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(The Golden Temple Amritsar)

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# SRI HARMANDIR SAHIB

**S**ri Harmandir Sahib, (The Golden Temple) Amritsar is not only a central religious place of the Sikhs, but also a symbol of human brotherhood and equality. Everybody, irrespective of cast, creed or race can seek spiritual solace and religious fulfilment without any hindrance. It also represents the distinct identity, glory and heritage of the Sikhs. To pen-down the philosophy, ideology, the inner and outer beauty, as well as the historical legacy of Sri Harmandir Sahib is a momentous task. It is a matter of experience rather than a of description.

As advised by Sri Guru Amar Dass Ji (3rd Sikh Guru), Sri Guru Ram Dass Ji (4th Sikh Guru) started the digging of Amrit Sarovar (Holy Tank) in 1577 A.D., which was later on brick-lined by Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji (5th Sikh Guru) on December 15, 1588 and He also started the construction of Sri Harmandir Sahib. Sri Guru Granth Sahib (scripture of the Sikhs), after its compilation, was first installed at Sri Harmandir Sahib on August 16, 1604 A.D. A devout Sikh, Baba Budha Ji was appointed its first Head Priest.

Sri Harmandir Sahib has a unique Sikh architecture. Built at a level lower than the surrounding land level, The Gurdwara teaches the lesson of egalitarianism and humility. The four entrances of this holy shrine from all four directions, signify that people belonging to every walk of life are equally welcome.



“The Mool Mantra”  
the opening words  
of

The Guru Granth Sahib  
believed  
to be in  
Guru Arjan Dev’s  
handwriting

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ਸਤਿਨਾਮੁ ਕਰਤਾ ਪੁਰਖੁ ਨਿਰ  
ਭਉ ਨਿਰਵੈਰੁ ਅਕਾਲ ਮੂਰ  
ਤਿ ਅਜੂਨੀ ਸੈਭੰ ਮੁਖੁ ਮਾ  
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## Daily Routine of

Nanakshahi Month	Chet	Vaisakh	Jaith
English Month	14 Mar - 13 Apr	14 Apr - 13 May	14 May - 14 June
Kiwad (Portals) Opening Time	2.30	2.15	2.00
Kirtan at Amrit Vela (Early dawn)	2.30	2.15	2.00
Asa Di War	3.30	3.15	3.00
Departure of Palki Sahib from Sri Akal Takht	4.30	4.15	4.00
First Hukamnama	5.00	4.45	4.30
First Ardas	5.30	5.15	5.00
Asa Di War Samapti	6.30	6.15	6.00
Second Ardas & Hukamnama	6.30-6.45	6.30	6.15
Holy reading of Rehras Sahib starts at sunset.			
Hukamnama at night	21.45	22.15	22.30
Departure of Palki Sahib from Harmandir Sahib	22.00	22.30	22.45
Sukh-Aasan Sahib at Sri Akal Takht Sahib	22.15	22.45	23.00

There is a continuous singing of Gurbani Kirtan (hymns) at Sri Harmandir Sahib from the opening of its portals (doors) to their closing. Some minor changes are effected in the summer and winter months. After the departure of the Palki Sahib (palanquin) carrying Sri Guru Granth Sahib to The Akal Takht Sahib, the devotees, accompanied by the Gurdwara staff, clean the Sri Harmandir Sahib for one hour. During this process these devotees sing the Gurbani Kirtan in melodious and devotional tones. After purifying the precincts, the rugs are spread, on which the Peera Sahib (a small cot) is placed to install the Sri Guru Granth Sahib in the early morning. At the completion of the Ardas (Sikh Prayer), Karah Prasad (holy offering) is distributed among the devotees.

At Sri Akal Takht Sahib, after the Rehras (Evening Scripture) the weapons belonging to Guru Sahib (Sikh Masters) and Martyr Sikhs are displayed to devotees at about 8.00 p.m.

## Sri Harmandir Sahib

Harh	Sawan	Bhadon	Assu	Kattak	Maggar	Poh	Magh	Phaggon
15 Jun - 15 July	16 Jul - 15 Aug	16 Aug - 15 Sep.	16 Sep - 16 Oct.	17 Oct - 15 Nov	16 Nov - 15 Dec	16 Dec - 13 Jan	14 Jan - 12 Feb	13 Feb - 13 Mar
2.00	2.15	2.30	2.30	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.45
2.00	2.15	2.30	2.30	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.45
3.00	3.15	3.30	3.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.45
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6.15	6.30	6.45	6.45	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	6.45 - 7.00
22.30	22.15	22.15	22.00	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.45
22.45	22.30	22.45	22.15	21.45	21.45	21.45	21.45	22.00
23.00	22.45	23.00	22.30	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.15





## Place to Visit in Golden Temple Complex

1) **CENTRAL SIKH MUSEUM** Where Sikh History has been described by way of paintings, pencil sketches, portraits, photos and manuscripts. Some relics of Sikh Gurus, Sikh Rule and post independence Sikh Struggle are displayed.



2) **Historical Seat** A Marble slab that memorizes the victory of Sikhs on Delhi is preserved in a big hall attached to Ramgarhia Bunga, Two watch towers stand as guard to the city among hundreds of others that have vanished by the time.



