

GURU YATRA OF PAKISTAN GURDAWARAS

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Pakistan, especially Punjab is exclusively blessed as the homeland of Gurus and Pirs and also proud to claim as founding place of Sikh religion. Today's Pakistan is blessed with rich heritage of Sikh religion, the most sacred Gurdwaras located in today's Punjab of Pakistan fully justify the land of Punjab to be called as "Pak aur Pawittar Dharti".

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Pakistan Gurdwara

<u>Gurdwara Janam Asthan (Nankana Sahib)</u> गुरुद्वारा जनम अस्थान

Gurdwara Nankana (Janam Asthan) is built at the site of Guru

Nanak Dev's birthplace and childhood home. Gurdwara Janam Asthan the shrine representing the home of Mehta Kalyan Dass and Mata Tripta, father and mother respectively of Guru Nanak Dev, where the Guru was born, was established by Baba Dharam Chand (1523-1618) son of Baba Lakhmi Das



and grandson of Guru Nanak Dev. The Shrine must have been established before the end of the sixteenth century because Guru Arjan Dev(1563-1606) is belived to have visited it. The Present Gurdwara, built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh, includes a domed sanctum with an attached rectangular pavllion, surrounded by a vast walled compound.

Gurdwara Panja Sahib

गुरुद्वारा पांजा साहिब

Gurdwara Panja Sahib is situated at Hasan Abdal, 48 km from Rawalpindi in Pakistan. This is one of the most holy places of Sikhism because it marks the spot where the founder of the faith, Guru Nanak Dev visited and instilled an important lesson for his adherents. Still visible is the sacred rock with the hand



print of Guru Nanak. The word "Panja" in Punjabi means an "outstretched palm" from the word "panj" which means "five".

Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur

गुरुद्वारा दरबार साहिब करतारपुर

Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib is located in town by the same name Kartarpur (Ravi) in Pakistan. The nearest town on the indian side of the border is Dera Baba Nanak (1km. from Border) in the district of Gurdaspur. The Shrine is located about 3 kms from the Indo-Pakistan border.



The original abode established by Guru Nanak was washed away by floods of the river Ravi and the present Gurdwara was established by Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

When Guru Nanak departed for his heavenly abode. Hindus and Muslims disagreed on how to perform the last rites. The Hindus as per their tradition wanted to carry out a cremation while the Muslims wanted to carry out a burial. A samadh (Hindu tradition) lies in the Gurdwara and a grave (according to Muslim tradiitons) lies on the premises as a reminder of this discord.

<u>Gurdwara Dera Sahib</u> गुरुद्वारा डेरा साहिब

Gurdwara Dera Sahib is situated opposite Lahore Fort near Badshahi Mosque. This is the place where Sat Gur Arjun Dev Ji was martyred in the River Ravi facing the tortures inflicted by Chandu on 30th May 1606 AD. The site where Guru Arjun Dev was martyred a Thara (platform) Sahib was built at by



Guru Hargobind Ji in Samvat 1619 when he came to Lahore visiting Gur Asthans. Later Maharaja Ranjit Singh constructed a building of the Gurdwara.

<u>Gurdwara Rori Sahib</u> गुरुद्वारा रोरी साहिब

Gurdwara Rori Sahib is the sacred shrine which marks the site where, according to tradition, Guru Nanak after the destruction of the town had stayed with Bhai Lalo, Here the Guru had to sit and lie on o hard bed of pebbles (small stones)(ror-ree in Punjabi) as alluded to in Bhai Gurdas Varan. When the armies



of Babar entered Punjab in 1521. Guru Nanak Dev was present in Eminabad. At the time of capture of Eminabad, many locals were arrested, among whom was Guru Nanak Dev Ji. At the time of the arrest, Guru Nanak was sitting on the pebbles and was busy in his prayers. The Gurdwara stands at the place of pebbles.

<u>Gurdwara Chakki Sahib</u> गुरुद्वारा चक्की साहिब

Gurdwara Chakki Sahib, at Eminabad is located where a large milestones was kept which was once used by Guru Nanak. In the Janamsakhis, it is mentioned that Guru Nanak Dev was taken as a prisoner along with thousand of his fellow countrymen by Babar's men.



Baba ji was, along with many of his fellow prisoners, forced to grind corn with hand-driven chakkis (millstones). His captors were surprised to see that the millstones used by Guru Nanak was turning by itself, while Baba ji was simply pouring grist into the opening in the stone as he sang songs to the Glory of One God.

The Guru's songs to "One God" (the Mughals as Muslims also believed in One God) and, even more the stone's turning by itself amazed the Mughal soldiers who brought this to the immediate attention of Babar.

The present building, inside the town of Eminabad, is a simple flatroofed room with some ancillaries surrounded by a brick paved compound.

