

# *Amritsar Tour*



## *About Amritsar*

Amritsar, Punjab (Golden City ) is a city in the northwestern part of India. Amritsar is located in Punjab state of India between  $31^{\circ}37'59.16''$  N  $74^{\circ}51'56.16''$  E latitudes. The city of Amritsar spreads on an area of  $5075 \text{ km}^2$ . Ideally located in the northwest part of India, Amritsar is at a distance of 32 miles from Lahore and Pakistan. The district of Amritsar falls in Jalandhar division and has a trapezium shape.



Amritsar has a leveled plain and is situated at an elevation of 200 meters in the northeast to about 175 meters in the southwest. The terrain of Amritsar can be put under three categories: The Upland Plain, Bluff along the Beas and Floodplain of Satluj.

Amritsar city is one of the cities of the Punjab state in India. This city was founded by Guru Ram Das in 1574 on land bought by him for 700 rupees from the owners of the village of Tung. Earlier Guru Ram Das had begun building Santokhsar Sarovar, near the village of Sultanwind in 1564 (according to one source in 1570). It could not be completed before 1588. In 1574, Guru Ram Das built his residence and moved to this place. At that time, it was known as Guru Da Chakk. (Later, it came to be known as Chakk Ram Das).

Since then this city has been known as Amritsar (after the name of the sarovar). The first stone of the foundation of the Darbar Sahib is said to have been laid by Sain Mian Mir Sahib, a Muslim saint from Punjab, at Guru Arjun Dev's request. A story in Sikh lore tells of a mason who then corrected the stone's alignment and was chided by Guru Arjun Dev for doing so with the Saint stating that the re-alignment was symbolic of the complex being continually attacked and rebuilt. Masons worked on laying the foundation on January 3, 1588.

### *Places to see during Amritsar city tour:*

#### *Golden temple Amritsar*



Located in the heart of the city is the Golden Temple, the most visited tourist attraction of Amritsar. Characterized by its four entrance doors (called deoris) in all four directions and the tastefully decorated shrines, in terms of art and architecture, the Golden Temple welcomes everyone regardless of the religion or faith one follows. The stunning sanctum, shimmering in the water of the holy tank, flanked by spotlessly clean marble walkways and pavements makes it breathtakingly beautiful.



#### *Jalianwala Bagh Amritsar*

A historical monument that tells the sad story of mass killing during the independence movement in India, Jallianwala Bagh is another must visit in Amritsar. Here lies the memorial of the martyrs of the 1919 massacre by British General Dyer. Presently the place also has a park. The Martyr's Gallery is open from 9 am to 5 pm in summers and from 10 am to 4 pm during winters.

## *Durgiana Mandir Amritsar*



Amritsar also houses a wonderful temple dedicated to the Hindu goddess Durga. Easily accessible from the Golden Temple, the Durgiana Mandir also offers puja to deities of Lakshmi and Narayana. Supposedly built during the 16th century AD, the temple lies in the middle of a medium sized lake giving it a wonderful overall view. The temple, a massive structure, was built on the style of the nearby Golden Temple.



## *Wagha Border Amritsar*

One of the many nearby places to visit from Amritsar is the Wagah Border. Located on the Indo-Pakistan border, A good number of visitors come to this place to see the change of guards ceremony and the flag hoisting and lowering activities which are done with great skill and precision by the border security forces of both the countries. A site you cannot afford to miss.



## *Baba Atal Rai Tower Amritsar*

Located at a distance of few kilometers from the main town, Baba Atal Rai Tower is also a site worth visiting. It is believed that Guru Har Gobind died at this spot. Named after the son of Guru Har Gobind, this nine storied building is an important landmark of the place. Climbing on to the top gives you a panoramic view of the entire area.

The first floor of the tower houses some of the miniatures related to Guru Nanak's life and his preaching.

## *Day-1*

Departure from Dehradun by Road to Amritsar. on your arrival in Amritsar, Check into Hotel have dinner & overnight Stay in hotel.



## *Day-2*

After break-fast, Visit Jallianwala Bagh-which has a special importance attached to it with respect to India's freedom struggle On April 13, 1919. After Jallianwala Bagh Visit Golden Temple the holiest shrines for the Sikhs. After Golden Temple back to the hotel. Evening is free to Explore interesting shopping destinations.



## *Day-3*

After Break-fast visit Maharaja Ranjit Singh's Summer Palace Museum- The summer place of Maharaja Ranjit Singh which is situated in the heart of Ram Bagh, Amritsar, have lunch & relax. Then 4 Pm visit Wagah Border which is famous for its 'Retreat' ceremony at the time of sunset. During evening armed

soldiers, both Indian as well as Pakistani, fully decked in their uniform enacts a particularly hostile parade marked by lowering of their respective flags and closing the border gates. Back to Hotel for Dinner & overnight Stay.



### *Day-4*

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed to Dehradun