3) **Dukh Bhanjani Beri** Gurdwara Dukh Bhanjani



Beri Stands on the eastern flank of the sarovar by the side of yet another jujube tree known as Dukh Bhanjani Beri. The place is associated with the legend of a person suffering from leprosy got cured by taking a dip. Guru Ram Das decided to develop the reservoir into a big holy water tank named Amrit Sarovar.

4) **Ath Sath Tirath** The place is blessed with the benefit of holy bathing of Sixty-eight holy rivers.

5) **Guru Ka Langar (Community Kitchen)** The Langar or free kitchen (see page 16) was started by the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji. It is designed to uphold the principle of equality between all people of the world regardless of religion, caste,



color, creed, age, gender or social status. In addition to the ideals of equality, the tradition of Langar expresses the ethics of sharing, community, inclusiveness and oneness of all humankind.

6) **Diwan Hall Manji Sahib** Guru Arjan Dev recited the Bara-Maha at this place.

7) **Shaheed Bunga Baba Deep Singh Shaheed** The place is in the memory of Baba Deep Singh's (A Sikh Warrior) sacrifice for the dignity of Sri Harmandir Sahib.

8) **Elachi Ber** The Jujube tree where Guru Arjan Dev used to supervise the construction of Harmandir Sahib sitting at this place and where two Sikh Warriors Sukha Singh and Mehtab Singh tied their horses, when they came to stop the desecration of Harmandir Sahib at the hands of Massa Ranghar.



9) **Tosha Khaana** Toshakhana is a word of Persian or Sanskrit origin that literally translates into "treasure-house". The Toshakhana is located on the first floor of the Darshani Deorhi is embedded with precious gifts offered to the Harmandir Sahib by devotees.

10) **Har ki Pauri** The place is blessed with the legend that God himself took part in the construction of Harmandir Sahib at this place,



11) **Akal Takht** The highest temporal seat of Sikhism was founded in 1606 A.D. by The Sixth Guru (Sikh Master) Hargobind Sahib. (See Page 15) He wore two swords of Miri & Piri (Religion & Governance) at this place. All the Sikh Movements were started from this place. Historical

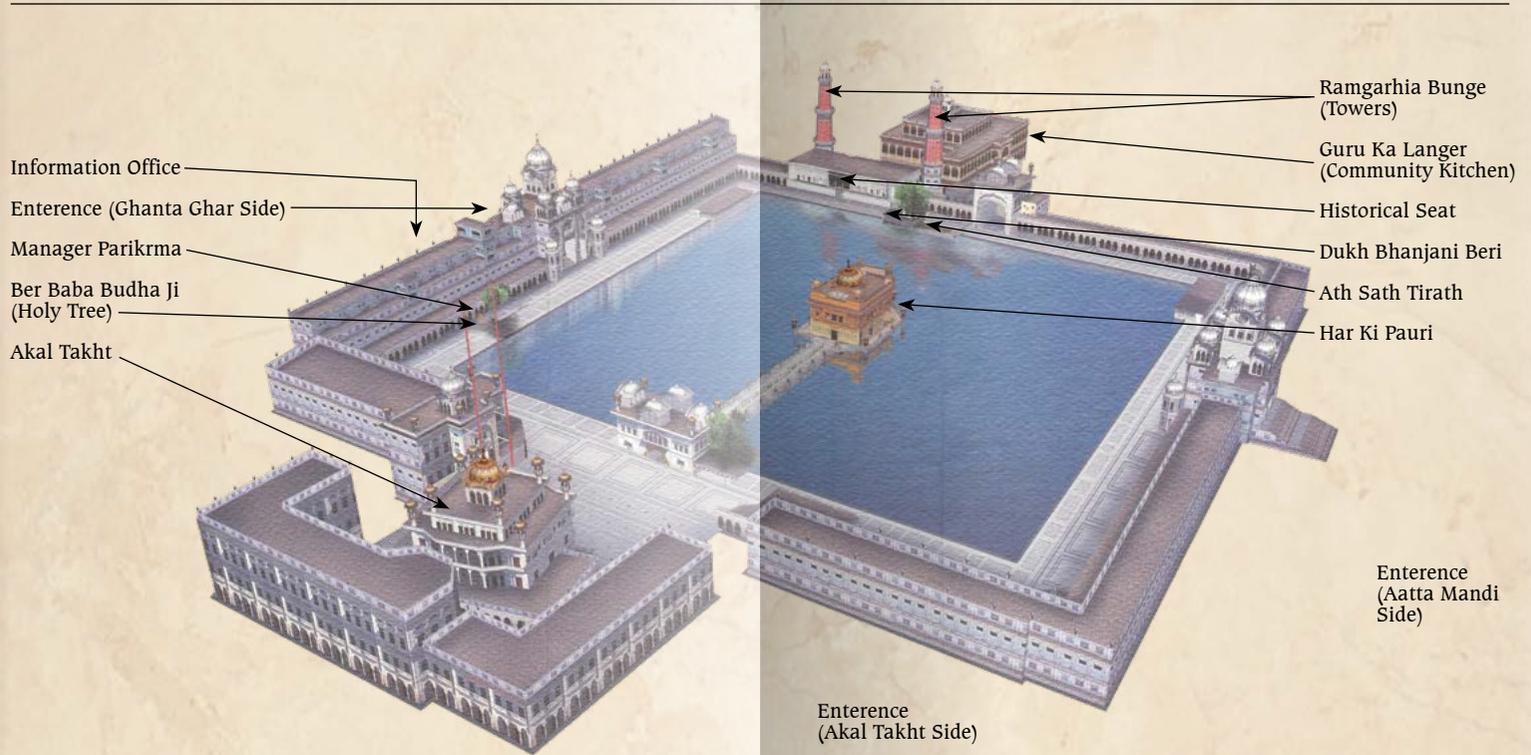
Weapons pertaining to Gurus and Sikh Soldiers are displayed at this place.

