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Guide Map of

Trī Harimandir Sahib
(The Golden Temple) Amritsar

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Sachkhand Sri Harimandir Sahib¹

(The Golden Temple) Amritsar

Sri Harimandir 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 Harimandir Sahib is a momentous task. It is a matter of experience rather than a of description.

1 "So Thaan Suhava" (by Roop Singh) Published by S.G.P.C. Amritsar

Daily Routine of Sachkhand

Nanakshahi Month	Chet	Vaisakh	Jaith	
English Month	14 March to 13 April	14 Apr - 13 May	13 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 Takhat Sahib	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 Sri Harimandir Sahib	22.00	22.30	22.45	
Sukh-Aasan Sahib at Sri Akal Takhat Sahib	22.15	22.45	23.00	

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

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 Harimandir Sahib. Sri Guru Granth Sahib (scripture of the Sikhs), after its compilation, was first installed at Sri Harimandir Sahib on August 16, 1604 A.D. A devout Sikh, Baba Budha Ji was appointed its first Head Priest.

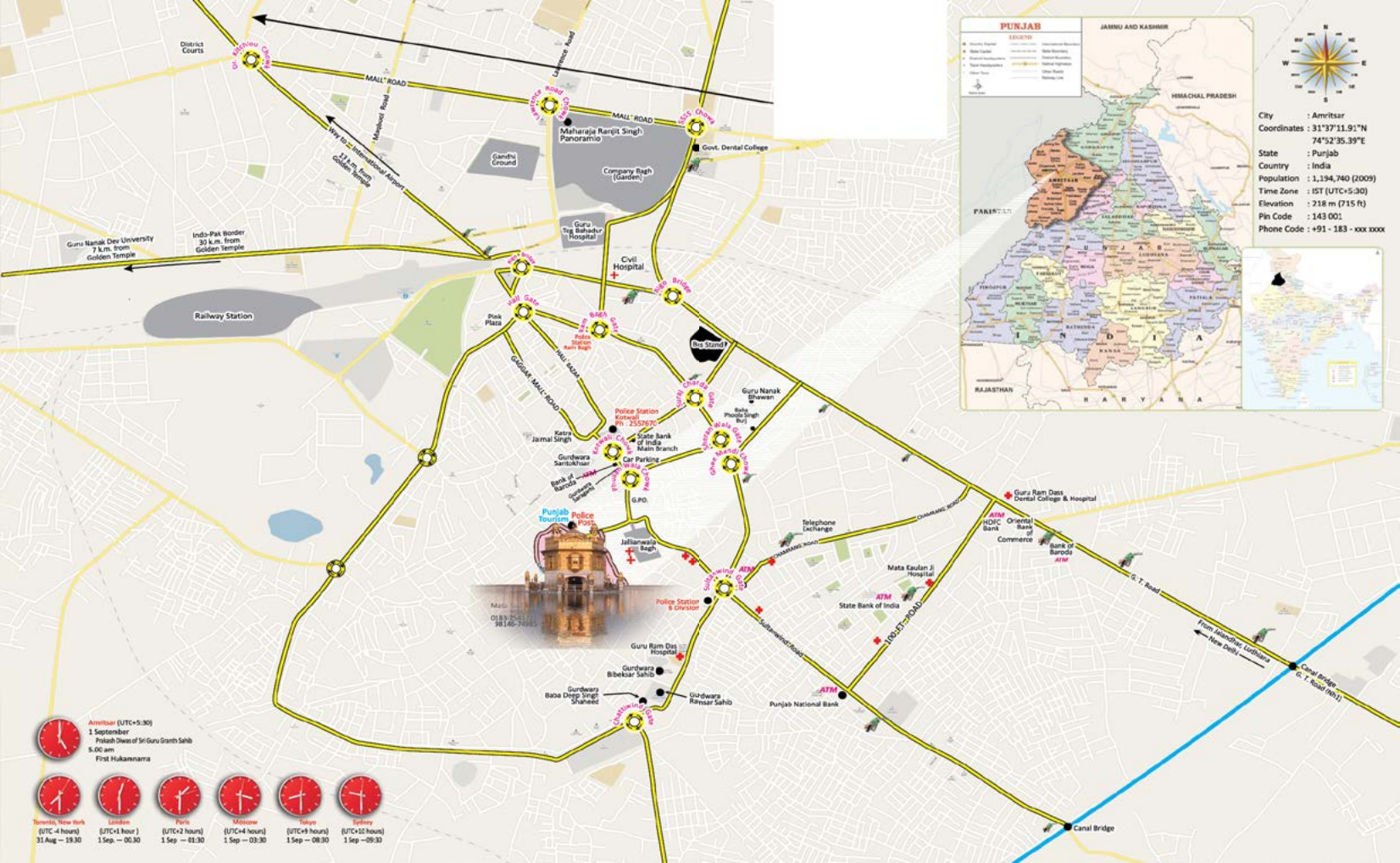
Sri Harimandir Sahib has a unique Sikh architecture. Built at a level lower than the surrounding land level, The Gurdwara teaches the lesson of egalitarianism and humility. The four entrances of this holy shrine from all four directions, signify that people belonging to every walk of life are equally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

