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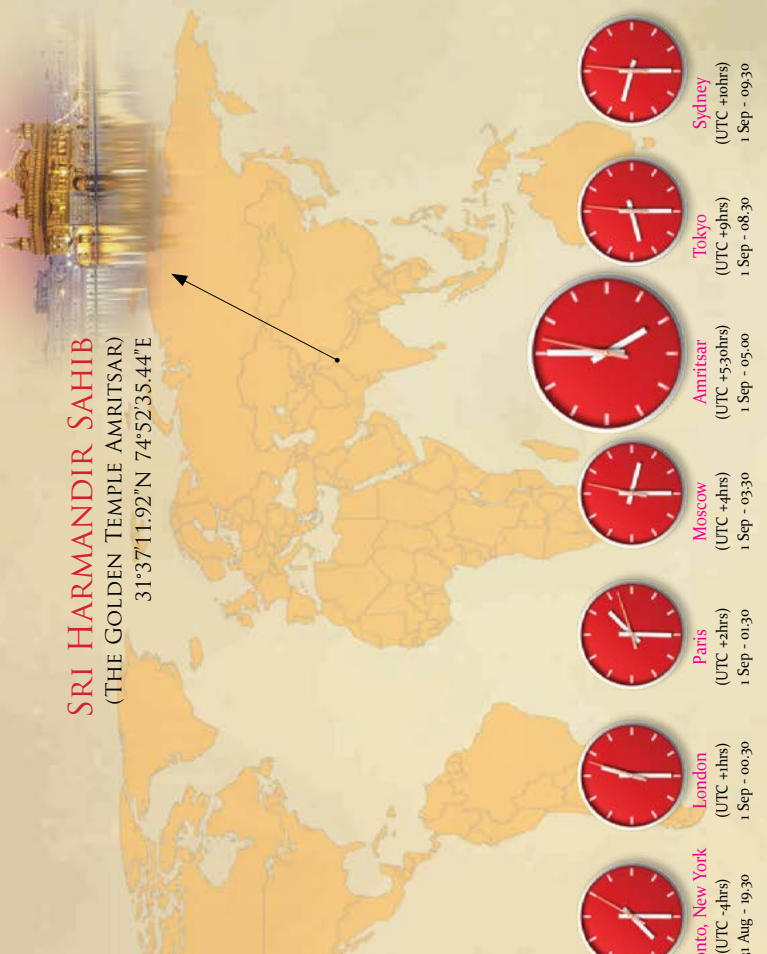
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A view of "Kaar Sewa" of Amrit Sarovar in 2004

The Golden Temple

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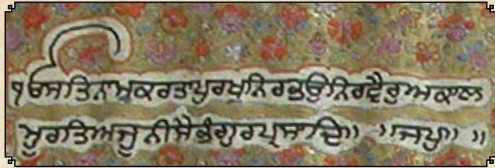
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Sri Harmandir Sahib

(The Golden Temple) Amritsar

“The Mool Mantra”



the First words of

Guru Granth Sahib

Sri Harmandir Sahib, 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 a lesson in 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.

means:

- God is ONE
 - Thy name is TRUE
- and HE IS
- THE CREATOR
 - FEARLESS
 - WITHOUT HATRED
 - TIMELESS
 - SELF EXISTENT
 - MADE KNOWN BY THE GURU



An Early Sun Rise at The Golden Temple

A Glimpse of the Jalao in Golden Temple



An interior view of The Golden Temple (Photo: Satbir Singh)