**12) Gurdwara Thara Sahib** Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib came to Harmandir Sahib after attaining Guruship. The management closed the doors of Harmandir Sahib, so Guru Teg Bahadur made a prayer at this place and went back.

**13) Ber Baba Budha Ji (Old Tree)** The first head priest of Harmandir Sahib, Baba Budha Ji used to supervise the construction of the Harmandir Sahib and sarovar from this place.

**14) Sikh Reference Library** Thousands of Books, Magazines, Papers and periodicals on Sikh History, rare manuscripts, hand written Guru Granth Sahib are preserved for the purpose of research.

**15) Gurdwara Baba Atal Rai** ([www.gurdwarababaatal.org](http://www.gurdwarababaatal.org)) This Gurdwara is in remembrance of the younger son of Guru Hargobind Sahib. The nine storeys of Gurdwara recall Baba Atal Rai's nine years of life before his death in 1628.



## Jalao (Jewelry Display)

According to Nanakshahi Calendar ([www.sgpc.net/calendar.html](http://www.sgpc.net/calendar.html))

The Jewelry (Jalao) is displayed at Sri Harmandir Sahib on the following occasions:

Birth Day of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji (1 <sup>st</sup> Master) .....	10 Nov
Birth Day of Sri Guru Ram Das Ji (4 <sup>th</sup> Master) .....	9 Oct
Gurgaddi Diwas Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib (6 <sup>th</sup> Master) .....	11 Jun
Birth Day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji (9 <sup>th</sup> Master) .....	18 April
Birth Day of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji (10 <sup>th</sup> Master).....	5 Jan
First Prakash of Sri Guru Granth Sahib (Shabad Guru) .....	1 Sept



## The Akal Takht

Akal Takht means the Throne of the Immortal and is the highest political institution of the Sikhs. "Akal" means "The Timeless One" - another term for God. "Takht" means "throne" in Persian. The Akal Takht is an impressive building that sits directly in front of the causeway leading to the Golden Temple in Amritsar. The Akal Takht was founded by Guru Hargobind on June 15, 1606 and was established as the place from which the spiritual and temporal concerns of the Sikh community could be acted upon.

It stood as a symbol of political bulwark against the Mughal Emperors in the 17th and 18th century. Various attacks on the Akal Takht and Harmandir Sahib have been led in past by Ahmed Shah Abdali and Massa Rangar in the 18 century.



## Ramgarhia Bungas (Towers) in The Golden Temple Complex

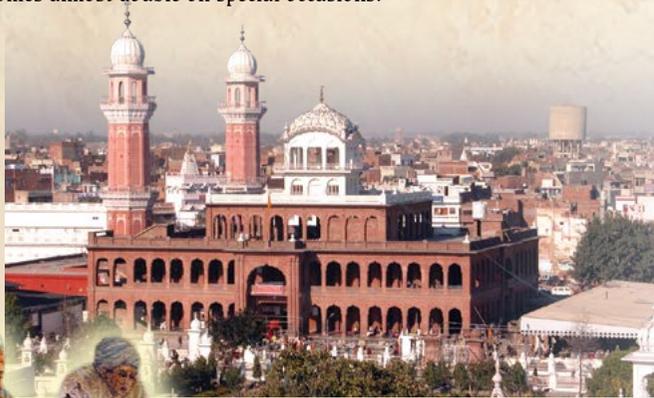
Ramgarhia Bunga is located in The Golden Temple complex Amritsar. Ramgarhia Bunga was built by Sikh warrior & Ramgarhia misl chief Jassa Singh Ramgarhia in the late 18th century (year 1794) is the only surviving example of Bunga architecture typology. It was constructed to serve a dual purpose of housing pilgrims visiting Shri Darbar Sahib and fortifying the area to protect the holy complex from outside invasion.



## Guru Ka Langar (Community Kitchen)

The tradition of serving langar initiated by Guru Nanak Dev Ji and then established by the 3rd Guru Sri Guru Amar Dass Ji at Goindwal. Even the Mughal King Akbar came and sat among the ordinary people to share langar.

In the Golden Temple Community Kitchen at an average 75,000 devotees or tourists take langar in the Community Kitchen daily; but the number becomes almost double on special occasions.



## Gurpurbs<sup>1</sup> 2010-11

According to the Nanakshahi Calander Samvat 542.

