



Course details

Course title

History: The East India Company in 10 Objects

Course code

Q00019984

Course date

Start: 16/01/25

End: 27/03/25

Number of classes

10 sessions

Timetable

Thu 16th Jan, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 23rd Jan, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 30th Jan, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 6th Feb, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 13th Feb, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 27th Feb, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 6th Mar, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 13th Mar, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 20th Mar, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 27th Mar, 11:30 to 13:30

Branch

Richmond

Tutor

Amy Miller

Fee range

Free to £84.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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In venue

Venue

Old Town Hall
Whittaker Avenue
Richmond
South West
TW9 1TP

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

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