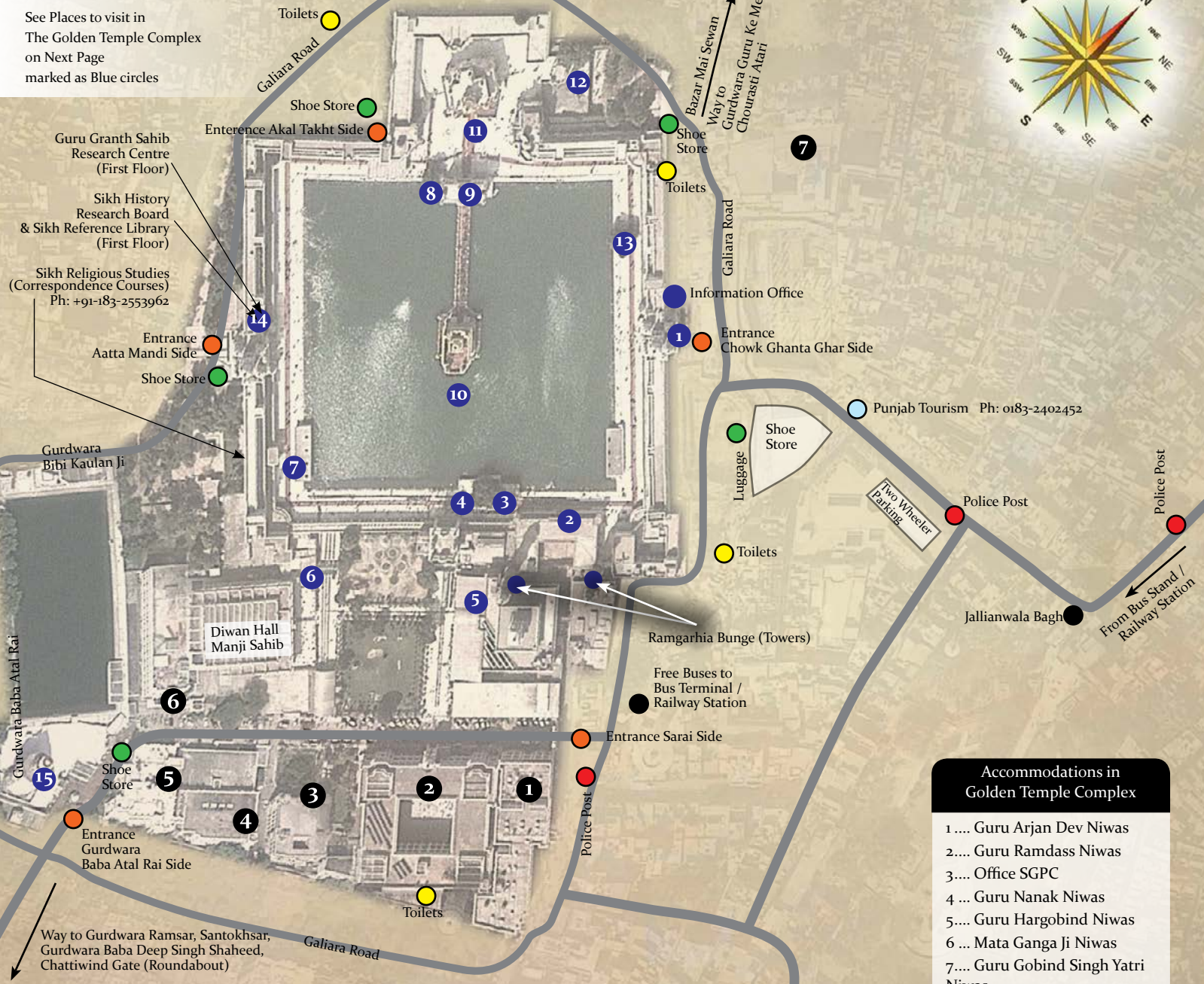
Daily Routine of Sachkhand Sri Harimandir Sahib

Nanakshahi Month*	Chet	Vaisakh	Jaith	Harh	Sawan	Bhadon	Assu	Kattak	Maggar	Poh	Magh	Phaggon
English Month	March April	April May	May June	Jun July	Jul Aug	Aug Sep	Sep Oct	Oct Nov	Nov Dec	Dec Jan	Jan Feb	Feb Mar
Kiward (Portals) Opening Time	2.30	2.15	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.30	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.45
Kirtan at Amrit Vela (Early dawn)	2.30	2.15	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.30	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.45
Asa Di War	3.30	3.15	3.00	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.45
Departure of Palki Sahib from Sri Akal Takhat Sahib	4.30	4.15	4.00	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.30	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.45
First Hukamnama	5.00	4.45	4.30	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.00	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.15
First Ardas	5.30	5.15	5.00	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.30	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.45
Second Ardas & Hukamnama	6.30-6.45	6.30	6.15	6.15	6.30	6.45	6.45	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15	6.45-7.00
Holy reading of Rehras Sahib starts at sunset.												
Hukamnama at night	21.45	22.15	22.30	22.30	22.15	22.15	22.00	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.45
Departure of Palki Sahib from Sri Harimandir Sahib	22.00	22.30	22.45	22.45	22.30	22.45	22.15	21.45	21.45	21.45	21.45	22.00