Guru Sahib	Parkash Diwas (Advent day)	Gurgaddi Diwas (Anointment)	Joti Jot Diwas (Demise day)	Shaheedi Diwas (Martyrdom)
Guru Nanak Dev Ji	10 Nov	From Birth	22 Sep	
Guru Angad Dev Ji	18 Apr	18 Sep	16 Apr	
Guru Amar Dass Ji	23 May	16 Apr	16 Sep	
Guru Ram Dass Ji	9 Oct	16 Sep	16 Sep	
Guru Arjan Dev Ji	2 May	16 Sep		16 June
Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji	5 July	11 Jun	19 Mar	
Sri Har Rai Sahib Ji	31 Jan	14 Mar	20 Oct	
Sri Harkrishan Sahib Ji	23 July	20 Oct	16 Apr	
Guru Teg Bahadur Ji	18 Apr	16 Apr		24 Nov
Guru Gobind Singh Ji	5 Jan	24 Nov	21 Oct	
Guru Granth Sahib Ji	1 Sep	28 Oct		

<sup>1</sup> Gurpurbs this is the anniversary of a guru's birth or death; marking by the holding of a festival

## Things to Remember

1. At every entrance to Sri Harmandir Sahib, there is provision for keeping shoes, and luggage of the devotees, free of cost. One must get a token after depositing one's shoes/belongings.
2. Please switch-off your mobiles before entering.
3. Wash your feet/hands, and cover your head properly before entering the holy complex.

4. Cigarette, Bidi, Tobacco or other intoxicants are strictly prohibited inside the holy premises.
5. Anyone can take a dip in the holy sarovar (pool of nectar) but use of soap or shampoo is not allowed.
6. The wet clothes may kindly be deposited in a Wet-Clothes-Room.
7. If you so desire, you can wash yourself with soap at the washrooms provided in the parikrma (periphery).
8. Swimming is strictly prohibited in the sarovar.
9. Do not accept eatables from strangers.
10. Photography is allowed only in the outer Parikrma. For special reasons permission for photography inside of The Golden Temple may be sought from the President/Sec. (SGPC) or Manager Golden Temple.
11. Offerings in cash and kind are accepted in the Golden Temple.
12. Please get a receipt on offering donations for langar (community kitchen), building.
13. It is strictly prohibited to serve or eat any eatables in the Parikrma, or to loiter about with uncovered head.
14. It is not allowed to read or sell newspapers or play cards in the Parikrma.
15. Nobody can hold a religious congregation or deliver a lecture inside the Parikrma, unless permitted by SGPC.
16. Devotees should not pay any money to Sewadars on duty.
17. Please deposit your valuables including jewelry and cash at the counters provided for the same in the Sri Darbar Sahib complex.
18. Any complaint regarding any staff member/Sewadar/Management should be lodged at the office of Sri Harmandir Sahib located in the Parikrma near Darshni Deori and Ber Baba Budha Ji.
19. Karah-Prasad (holy offering) should be distributed only after one's exit from the Sanctum Sanctorum. Its distribution on the bridge creates congestion which hampers the smooth movement of devotees.
20. Please do not take bath at Har Ki Paori.
21. If any infant happens to urinate in the Parikrma, please clean it immediately or inform the duty Sewadars about it.

## Accommodations in The Golden Temple Complex

There are seven Niwas Asthans (inns) which provide lodging facilities for pilgrims, maintained by Sri Harmandir Sahib authorities. The reception counters work round the clock to attend to the devotees.

**Sri Guru Ramdas Niwas:** Also called Sri Guru Ram Das Sarai, was built in 1931. This building has 228 rooms and 18 halls spread over 2 stories, with modern sanitation and other amenities.

**Sri Guru Nanak Niwas:** This building houses offices of the different departments of SGPC and also lodging facilities for pilgrims.

**Sri Guru Arjan Dev Niwas:** This building is situated at the entrance to the main sarai area. It houses a branch of Punjab & Sind Bank, a post office. The main booking counter for all accommodations is situated here.



**New Akal Rest House:** This building is situated behind Guru Arjan Dev

Niwas. It houses 49 rooms, out of which 5 rooms with 25 beds for Foreign tourists.

**Sri Guru Hargobind Niwas:** This building is situated near Gurdwara Baba Atal Rai Sahib. Sri Guru Ramdas Library is situated in its basement.

**Mata Ganga Ji Niwas:** This stands exactly opposite to Guru Hargobind Niwas. It also houses Internet Department of SGPC.



**Sri Guru Gobind Singh NRI Yatra Niwas:** It houses 66 rooms for NRI/Foreign tourists.

**Note :** The booking office for all accommodations is situated in Sri Guru Arjan Dev Niwas. Information regarding booking may be obtained from Tel: 91-183-2553957, 58, 59 PBX : 219, 310, 417, 424, 425

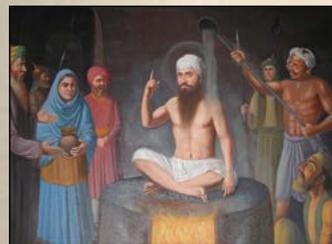


## Facilities

1. Free bus facility is available for the Airport and/or Railway Station from the area close to the SGPC office.
2. Wheel chairs are available to the physically challenged and/or the very old. They can be procured from an office in the Parikrma near Ber Baba Budha Sahib.
3. Langar (Free-kitchen) is served at Sri Guru Ram Das Langar at all hours.
4. There are four water-service booths at all the corners of the Parikrma.
5. Bath-rooms and toilets for the pilgrims are at the back of Sri Guru Ram Das Niwas, near Information Office, Shoe Store, & near Gurdwara Baba Atal etc.
6. Railway-booking, ATM and postal facilities are also available.
7. There are two free dispensaries in Guru Ram Das Niwas.
8. In case of any accident in Sri Harmandir Sahib Complex, please contact the office of Parikrma Manager or Information office (Phone 2553951-60)

## Sikh Martyrs

The Sikhism believes in up keeping the human dignity, equality and protecting the innocent from tyrant. The Sikh Gurus themselves practiced what they preached and the Sikhs continued to follow the path shown by them, as enshrined in Sri Guru Granth Sahib.