Sri Harimandir Sahib (The Golden Temple)

	Harh	Sawan	Bhadon	Assu	Kattak	Maggar	Poh	Magh	Phaggan
	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 March
	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
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	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

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 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.



PUNJAB

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
RAJASTHAN
HARYANA

City : Amritsar
 Coordinates : 31°37'11.91"N
 74°52'35.39"E
 State : Punjab
 Country : India
 Population : 1,194,740 (2009)
 Time Zone : IST (UTC+5:30)
 Elevation : 218 m (715 ft)
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 Phone Code : +91 - 183 - kxx kxxx

- Amritsar (UTC+5:30)**
 1 September
 Prakash Utsav of Sri Guru Granth Sahib
 5.00 am
 First Hukamnama
- Bombay, New York (UTC -4 hours)**
 31 Aug - 19:30
- London (UTC+1 hour)**
 1 Sep - 00:30
- Pune (UTC+2 hours)**
 1 Sep - 01:30
- Moscow (UTC+4 hours)**
 1 Sep - 03:30
- Seoul (UTC+9 hours)**
 1 Sep - 08:30
- Tokyo (UTC+10 hours)**
 1 Sep - 09:30



Name :
 0183-261-
 38146-74985

Accommodations in The Complex

There are seven Niwas Asthans (inns) which provide lodging facilities for pilgrims, maintained by Sri Harimandir 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 Nawas:** 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 Parikarma 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 Parikarma.
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 for the pilgrims.
8. In case of any accident in Sri Harimandir Sahib Complex, please contact the office of Parikarma Manager or Information office (Phone 2553951-60)

Things to Remember

1. 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.
2. Wash your feet/hands, and cover your head properly before entering the holy complex.
3. Cigarette, Bidi or other intoxicants are strictly prohibited inside the holy premises.
4. Anyone can take a dip in the holy sarovar (pool of nectar) but use of soap or shampoo is not allowed.
5. The wet clothes may kindly be deposited in a Wet-Clothes-Room.
6. If you so desire, you can wash yourself with soap at the washrooms provided in the parikarma (periphery).
7. Swimming is strictly prohibited in the sarovar.
8. Do not accept eatables from strangers.
9. Offerings in cash and kind are accepted in the Golden Temple.
10. It is strictly prohibited to serve or eat any eatables in the Parikarma, or to loiter about with uncovered head.
11. Devotees should not pay any money to Sewadars on duty.
12. Please deposit your valuables including jewelry and cash at the counters provided for the same in the Sri Darbar Sahib complex.
13. Any complaint regarding any staff member/Management should be lodged at the office of Sri Harimandir Sahib located in the Parikarma near Darshni Deori and Ber Baba Budha Ji.
14. 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.
15. Please do not take bath at Har Ki Paori.
16. If any infant happens to urinate in the Parikarma, please clean it immediately or inform the duty Sewadars about it.