There is a continuous singing of Gurbani Kirtan (hymns) at Sri Harimandir 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 Takhat Sahib, the devotees, accompanied by the Gurdwara staff, clean the Sri Harimandir 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 Takhat, after the Rehras (Evening Scripture) the weapons belonging to Guru Sahib (Sikh Masters) and Martyr Sikhs are displayed at about 8.00 p.m.

Map of The Golden Temple Complex

See Places to visit in The Golden Temple Complex on Next Page marked as Blue circles



Guru Granth Sahib Research Centre (First Floor)
 Sikh History Research Board & Sikh Reference Library (First Floor)
 Sikh Religious Studies (Correspondence Courses)
 Ph: +91-183-2553962

Gurdwara Bibi Kaulan Ji

Gurdwara Baba Atal Rai

Way to Gurdwara Ramsar, Santokhsar, Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh Shaheed, Chhattiwind Gate (Roundabout)




Bazar Mai Sevan
 Way to Gurdwara Guru Ke Mehl, Chourasti Atari

Punjab Tourism Ph: 0183-2402452

Free Buses to Bus Terminal / Railway Station



- Accommodations in Golden Temple Complex**
- 1 Guru Arjan Dev Niwas
 - 2.... Guru Ramdass Niwas
 - 3.... Office SGPC
 - 4 ... Guru Nanak Niwas
 - 5.... Guru Hargobind Niwas
 - 6 ... Mata Ganga Ji Niwas
 - 7.... Guru Gobind Singh Yatri Niwas

Places to Visit in Golden Temple Complex

- 1) **INFORMATION OFFICE:** Next to the main entrance of Clock Tower Side, this office provides free information regarding Golden Temple. Guided tours are also available.
- 2) **CENTRAL SIKH MUSEUM:** Established in 1958 at Amritsar, Central Sikh Museum exhibits paintings of Sikh gurus, saints, Sikh warriors and other prominent Sikh leaders who have contributed to the enhancement of Sikh religion. It has a rich collection of coins, old arms and ancient manuscripts. It also houses an excellent library. Guide services are available on request. The museum is open on all days. Entry is free. Photography is allowed only upon prior permission. 
- 3) **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. 
- 4) **DUKH BHANJANI BERI:** Gurdwara Dukk Bhanjani Beri Stands on the eastern flank of the sarovar by the side of yet another jujube tree known as Dukk 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.
- 5) **ATH SATH TIRATH:** The place is blessed with the benefit of holy bathing of sixty-eight holy rivers. 
- 6) **LANGAR GURU RAMDAS:** Free meals are served to visitors regardless of religion, caste, color, creed, age, gender or social status. The devotees contribute to the kitchen by way of cash, kind and service.
- 7) **DIWAN HALL MANJI SAHIB:** At this place, the daily Hukamnama or the "Order-of-The-Day" is explained to the devotees every morning and evening. The fifth Master Guru Arjan Dev recited Bara-Maha at this place.
- 8) **SHAHEED BUNGA BABA DEEP SINGH:** The place is in the memory of Baba Deep Singh's (A Great Sikh Warrior) who sacrificed for the dignity of Sri Harmandir Sahib while fighting with Mughals in 1762.
- 9) **KARAH PRASAD:** Devotees can buy Karah Prasad (Pourage) for offering inside the Sanctum Sanctorum. One can have packed prasad (pinni prasad) for carrying to the far off.
- 10) **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.