Guru Arjan Dev Ji (First Martyr)



Guru Teg Bahadur Ji

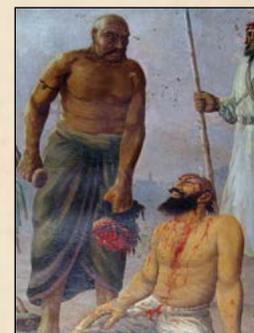


Bhai Mani Singh  
was cut to bits for Religion

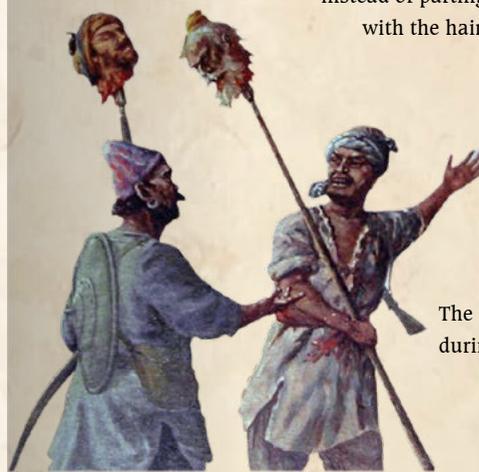


Bhai Shubeg Singh  
& Shehbaz Singh

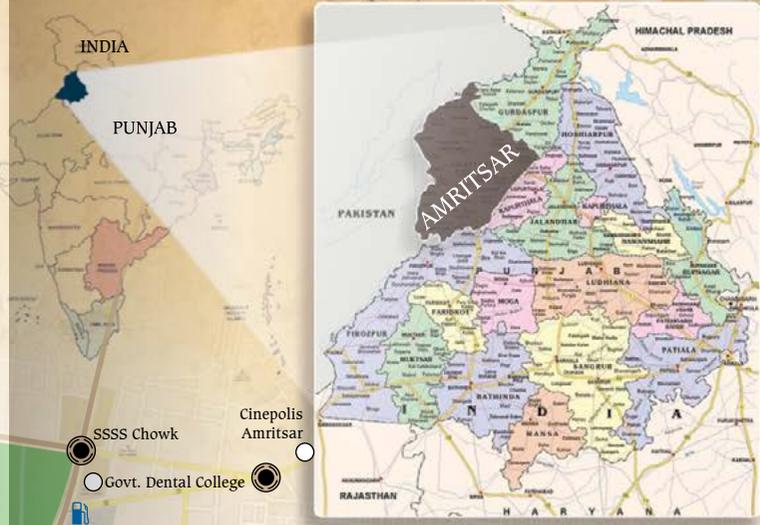
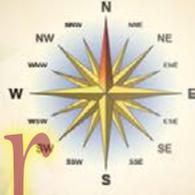
Bhai Mati Dass  
preferred to chop of  
the skull  
instead of parting  
with the hair.



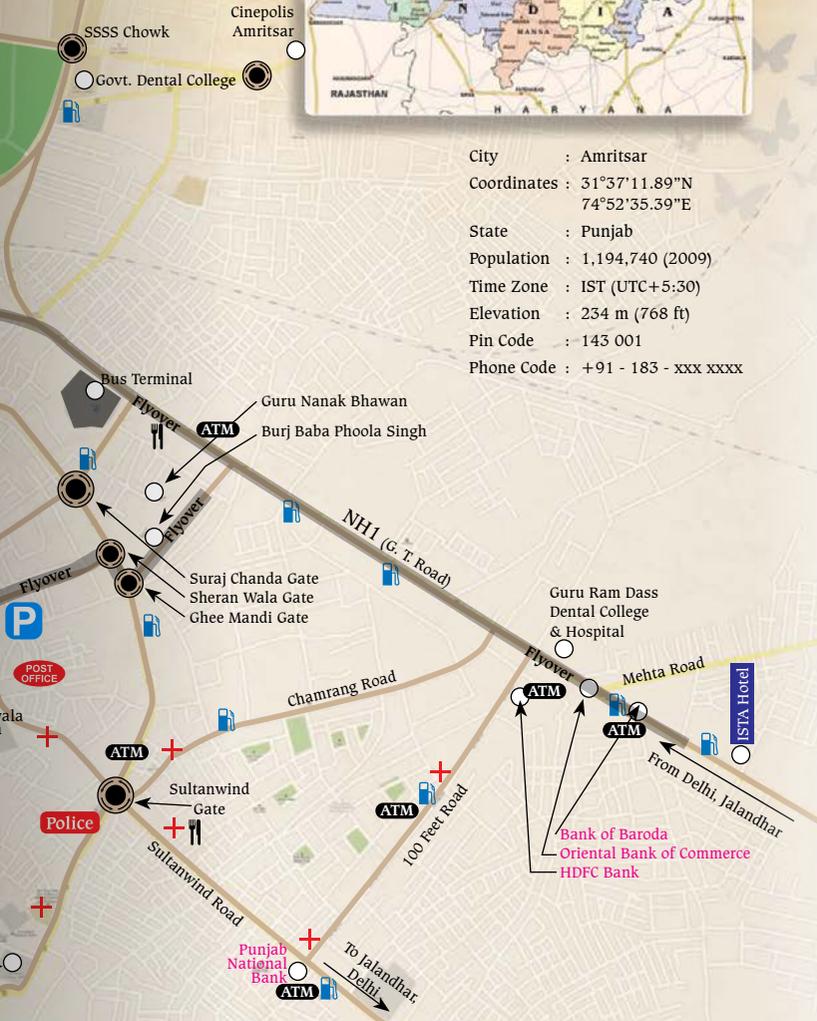
The Sikh Heads were priced  
during the Mughal regime



