

Sikh Dharma Yatra



The Giver of peace is eternally blissful

Sri Guru Granth Sahib

01 – Ik Onkar

This pilgrimage is to fulfill the desire of all Sikhs to visit the 5 Temporal Seats of Authority for Sikhism, known as the 5 Takhts, the most beautiful and historically significant of all the Gurudwaras. The vast sweep of the history of Sikhism, and the spirituality of the teachings of the Gurus is alive here. You will feel the resonance of the Guru's teachings in the spirit of all that you will experience. The celestial music of the Kirtans and Bhajans, the discourses on Sikhism, the humility of the people as they undertake the duty of Seva to all who would enter the Guru's presence, regardless of station or caste.

This openness and humility is emphasized in the architecture in Harmandir Sahib, which is built at a lower level than the surrounding terrain, and open with four gates in every direction. The complex houses the most important Akal Takht. The other Takhts are at Keshgarh Sahib in Anandpur, Damdama Sahib in Talwandi Sabo, Huzoor Sahib in Nanded, and Patna Sahib in Patna, Bihar.

Day 1 ARRIVAL DELHI

Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to the hotel. (Normal check in time is 12 noon local time, but early check in will be provided if available.)

Dinner will be at the hotel.

Day 02 Day 03 DELHI

After an early breakfast, we will spend the day sightseeing in Delhi which has many religious sites for Sikhs as well as historical monuments. Places to visit include:



This is a comprehensive site of other places of interest in New Delhi.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tourist_attractions_in_Delhi

In the evening, visit Purana Quila and enjoy the Sound and Light Show. After the show, we will dine at a renowned vegetarian restaurant on Pandara Road.

Day 03 DELHI / CHANDIGARH / ANANDPUR SAHIB

Delhi / Chandigarh: 250 km; 5 hours Chandigarh / Anandpur Sahib: 95 km / 2 hrs

After an early breakfast, you shall depart for Chandigarh. Chandigarh is a beautiful city designed by Corbusier with world renowned architecture. After a scrumptious north Indian vegetarian lunch, we will depart for Anandpur Sahib, where accommodations will be provided. Accommodations in the Gurudwara is fairly simple, but comfortable, double rooms with attached baths.



Typical Room at a Gurudwara Serai

. DAY 04 ANANDPUR SAHIB

Anandpur, the City of Bliss, will be our next stop. This day you shall visit Takht Sri Keshgarh Sahib and neighboring Gurudwaras. You may also visit Khalsa Heritage Memorial Complex and Anandpur Sahib Museum. Anandpur Sahib's importance is second only to Amritsar. Guru Teg Bahadur founded the site, but it is Guru Gobind Singh ji who spent almost 25 years of his life here. It is here where five Sikhs volunteered their lives at Guru Gobind ji's bidding, creating the nucleus of the self-abnegating, brave and casteless fellowship of the Koalas.

"As we walk on this sacred land of Anandpur Sahib we touch the spirit and soul of those who were there 300 years ago. They were called by Guru Gobind Singh just as you now are called by the longing and love you have for the Panth Khalsa. This yatra is in celebration of the rebirth of our spirit so that our children will continue to carry this banner of Khalsa to all four corners of this world. This event could have the global impact to educate all people around the world on the values and love of Khalsa."

Siri Singh Sahib Harbhajan Singh Yogi, Espanola, January 1999

Takht Shri Anandpur Sahib



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2bqqr99NTQ>

DAY 05 ANANDPUR SAHIB / AMRITSAR

After breakfast, drive to Amritsar. The Harmandir Sahib, or the sanctum sanctorum, was envisioned by Guru Arjun Dev ji. This was conceived by him to reflect the resoluteness, clarity and simplicity of the Sikh religion. The Harmandir Sahib today stands as the hallowed symbol of the indestructibility of the Sikh faith. We will be staying in the heart of the Gurudwara complex at the Serai, which will offer you convenient access to all the myriads of activities that are ongoing 24 hours of the day. The accommodations will again be simple, yet comfortable, with double rooms and attached baths

Shri Harmandir Sahib. The Akal Takht



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F072Grna3os>

http://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Harmandar_Sahib

DAY 06 AMRITSAR

Early morning, visit Sri Harmandir Sahib to see the Prabhat Pheri. After the visit, return to the hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, Morning is free. In the afternoon, drive to **Miri Piri** academy. Miri Piri Academy was founded in 1997 by the Siri Singh Sahib Bhai Sahib Harbhajan Singh Khalsa Yogiji, also known as Yogi Bhajan. The first to publicly teach Kundalini Yoga when he arrived in the West in 1968, he announced that he had come to the West “to create teachers, not to gain students”. A deeply devoted Sikh, his inspiration and example motivated thousands to embrace the Sikh way of life. Through his personal efforts, Sikh Dharma was legally incorporated and officially recognized as a religion in the USA in 1971.