Special Thanks



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S. Joginder Singh
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Connectivity

Amritsar is well connected to Delhi, Jammu and Chandigarh both by road and train.

BUSES : Frequent buses leave for Delhi (10 hours), Chandigarh (7 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 buses¹ for Delhi (with/without AC, 8½ hrs) leave from near the railway station at 10 p.m. Other private buses go to Chandigarh (Rs 150 to 200), Jammu (Rs 140) and Katra (Rs 160) from Gandhi Gate.

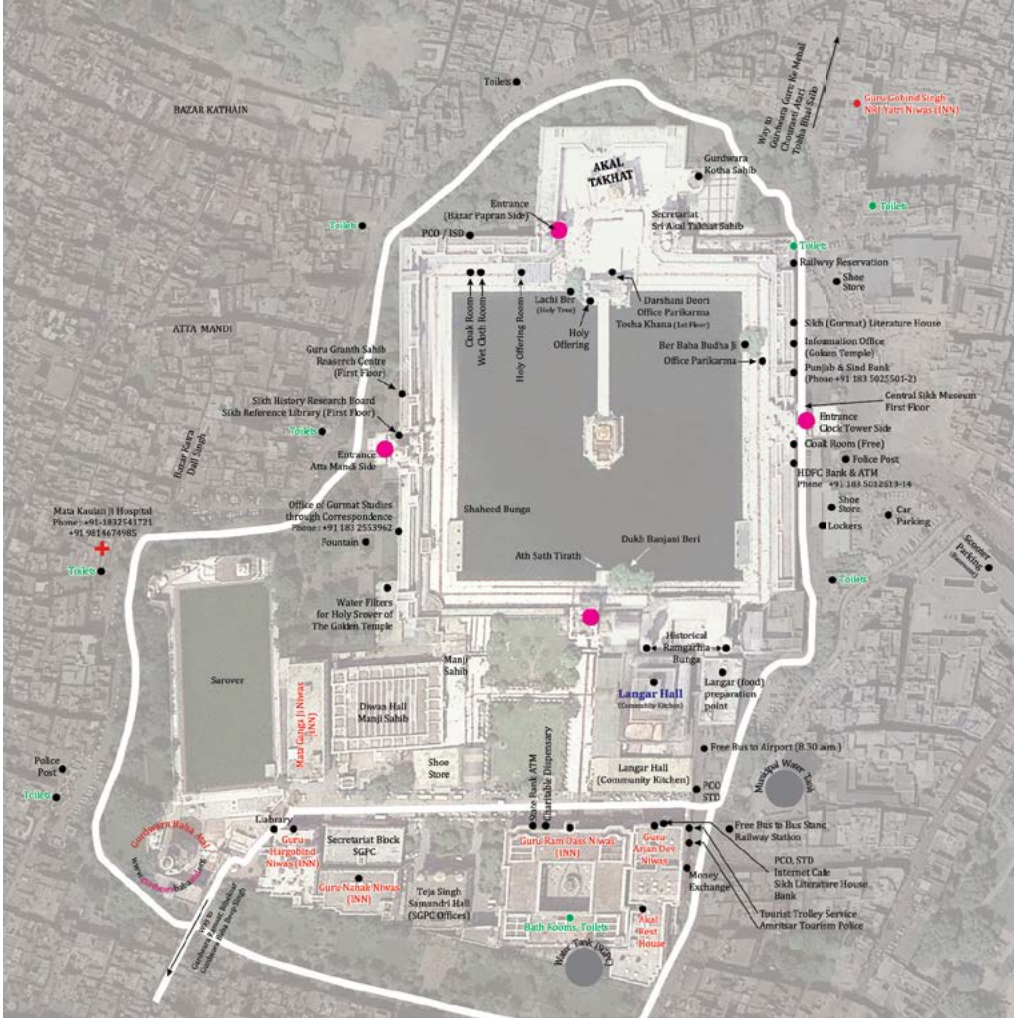
TRAIN : Reservation for trains is available on the Temple Complex (8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.) on all days except Sunday (till 2 p.m.)