# Amritsar



City : Amritsar  
 Coordinates : 31°37'11.89"N  
 74°52'35.39"E  
 State : Punjab  
 Population : 1,194,740 (2009)  
 Time Zone : IST (UTC+5:30)  
 Elevation : 234 m (768 ft)  
 Pin Code : 143 001  
 Phone Code : +91 - 183 - xxxx xxxxx





Amritsar is also home to Central Khalsa Orphanage, which was once a home for Shaheed Udham Singh, a prominent figure in the Indian independence movement.

Partition of undivided India into India and Pakistan had the most profound effect on the demographics, economics, social structure and culture of Amritsar. The state of Punjab was divided between India and Pakistan and Amritsar became a border city, often on the front lines of India-Pakistan wars. Prior to partition, the Muslim league wanted to incorporate Amritsar into Pakistan because of the Amritsar's proximity to Lahore (a distance of 30 miles) and a nearly 50% Muslim population, but the city became part of India. Amritsar and Lahore experienced some of the worst communal riots during the partition of India.

Amritsar is located at 31°37'11.89"N 74°52'35.39"E with an average elevation of 234 metres (768 ft).

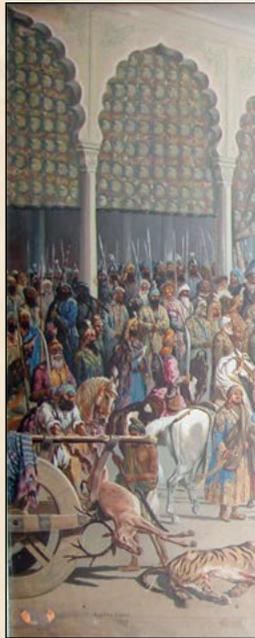
Amritsar has a warm continental climate, typical of Northwestern India and experiences four seasons primarily: winter season (November to March) with temperature ranges from 4°C (39 °F) to about 19°C (66°F), summer season (April to June) where temperatures can reach 45°C (113°F), monsoon season (July to September) and post-monsoon season (September to November). Annual rainfall is about 790 millimeters (31.1 in).

## Amritsar

Amritsar (The Pool of The Nectar of Immortality): is a city in the northwestern part of India and is the administrative headquarters of Amritsar district in the state of Punjab, India. Amritsar is 32 kilometers (20 mi) east of Lahore, Pakistan and therefore, very close to India's western border with Pakistan.

Amritsar is home to the Harmandir Sahib, also known as the Golden Temple, the spiritual and cultural center of the Sikh religion. This important Sikh shrine attracts more visitors than the Taj Mahal in Agra and is the number one destination for non-resident-Indians (NRI) in the whole of India.

Amritsar is also known for the incidents of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre in 1919 under British Rule. The main commercial activities include tourism, carpets and fabrics, farm produce, handicrafts, service trades and light engineering. The city is known for its food and culture.



## Connectivity

Amritsar is well connected to Delhi, Jammu, Chandigarh & other major cities by road, train and by air.

**BUSES:** Frequent buses leave for Delhi (10 hours), Chandigarh (5-6 hrs), Pathankot (3 hrs), Jammu (6 hrs) and Attari on the India-Pakistan border (1¼ hrs).

One/two buses go daily to Dalhousie (6 hrs), Dharamsala (6 hrs), Shimla (10 hrs) and Manali (14 hrs) in Himachal Pradesh, and Dehra Dun (11 hrs) in Uttarakhand.

Private buses for Delhi (with/without AC, 8½ hrs) leave from near the railway station at 10 p.m. Other private buses go to Chandigarh, Jammu and Katra from Gandhi Gate.

**TRAIN:** Reservation for trains is available on the Temple Complex (8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.) on all days except Sunday (till 2 p.m.)

Direct express trains travel to Delhi (2nd/chair car, 8 hrs); but the fastest is the twice-daily Shatabdi Express (5.10 a.m., 5.00 p.m., 6 hrs). A daily Amritsar-Howrah Mail links Amritsar with Lucknow (sleeper/3AC/2AC, 16½ hrs), Varanasi (22 hrs) and Howrah (37 hrs). For more details [www.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.indianrail.gov.in)

There are regular **Flights** of Indian Airlines, Jet Airways and Kingfisher from Delhi. The Rajasansi International Airport is about 15 km from the Golden Temple and is connected by domestic flights to Delhi, Srinagar and Chandigarh. There are regular international flights from London, Toronto, Singapore and other leading cities of the world to Amritsar.

