more general guidebook.

I work in luxury travel with a deep travel knowledge of Northern India having lived there, studied abroad there and visited repeatedly. Love guidebooks are an essential companion for anyone traveling through India. A must. And they look beautiful on your bookshelf and are a lovely keepsake to remember your adventure after your journey.

Although this guide book has a particular focus, if that focus is what you are looking for, it's a great book. It is beautifully done and points the visitor toward aspects of Delhi that are in the same vein of taste and sensibility. I found it to be very helpful and it made me want to return for a longer period of time to explore more of the spots she describes. The whole concept of this guide book is to show you the Delhi that the author fell in love with. Very good.

Beautiful book with a nice combination of "hole in the wall" type places and must-sees

Great visual and informative guide, cant wait to use it on my next trip!

This is not merely a guidebook, this is hidden treasure! The book itself is so beautiful, printed on handmade paper in India, it contains the secrets of Delhi! This is not the average run of the mill Trip Advisor, Lonely Planet and Fodors "picks" guide, this is a very special book for people looking for more than the average experience when traveling. Fiona has a goldmine of hand selected and reviewed treasures for accommodations, shopping, museums, art and restaurants and much much more. She guides us through Delhi as a traveler not a tourist. I've been traveling to India for years and have always dreaded the Delhi portion as a necessary evil to get in and out but after relishing in Fiona's LOVE DELHI, I'm actually excited about my arrival and departure dates and how I'll spend my time. The book is gorgeous and I will definitely be looking for her other "Love" series books for future travel. Highly recommended!

Totally love them all

I lived the last four years in New Delhi and was introduced early on to Love Delhi by my Delhiite friends. Not only is the natural-fiber bound book lovely to look at, the info inside is well-researched and current, right down to cell phone numbers given for reliable taxi and rickshaw in the middle of town. The book is neatly divided into sections, based on geography (which neighborhood) or interest. The guide is the closest thing to having a best friend living in the city--the kind of friend who has inside information about where to go, what to see, and how to do it with minimal aggravation. Caufield self-identifies as a luxury vagabond, and some of her ideas are extravagant (like balloon rides in Jaipur), but are also without fail the best Delhi and it's environs has to offer, including tips on how to see Old Delhi on foot, tips on which "wala" has the best food on the street, or which alleyway leads to a worthwhile treasure. I kept the book as a travel diary, checking off each category as I explored it and keeping notes in margins and in the folder in the back. (not sure if this edition has the folder feature.) It was helpful to have information sorted by neighborhood, in the event I got stuck in traffic in an unknown part of town, I could usually find a good restaurant or interesting gallery to pass time. I understand that Caufield keeps a staff in Delhi who regularly check info to make sure it's current. Highly recommend-this book was my personal tour guide.

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