<u>Gurdwara Khuhi Bhai Lalo</u> गुरुद्वारा खुही भाई लालो

Gurdwara Khuhi Bhai Lalo ji: Bhai Lalo was a carpenter living at Eminabad during the 1500's. Guru Nanak Dev, the founder Guru of the Sikhs stayed with



him on several occasions. Bhai Lalo's house became a dharmsal (a place where dharam is taught and learnt), meeting place for local followers of the Guru, and was later developed into Gurdwara which was named after a "khulhi" (narrow well) which existed even when the old house had crumbled.

Gurdwara Kiara Sahib गुरुद्वारा कीड़ा साहिब

Gurdwara Kiara Sahib is situated at a distance of one and half kilometers from Gurdwara Janam Asthan. According to Janam Sakhi, when Guru Nanak was yet a young man, he was sent to graze cattle. While resting underneath a shady tree, Guru was immersed in thoughts and the cattle went astray in the fields of



a farmer. A boundary wall and a sacovar has been built around the whole field. Before obtaining the management of this Gurdwara by the panth in February 1921, a trio consisting of Mahant Fauja Singh, Mahant Ujjagar Singh and Mahantani Inder Kaur, was managing the affairs of this Gurdwara. After the partition of 1947, This Gurdwara came under the Pakistan Waqf Board. The holy tank is dry and Sri Guru Granth Sahib is not opened ceremoniously.

<u>Gurdwara Malji Sahib</u> गुरुद्वारा मालजी साहिब

Gurdwara Malji Sahib, Kanganpur is situated in the large town of kanganpur, in Kasur District of West Punjab, (Pakistan).

When Sat Guru Nanak Dev Ji (1469-1539), the founder of Sikhism came to establish this town, in the Nakka region, the local people did not let him settle and

pelted stones at him. At this Sat Guru said to these people "Wasdey Raho" (be settled) and departed from here. The Wan tree under which Guru Sahib had stayed was known by the Name of Malji Sahib. This tree is still there.

<u>Gurdwara Sacha Sauda</u> गुरुद्वारा सच्चा सौदा

Gurdwara Sahib Sacha Sauda, at Chuharkana in Sheikhupura district of Pakistan, celebrates a popularly told event from the life of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Ji.

Guru Nanak as a young man was sent by his father Mehta Kalu, who was hoping to instill a sense of business in

his son, to buy some goods which he cold return homw with, then sell and make a profit.

At least that was Mehta Kalu's plan but along the way to his destination, the young Nanak came across sadhus who were hungry and without food. The Guru to be decided to use the sum his father had given him(a sum of Rs. 20) with which to provide a meal, a langar for the Sadhus. Returning home without any purchase Mehta Kalu was very annoyed. But young Nanak explained to his

father that as he saw it he had done a very good deed, feeding the starving Sadhus, and gaining the best profit one could gain from the money. It would not be the last time that Mehta Kalu would worry over his son.

On the Spot where Guru Nanak Dev fed tha Sadhus, now stands a magnificent Gurdwara that was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh, on the pattern of a fortress.

Itinerary

<u>Day 1</u>

Flights from London Heathrow to Lahore, Receive the group and transfer to Hotel in Lahore. Dinner and Overnight stay at 4-Star Hotel.

<u>Day 2</u>

7 am leave for Islamabad via GT-Road and visiting Rohri Sahib, Chaki Shaib, Khushi Bhai Lalo Ji at Eminabad, Dinner & Night stay at 4-Star Hotel.

<u>Day 3</u>

8 am After Breakfast, visit of Panja Sahib, at Hasanabdal and back to Islamabad, Afternoon visit to local sites in Islamabad.

<u>Day 4</u>

6 am After Breakfast, leave for Lahore via Motorway and YATRA of Sacha Sauda and Nankana Sahib, Kiara Sahib, Malji Sahib, 6th Badshahi, Tambu Sahib, Patti Sahib, Balila Sahib and back to Lahore, Night Stay at 4-Star Hotel.

<u>Day 5</u>

8 am, Full day visit of local Gurdwaras in Lahore, i-e Singh Sinhian, Pai Taru Singh, Janam Astan Guru Ram Das Ji, Deara Sahib & Lahore Fort, Night Stay at 4-Star Hotel.

<u>Day 6</u>

7 am, Leave for the yatra of KartarPura, and back to Lahore, Afternoon visit Anaarkali Bazar and Night Stay at 4-Star Hotel.

<u>Day 7</u>

7 am, After Breakfast, full day around Lahore.

<u>Day 8</u>

8 am, Visit of Lahore and full day shopping at Anar Kali Bazar in Lahore. Dinner and Night Stay at 4-Star Hotel.

<u>Day 9</u>

Departure for London (As per planned by the group)

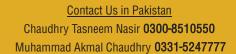
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