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:

People speak Punjabi, Hindi and English in Amritsar.

Amritsar witnesses extreme weather in the summers as well as in the winters. However, March and November are pleasant for the tourists.



Tips for Safety and Security of Tourists

A few simple precautions to ensure your safety

- Leave valuables and important papers, such as jewelry, foreign currency and passports, secured in your hotel's safe deposit box. Never leave these items unattended. Avoid carrying large sums of cash and valuables in person.
- Always keep a photocopy of your passport and visa while moving in the city.
- Do not move with any unknown person. Ask for taxi/auto.
- Carry your wallet in the inside pocket of your jacket, or the side trouser pocket.
- In case you take a cycle rickshaw, please pull up the hood/top of the rickshaw. It will also make you secure from incidents like snatching and eve-teasing.
- Beware of unexpected persons coming to your hotel room. Never open the door to unsolicited room service or maintenance people. Contact the front desk if you have any doubts.
- Do not accept eatable from any unknown person.

Important Telephone Nos.

Mayor's off.	2545999, 94170-15150
DC Office.....	2226161-62, 94171-11922
Commissioner's Off.....	9815304213, 2545155
Civil Surgeon.....	2211864, 9814130387
Punjab Tourism.....	2402452, 9478351548

Police Help Lines

Comm. of Police.....	2228786, 97811-30301
Main Helpline.....	2210300, 97811-30501
Golden Temple.....	97811-30219
Railway Station.....	97811-30256
Airport.....	98725-02337, 2214099
Police Control Room.....	100, 2225054
Police Sta. Kotwali.....	2557670, 9781130205
Police Station (Galiara).....	2225054, 2225154
.....	2225056, 2555400, 97811-30219
Vigilance, Amritsar.....	2210413, 2213161

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama

Mr. Sandeep	80540-10150, 98721-01050
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Mr. Dharmendra (Indian Express) ..	98552-71108
Mr Jagmohan (P.T.I.)	98150-34020, 99144-34020
Paraveen Puri (Jag bani).....	98782-77423

Nearest Hospitals:

Medical Officer Health	98724-26727
Guru Ram Das Charitable Hospital	2553668, 2535039, 2535042

Govt. Hospitals

Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital	2563170
Emergency	2573928
Guru Nanak Dev Hosp	2580325
Mata Kaulan Ji Hospital	2580325

Ambulances

Dhab Wasti Ram	2544440
Adlakha Hospital.....	2225353
Durgiana Mandir.....	2549600

Enquiries

Terminal Manager Airport.....	2214353, 2204004
Indian Airlines/Air India.....	2214029

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	Rakhi.....	24 Aug
Basant.....	20 Jan	Sri Krishna Janmashtami.....	1 Sep
Republic Day.....	26 Jan	Babe da Viah Batala.....	14 Sep
Birthday Baba Deep Singh Shaheed....	26 Jan	Dussehra.....	17 Oct
Kothe Da Mela	6 Feb	Vrat Karwa Chauth.....	25 Oct
Shivratri	12 Feb	Dipawali.....	5 Nov
Holi.....	28 Feb	Shaheedi Baba Deep Singh.....	13 Nov
Ram Navami.....	24 Mar	Id-ul-Zuha.....	17 Nov
Baisakhi.....	14 Apr	Mela Ram Tirath.....	21 Nov
Starting of Yatra Badrinath & Hemkunt Sahib (www.hemkunt.in)...	1 Jun	Birth Day of Baba Atal.....	22 Dec
Independance Day	15 Aug	Christmas	25 Dec
		Birth Day Shaheed Udham Singh.....	26 Dec

Guru Nanak Dev University

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.