- 11) **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.
- 12) **HAR KI PAURI:** The place is blessed with the legend that God himself took part in the construction of Harmandir Sahib at this place. 
- 13) **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.
- 14) **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.
- 15) **NISHAN SAHIB (Miri & Piri):** Two Saffron flags stand in memory to the concept of Miri and Piri in Sikhism. The Nishan Sahib representing Piri (Religion) is 2 feet higher than of Miri Nishan Sahib (Flag).
- 16) **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. 
- 17) **SIKH REFERENCE LIBRARY:** Thousands of Books, Magazines, News Papers and periodicals on Sikh Religion and History, rare manuscripts and hand written Guru Granth Sahib are preserved for the purpose of research. This library is only meant for the research scholars. Book and documents are not allowed outside.
- 18) **GURDWARA BABA ATAL RAI:** This Gurdwara is in the memory of the younger son of Sixth Master Guru Hargobind Sahib. The nine storey building of Gurdwara recalls the nine years age of Baba Atal Rai. This is the highest building in the walled city of Amritsar.

Five Sarovar (Sacred Pools) in Amritsar

Sri Amrit Sarovar
Sri Harmandir Sahib



Santokhsar Sarovar



Kotwali Chowk
(Roundabout)

From Bus Terminal

Roundabout

Jallianwala Bagh



Kaulsar Sarovar

Chowk Baba Sahib

Chowk Karori

Bibeksar Sarovar



Ramsar Sarovar

(12)

Ring Road / Circular Road

Ramgarhia Bungas (Towers)

Ramgarhia Bunga is located in The Golden Temple Complex, was built by Sikh warrior & Ramgarhia misal (Ramgarhia Sect) chief Jassa Singh Ramgarhia in the late 18th century (year 1794), is the only surviving example of Sikh architecture and war techniques. 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.



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Guru Ka Langar

Jalao (Jewelry Display)

According to Nanakshahi Calendar (www.sgpc.net/calendar.html)
The Precious Jewelry (Jalao) is displayed
at Sri Harmandir Sahib
on the following occasions:

- Birth Day of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji (1st Master)
- Birth Day of Sri Guru Ram Das Ji (4th Master)
- Gurgaddi Diwas Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib (6th Master)
- Birth Day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji (9th Master)
- Birth Day of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji (10th Master)
- First Prakash of Sri Guru Granth Sahib (Shabad Guru)

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. On average 100 Quintal Wheat Flour, 25 Quintal Cereals, 10 Quintal Rice, 5000 Ltr Milk, 10 Quintal Sugar, 5 Quintal Pure Ghee is used a day. Nearly 100 LPG Gas Cylinders are used to prepare the meals. 100's of employees and devotees render their services to the kitchen.



The Portraits of
Sikh Martyrs

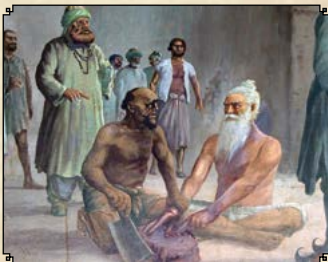
Established in The Central Sikh Museum



Guru Arjan Dev Ji (First Martyr)



Guru Teg Bahadur Ji



Bhai Mani Singh
was cut to bits



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

Akal Takht



Akal Takht means the Throne of the Immortal (“Akal” means “The Timeless One” - another term for God. “Takht” means “throne”), is the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs. The Akal Takht is an impressive building situated in front of the causeway leading to the Golden Temple or Darshni Deori. Akal Takht was founded by Guru Hargobind Ji (Sixth Sikh Master) in 1606 A.D. 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. This is the Throne where Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji himself used to hold Darbar (Court), the tradition of singing of Balads of War Heros, with traditional Dhad and Sarangi. 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.