## Accommodations in Amritsar

### Hotels near Golden Temple

Hotel Ista .....	2708888
Country Inn & Suites .....	5050555
Mohan International .....	2227804
M.K. Hotel .....	2507911, 2507912
Kumar International .....	2229388

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Hotel Alstonia .....	2500382-89
Best Western Merrion .....	5061111
Hotel Country Inn .....	5050555
Hotel HK Clarks Inn .....	5011111
Hotel Ista .....	2700186

Old Photo of Harmandir Sahib



Hotel Le Golden.....	2558800	Hotel Ritz Plaza .....	2562836
Hotel MK.....	2504610	Hotel Royal Castle.....	2551800
Mohan International .....	2227801		

## Important Tel. Nos.

<b>Mayor's off.</b> ....	2545999, 94170-15150	Dharmendra (Indian Express) .....	98552-71108
<b>DC Office</b> .....	2226161-62, 94171-11922	Jagmohan Singh (PTI).....	98150-34020
<b>Cmsnr's Off.</b> .....	9815304213, 2545155	Paraveen (Jag bani) .....	98782-77423

Civil Surgeon.....2211864, 9814130387

**Punjab Tourism** .....
 2402452 |

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Comm. of Police..... 2228786, 97811-30301

Main Help line .....
 2210300, 97811-30501 |

Police Control Room .....
 100, 2225054 |

Golden Temple.....
 97811-30219 |

Railway Station .....
 97811-30256 |

Airport.....
 98725-02337, 2214099 |

Police Sta. Kotwali .....
 2557670, 9781130205 |

Police Station (Galiara)

.....2225054, 2225154, 97811-30219

Vigilance, Amritsar .....
 2210413, 2213161 |

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.....80540-10150, 98721-01050

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Varinder Singh (Tribune).....
 98141-15141 |

Kuldeep Mann (HT) .....
 98152-13251 |

Jagtar Singh Lamba (Ajit).....
 94173-57400 |

Jia Lal (Punjab Kesri) .....
 94172-55520 |

### Nearest Hospitals:

Medical Officer Health ....
 98724-26727 |

Guru Ram Das Charitable Hospital

.....2553668, 2535039, 2535042

Nagpal Nursing Home.....
 2556343 |

### Govt. Hospitals

Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital

Emergency .....
 2563170 |

Guru Nanak Dev Hosp.....
 2573928 |

Mata Kaulan Ji Hospital.....
 2580325 |

### Ambulances

Dhab Wasti Ram .....
 2544440 |

Adlakha Hospital .....
 2225353 |

### Enquiries

Airport.....
 2214353, 2204004 |

Indian Airlines/Air India .....
 2214029 |

Jet Airways.....
 2214033 |

Northern Railway.....
 131, 2225028, 29, 35 |

Roadways .....
 2551734, 2551735 |

## Main Nearest Cities & Public Places

### Distances from Amritsar

Jammu .....
 206 k.m. |

Chandigarh .....
 254 k.m. |

Haridwar.....
 407 k.m. |

New Delhi .....
 450 k.m. |

Dehradun .....
 463 k.m. |

Srinagar.....
 548 k.m. |

Agra Cantt.....
 642 k.m. |

Jaipur .....
 713 k.m. |

### Hill Stations

Dalhousie.....
 191 k.m. |

Shimla .....
 345 k.m. |

Kullu Manali .....
 430 k.m. |

Mussoorie .....
 500 k.m. |

### Distances to Public Places /Stations from the Golden Temple

Jallianwala Bagh. Walking Distance

Bus Stand .....
 1.5 k.m. |

Railway Station .....
 3.0 k.m. |

Airport .....
 15.0 k.m. |

Wagha Border .....
 32.0 k.m. |

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Garden

(Company Bagh).....
 3 k.m. |

Lawrence Road.....
 4 k.m. |

## Nearest Historical Gurdwaras (Sikh Shrines)



Gurdwara Baba Attal  
in the memory of Baba Atal Rai  
[www.gurdwarababatal.org](http://www.gurdwarababatal.org)



Gurdwara Mata Kaulan Ji



Gurdwara Ramsar Sahib  
Guru Granth Sahib was compiled at  
this place in 1604 A.D.



Gurdwara Bibeksar Sahib  
in the memory of Sixth Guru



Beer Baba Budha Ji  
Birth Place of Baba Budha Ji



Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh  
in the memory of Baba Deep Singh

## Nearest Historical Gurdwaras (Sikh Shrines)



Quilla (Fort) Lohgarh  
Guru Hargobind (6<sup>th</sup> Guru) used here a wooden  
canon in a battle with Mughals



Guru Ke Mehal  
Birth Place of 9<sup>th</sup> Guru (Master)  
at Guru Bazar (walking distance)



Gurdwara Saragarhi  
in the memory of 21 Sikh Soldiers, who fought  
with the Afgan invaders at North-West Frontier



Gurdwara Santokhsar Sahib  
In memory of Baba Santokh Rai



Gurdwara Chheharta Sahib



Gurdwara Guru Ki Wadali



## Sightseeing

**Durgiana Temple:** an important religious pilgrimage of The Hindus is in Amritsar. It was visited by Lord Rama, Maryada Parshotam at the time of Ashvmebh Yagh.

**Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama :** Maharaja Ranjit Singh, more popularly known as 'The Lion of Punjab' was not only a great son of Punjab but was also among the few leading figures of the history of that period.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama is a visual documentation of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and has been both conceptualized and set up by the



National Council of Science Museums.

**Ram Bagh:** Maharaja Ranjit Singh (1780-1839) the Lion of Punjab, built the Ram Bagh and in its heart lies the Summer Palace of this great ruler.



Now the Summer Palace of Maharaja Ranjit Singh has been converted into a museum which speaks volumes on his times. On display are weapons dating back to Mughal times, portraits of ruling houses of Punjab and a replica of the diamond, "Kohinoor".

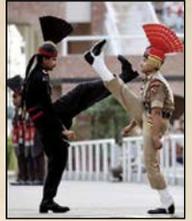
In those days the garden was approached by a huge fortified gate which still exists in its original form and lies on the periphery of the garden.

**Jallianwala Bagh:** The memorial at this site commemorates the 2000 Indians who were killed or wounded. They were shot indiscriminately by the British at the command of Gen. Michael O'Dyer on April 13, 1919 while they were participating in a peaceful public meeting. This was one of the major incidents that spurred the movement of India's Freedom Struggle.

**Wagah Border:** From Amritsar, 35 km on the road to Lahore (Pakistan), is India-Pakistan border, which is also known as Attari (Wagah) border.



A visit to the border is an interesting experience, especially at sunset, when the retreat ceremony takes place with the Border Security Force (B.S.F) on the Indian side and The Sutlej Rangers on the Pakistan side putting up a well coordinated and spectacular display which compares very favorably with the changing of the Royal Guard in London.



## Main Trains from Amritsar

([www.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.indianrail.gov.in)) Helpline 139

Train Name	Train #	To	Dep.	Days of Run						
				M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Amritsar Shatabdi	2014	New Delhi	05:10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shane Punjab	2498	New Delhi	15:10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Swarana Shatabdi	2030	New Delhi	17:00	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Garib Rath	2204	New Delhi	04:45	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Amritsar Dehradun Express	1058	Dadar Mumbai	08:35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Golden Temple Mail	2904	Mumbai Central	21:25	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amritsar Dehradun Jnshdbdi	2054	Haridwar	07:00	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Amritsar Dehradun Exp	4632	Haridwar	22:15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amritsar Dadar Express	1058	Agra Cantt.	08:35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chhatisgarh Express	8238	Agra Cantt.	16:15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amritsar Jaipur Express	9772	Jaipur	14:30	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Amritsar Jaipur Express	9782	Jaipur	18:00	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Tata Jat Express	8101	Jammu Tawi	08:20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amritsar Hawrah Mail	3006	Lucknow, Patna	18:45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bhatinda Jammu Tawi Exp	19225	Jammu Tawi	01:10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amritsar Pathankot DMU	54611	Pathankot	04:40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Guru Nanak Dev University [www.gndu.ac.in](http://www.gndu.ac.in)

Guru Nanak Dev University was established at Amritsar on November 24, 1969 to mark the 500th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. It is both a residential and an affiliating university.

Studies and research on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, in addition to working towards the promotion of Punjabi language



and spreading education among educationally backward classes and communities were the other commitments.

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## Khalsa College [www.khalsacollegeamritsar.org](http://www.khalsacollegeamritsar.org)

Khalsa College, the premier-most institute of higher learning, was established by the leaders of the Singh Sabha Movement in 1892.

The campus also houses Khalsa College of Education, Khalsa College for Women, Khalsa College Girls High School, Khalsa College Boys Senior Secondary School and Khalsa College Public School.

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## Fairs & Festivals in Amritsar

Fairs and Festivals in Amritsar reflect the vibrant tradition of cultural extravaganza. Connoting different mythical and religious significance, the festivals and fairs of Amritsar are celebrated by the enthusiastic inhabitants of the place.

Some of the notable festivals and fairs of Amritsar that held in Amritsar are:

Lohri .....	13	Jan	Independence Day.....	15	Aug
Republic Day .....	26	Jan	Rakhi .....	2	Aug
B'day Baba Deep Singh.....	26	Jan	Sri Krishna Janmashtami .....	1	Sep
Basant.....	28	Jan	Babe da Viah Batala.....	19	Sep
Kothe Da Mela.....	6	Feb	Dussehra.....	24	Oct
Shivratri.....	20	Feb	Id-ul-Zuha.....	27	Oct
Holi.....	8	Mar	Dipawali.....	13	Nov
Ram Navami .....	1	Apr	Shaheedi Baba Deep Singh ..	13	Nov
Baisakhi.....	14	Apr	Birth Day of Baba Atal.....	22	Dec
Starting of Yatra Hemkunt Sahib			Christmas.....	25	Dec
( <a href="http://www.hemkunt.in">www.hemkunt.in</a> ) .....	1	Jun	Birth Day Shaheed Udham Singh...	26	Dec