Administrative Office Enquiry

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Khalsa College

www.khalsacollegeamritsar.org



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

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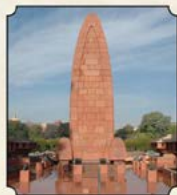
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Tourist Interest : Nearest Places



Wagha Border
12 k.m. from
Golden Temple

Durgiana Temple
Famous Temple
of Goddess
Durga and Lord
Lakshmi Narayan



Jallianwala Bagh
Walking distance
from Golden Temple

**Maharaja
Ranjit Singh
Panorama**



**Ram Bagh
Garden**

Church



Trains from Amritsar (www.indianrail.gov.in) Helpline 139

Train Name	Train #	To	Departure	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 Express	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
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

Press Reporters in Amritsar

Varinder Singh (The Tribune).....	98141-15141
Kuldeep Mann (Hindustan Times).....	98152-13251
Jagtar Singh Lamba (Ajit).....	94173-57400
Jia Lal Sharma (Kesri/Jagbani).....	94172-55520

Jet Airways.....	2214033
Northern Railway.....	131, 2225028, 29, 35
Roadways.....	2551734, 2551735, 2705788
Jallianwala Bagh.....	2542245

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

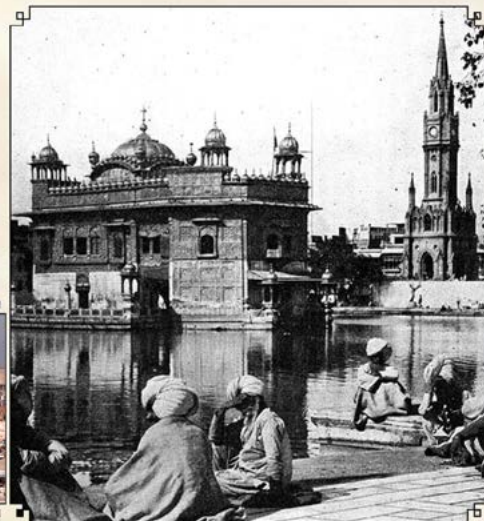
Jallianwala Bagh.....	Walking Distance
Bus Stand.....	1.5 k.m.
Railway Station.....	3.0 k.m.
Airport.....	15.0 k.m.
Wagha Border.....	32.0 k.m.
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Garden (Company Bagh).....	3 k.m.
Lawrence Road.....	4 k.m.

Hotels in Amritsar

Hotel Ista.....	2708888	Hotel Alstonia.....	2500382-90
Country Inn & Suites.....	5050555	Oberoi Castle.....	2225562 to 564
Mohan International.....	2227804	Hotel Kishore Castle.....	2402818, 2402820
M.K. Hotel.....	2507911, 2507912	Blue Moon Hotel.....	2220759, 5094759
Kumar International.....	2229388	Odeon Hotel.....	2565074
Ritz Hotel.....	2562836 to 839	Grand Hotel.....	2562424, 2562977, 2229717
Mayur Hotel.....	2224363, 2563133	Rosh Hotel.....	2565420

Important websites of Amritsar

- Govt. of Punjab
- www.punjabgovt.nic.in
- Punjab Tourism
- www.punjabtourism.gov.in
- Municipal Corp. Amritsar
- www.amritsarcorp.com
- Local administration site
- www.amritsar.nic.in
- Website Designing, SEO
- www.idea-ads.com



Guru Ka Langar (Community Kitchen)

The tradition of serving langar initiated by Guru Nanak Dev Ji and then established by the 3rd Guru (Master) 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 50,000 devotees or tourists take langar in the Community Kitchen daily; but the number becomes almost double on special occasions.

Jalao (Jewelry Display)

The Jewelry (Jalao) is displayed at Sri Harimandir 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

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