"Miri Piri Academy is a Cambridge affiliated international boarding school in Amritsar, India. Our program combines rigorous academics with the practice of Kundalini Yoga and Khalsa

values. Students come from all over the world to discipline their minds, train their bodies and befriend their souls."

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJ9W_H5cvSY

After the visit, drive to Wagah border for the evening border event, and it is quite a colorful one!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YeSX6AZ5xEI>

DAY 07 AMRITSAR

After breakfast, day is at leisure. The Jallianwala Bagh is fairly close to the Gurudwara complex and is definitely worth a visit. The shopping around Queen's Road and Mall will give you a variety of native goods to choose from. Religious paintings and articles are available all around the Gurudwara complex.

DAY 08 AMRITSAR / TALWANDI SABO

After breakfast, proceed to Talwandi Sabo via Bhatinda where we will visit Takht Sri Damdama Sahib. The Takht Darbar Sahib Damdama Sahib is one of the five Takhts or Seat of Temporal Authority of Sikhism. This was officially recognized as the fourth Takht of Sikhism on November 18, 1966. For a history of Damdama Sahib in its significance in Sikhism.

Takht Shri Damdama Sahib.



http://www.sikhiwiki.org/index.php/Damdama_Sahib

DAY 09 TALWANDI SABO / DELHI

After breakfast, proceed to Delhi. Arrive in Delhi by early evening.

DAY 10 DELHI / NANDED (Flight)

After an early breakfast, provide in time assisted departure transfer to the airport to connect the flight for Nanded via Mumbai. In Nanded, Gurdwara Sri Langar Sahib shall take care of transportation and the accommodation. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel.

Takht Shri Huzoor Sahib



DAY 11 NANDED

Takht Sachkhand Shri Hazur Abchalnagar Sahib is the main Gurudwara of Nanded and is one of the five High seats of Authority of the sikhs. This is the place where Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji breathed his last. The Gurudwara was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh ji, The great Ruler of Punjab between 1830 to 1839 A.D. Inside the Gurudwara, which contains the mortal remains of the 10th Guru, there are exhibited a number of weapons of various kinds. Our Group will have access to view artifacts that are not on display to the general public.

DAY 12 NANDED / PATNA (Flight)

In the morning, Gurudwara bus shall provide departure transfer to the airport, connecting to flight to Patna. On arrival transfer to the Gurudwara Patna Sahib. It was here at Takhat Patna Sahib, that Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru was born in 1666. He also spent his early years here before moving to Anandpur. Besides being the birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh, Patna was also honored by visits from Guru Nanak as well as Guru Tegh Bahadur.

This is one of only five Takhats or Holy Seats of Authority of the Sikhs. The Gurudwara Patna Sahib is in remembrance of the birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh the tenth Guru of the Sikhs. Like many historical Gurdwara's in India and Pakistan, this Gurudwara was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

Evening is at leisure. Accommodations at the Serai at the Gurudwara.

Takht Shri Patna Sahib



The following worth seeing historical relics/articles are preserved at Takhat Patna Saheb.

1. "Sri Guru Granth Saheb" called Bare Saheb containing signature of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
2. "Chhabi Saheb" oil painted very big picture of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj of his young age.
3. "Panghura Saheb" a small cradle with four stands covered with gold plates on which Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj used to sit or sleep, when he was a boy.
4. A small "Saif" (Sword) of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
5. Four iron "Arrows" of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
6. One earthen round "Goli" of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
7. One small iron "Chakri" of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
8. One small iron "Khanda" of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
9. One small iron "Baghnakh-khanjer" of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
10. One wooden "Comb" of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
11. Two iron "Chaker" of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.
12. One pair "Sandal" made of elephant teeth of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj of his boyhood.
13. One pair "Sandal" made of sandalwood of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadurji Maharaj.
14. Three wooden spinning instruments of Sri Kabir Saheb.
15. One book containing "Hukumnamas" of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadurji Maharaj and Sri Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj and their pictures, writings etc



Illuminated Adi Granth folio with nisan of Guru Gobind Singh. The manuscript is of the Lahore recension, late 17th to early 18th century. Gold and colours on paper; folio size 360 x 283mm, illumination size 256 x 193mm. Collection of Takht Sri Harimandir Sahib, Patna. Photograph: Jeevan Singh Deol.

DAY 13 PATNA / DELHI (Flight) / DEPARTURE

In the morning, Tour of Local Gurudwaras of Patna - Gurudwara Guru ka Bagh, Gurudwara Ghai Ghat, Gurudwara Gobind Ghat and Gurudwara Bal Lila Maini. In the early evening, we will provide assisted departure transfer to the airport to connect to the flight for Delhi.

DELHI DEPARTURE

After breakfast, day is free. (CHECK OUT MAXIMUM AT 1200 HRS). The vehicle shall be at your disposal to go to Lunch and Dinner arranged by private parties... Later in the evening, assisted departure transfer to the international airport from where you will board your flight home.