Things to Remember

- At every entrance to Sri Harimandir 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.
- Please switch-off your mobiles before entering.
- Wash your feet/hands, and cover your head properly before entering the holy complex.
- Cigarette, Biri, Tobacco or other intoxicants are strictly prohibited inside the holy premises.
- Anyone can take a dip in the holy sarovar (pool of nectar) but use of soap or shampoo is not allowed.
- The wet clothes may kindly be deposited in a Wet-Clothes-Room.
- If you so desire, you can wash yourself with soap at the washrooms provided in the parikarma (periphery).
- Swimming is strictly prohibited in the sarovar.
- Do not accept eatables from strangers.
- Photography is allowed only in the outer Parikarma. For special reasons permission for photography inside of The Golden Temple may be sought from the President/Sec. (SGPC) or Manager (Golden Temple).
- Offerings in cash and kind are accepted in the Golden Temple.
- Please get a receipt on offering donations for langar (community kitchen), building.
- It is strictly prohibited to serve or eat any eatables in the Parikarma, or to loiter about with uncovered head.
- It is not allowed to read or sell newspapers or play cards in the Parikarma.
- Nobody can hold a religious congregation or deliver a lecture inside the Parikarma, unless permitted by SGPC.
- Devotees should not pay any money to Sewadars on duty.
- Please deposit your valuables including jewelry and cash at the counters provided for the same in the Sri Darbar Sahib complex.
- Any complaint regarding any staff member/Sewadar/Management should be lodged at the office of Sri Harimandir Sahib located in the Parikarma near Darshni Deori and Ber Baba Budha Ji.
- 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.
- Please do not take bath at Har Ki Paori.
- If any infant happens to urinate in the Parikarma, please clean it immediately or inform the duty Sewadars about it.

Accommodations in The Golden Temple Complex

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| • Sri Guru Ramdas Niwas | • Mata Ganga Ji Niwas |
| • Sri Guru Nanak Niwas | • Sri Guru Gobind Singh NRI Yatra Niwas |
| • Sri Guru Arjan Dev Niwas | |
| • New Akal Rest House | |
| • Sri Guru Hargobind Niwas | |
- Note : Contact regarding booking
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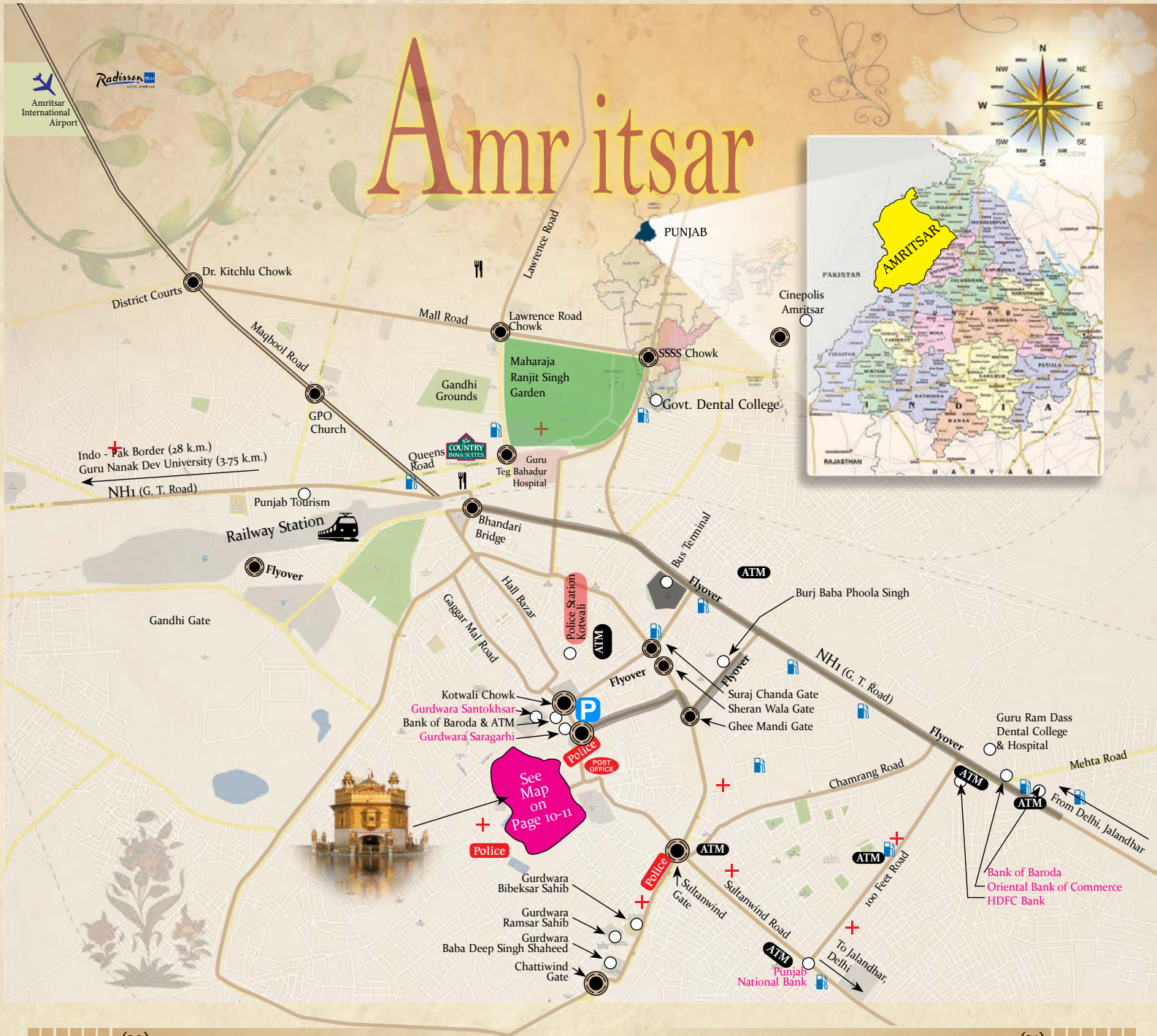
Facilities

- Free bus facility is available for the Airport and/or Railway Station from the area close to the SGPC office (Number on Map).
- Wheel chairs are available to the physically challenged and/or the very old. They can be procured from an office in the Parikarma near Ber Baba Budha Sahib.
- Langar (Free-kitchen) is served at Sri Guru Ram Das Langar at all hours.
- There are four water-service booths at all the corners of the Parikarma.
- 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.
- Railway-booking, ATM and postal facilities are also available.
- There are two free dispensaries in Guru Ram Das Niwas for the pilgrims.
- In case of any accident in Sri Harimandir Sahib Complex, please contact the office of Parikarma Manager or Information office (Phone 2553951-60)



The inLay work on Marble in The Golden Temple

Amritsar



Amritsar International Airport

Radisson Blue

Indo - Pak Border (28 k.m.)
Guru Nanak Dev University (3.75 k.m.)



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Bank of Baroda
Oriental Bank of Commerce
HDFC Bank

Historical Gurdwaras (Sikh Shrines in and around Amritsar)



Gurdwara Baba Atal
in the memory of Baba Atal Rai



Guru Ke Mehal
Birth Place of 9th Guru (Master)



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



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



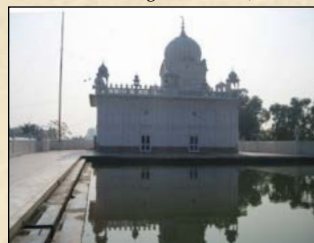
Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh
in the memory of Baba Deep Singh



Atari Sahib
(In the memory of Sixth Master
Guru Hargobind Sahib)



Gurdwara Guru Ka Vallah
(In the memory of Ninth Master
Guru Teg Bahadar)



Gurdwara Palah Sahib Khairabad
(In the memory of second Battle Guru
Hargobind Sahib with Mughals)

Historical Gurdwaras (Sikh Shrines in and around Amritsar)



Baba Bakala
(The meditation Place of Guru Teg Bahadar)



Khadur Sahib
(Gurmukhi Language was started by The Second
Master Guru Angad Dev Ji)



Bir Baba Budha Sahib
where Mata Ganga Ji was blessed by Baba Budha ji



Tarn Taran
(In the memory of Fifth Master Guru Arjan Dev
who founded Tarn Taran City also)



Bir Baba Budha Sahib
where Mata Ganga Ji was blessed by Baba Budha ji



Gurdwara Guru Ki Wadali
(The Birth Place of Guru Hargobind Sahib)



Gurdwara Chheharta Sahib
(A well with six chains (Helts) founder by
Guru Arjan Dev)



Pipli Sahib
(In the memory of Guru Arjan Dev)



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. 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 $31^{\circ}37'11.89''N$ $74^{\circ}52'35.39''E$ with an average elevation of 234 metres (768 ft).

Amritsar has a warm continental climate, typical of North-Western India and experiences four seasons primarily: winter season (November to March) with temperature ranges from $4^{\circ}C$ ($39^{\circ}F$) to about $19^{\circ}C$ ($66^{\circ}F$), summer season (April to June) where temperatures can reach $45^{\circ}C$ ($113^{\circ}F$), 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 north-western 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



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 (4-5 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

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.

Important Telephone Numbers

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Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama
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 2553668, 2535039, 2535042
 Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital.....2563170
 Guru Nanak Dev Hosp.....2573928

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 Hotel Ritz Plaza..... 2562836
 Mohan International..... 2227804
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Hotels near Golden Temple

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Main Nearest Cities & Public Places

Distance from Golden Temple

Jallianwala Bagh..... Walking Distance
 Bus Turminal.....1.5 k.m.
 Railway Station 3 k.m.
 Maharaja Ranjit Singh Garden
 (Company Bagh)..... 3 k.m.
 Thakur Singh Art Gallery..... 3 k.m.
 Virsa Vihar (Cultural Hub) 3 k.m.
 Lawrence Road.....4 k.m.
 Khalsa College.....6 k.m.
 Guru Nanak Dev University.....7 k.m.
 Airport15 k.m.
 Wagha Border 32 k.m.
 Hari Ke Pattan (Bird Sanctuary)
 25 k.m.

Pull Kanjri 32 k.m.

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 Manali430 k.m.
 Mussoorie500 k.m.

Main Trains from Amritsar

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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 Jnshtbdi	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 Hawrah Mail	3006	Lucknow, Patna	18:45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Sightseeing

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.



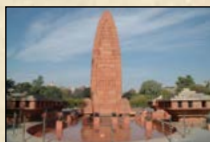
Ram Bagh: Maharaja Ranjit Singh (1780-1839) the Lion of Punjab, built the Ram Bagh and in its heart lies the Summer Palace of this great ruler.

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.



Guru Nanak Dev University

Guru Nanak Dev University situated on G. T. Road towards Atari Border, was established on November 24, 1969 to mark the 500th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



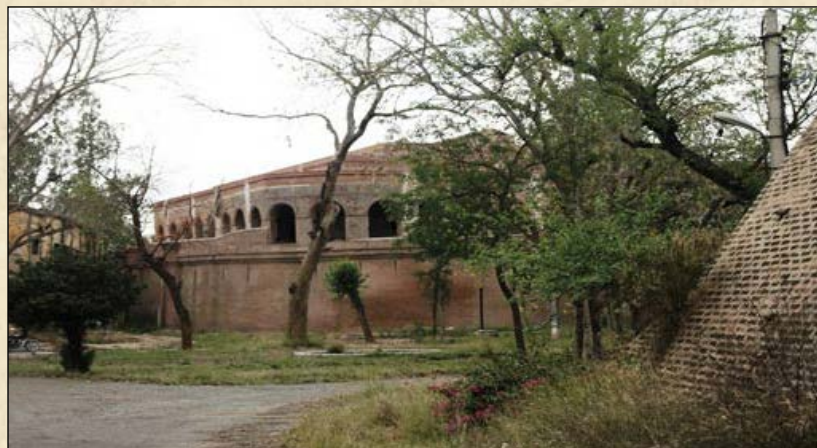
Khalsa College

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.



Gobindgarh Fort



The Military Headquarter of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, that was named after the Tenth Master Guru Gobind Singh Ji, now being preserved.

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.

Lohri12 Jan
Kothe Da Mela..... 6 Feb
Basant14 Jan
Holi27 Mar
Holla Mohalla..... 28 Mar
Vaisakhi 13 Apr
Yatra Hemkunt Sahib Starts..... 1 Jun
Shaheedi Jor Mela (Guru Arjan Dev Ji) 12 Jun

Rakhi..... 21 Aug
Sri Krishan Janm Ashtmi27 Aug
First Prakash Diwas
Guru Granth Sahib.....1 Sep
B'day Guru Ram Das jI9 Oct
Dashera.....13 Oct
Dipawali.....3 Nov
B'day Guru Nanak Dev Ji 17 Nov



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