

# GOLDEN TEMPLE - AMRITSAR -

**EXPLORE** 

**DREAM** 

**DISCOVER** 

## **TOUCHDOWN**





"There are some parts of the world that, once visited, get into your heart and won't go. For me, India is such a place. When I first visited, I was stunned by the richness of the land, by its lush beauty and exotic architecture, by its ability to overload the senses with the pure, concentrated intensity of its colors, smells, tastes, and sounds. It was as if all my life I had been seeing the world in black and white and, when brought face-to-face with India, experienced everything re-rendered in brilliant technicolor."

-- Keith Bellows, National Geographic



### Day 1 – Jaipur / Amritsar

Take a afternoon flight for Amritsar via Delhi.

Flight- Al 492 @1330 Hours from Jaipur reaches Delhi @ 1430 Hours Al 16 @1655 Hours from Delhi reaches Amritsar @ 1820 Hours

On arrival at Amritsar, Transfer to hotel and check-in at hotel.

The city of Amritsar is synonymous with the Mecca of the Sikh faith – the Golden Temple. It stands as a beacon of faith in the middle of a busy bustling city that is also a major commercial centre of Northern India. A whole world of turn-of-the-century architecture, chaotic streets and peaceful lagoons wait to be discovered in this city of living history.

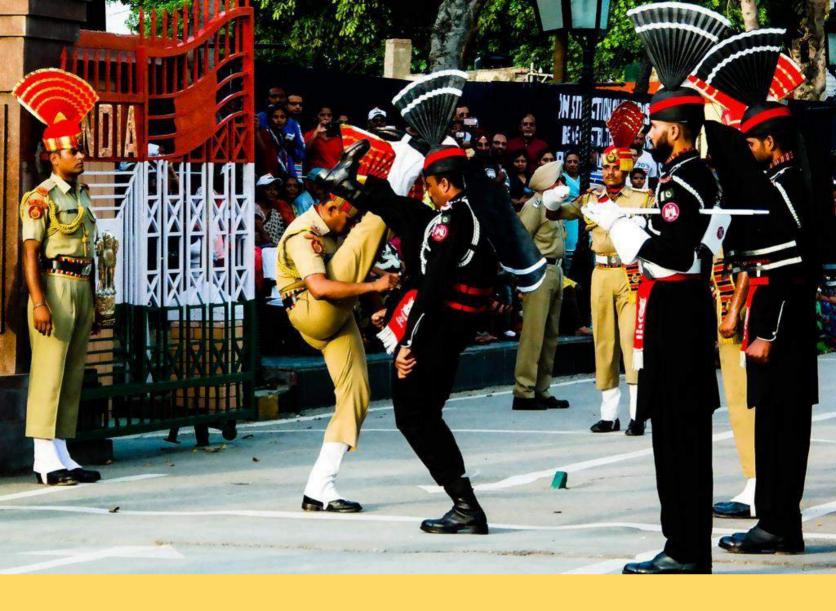
#### Overnight in Amritsar



#### Day 2 - In Amritsar

Begin the day by a visit to the pristine Harmandir Sahib or Golden Temple - the sacred shrine of the Sikhs, which attracts people of all faiths from around the world. The entire city was founded by Ram Das, the fourth Sikh Guru, while excavating the holy tank that is at the centre of the shrine complex. The temple, which is done up in gold and marble, is truly a sight to behold. It houses a huge copy of the sacred text – the Guru Granth Sahib that Sikhs consider their Guru.

The next stop is the nearby Jallianwala Bagh, where you can pay your respects to the martyrs of the Indian freedom struggle. During the British rule in India, General Dyer opened fire on innocent people at this very place in April, 1913, causing a massacre and huge national outcry. It is now a moving memorial park, with its walls that bear the bullet marks of the tragedy.



#### **Afternoon excursion to Wagah Border**

Travel in comfort to the Wagah border, a trip that brings history to life. Enjoy the spectacle as the sun sets over the Wagah border – the line that divides India and Pakistan in Punjab. For many decades now, every evening, soldiers from both sides lower their respective country flags and walk through no man's land into each other's territories. The pomp and show attracts many spectators from across the country and patriotic fervour runs high. You can instantly feel the emotional connection as people from both sides share stories of their common ancestry and how their families were divided during partition.

#### **Overnight in Amritsar**



Day 3 - Amritsar / Delhi

Take a morning flight for Delhi.

Flight- 9W 795 @1000 Hours from Amritsar reaches Delhi @ 1125 Hours

On arrival at Delhi, Transfer to hotel and check-in at hotel.

Delhi is a city built and re-built seven times over several centuries. The capital city today marries the quaint and unique elements of different historical eras with the pace of the bustling, growing economy. At every turn of the road, the past and the present coexist.

Afternoon free for shopping.

#### **Overnight in Delhi**



Day 4 - Delhi + Late Evening Departure

We start our journey with the old part of the town, with the Jama Masjid as the first stop. The Jama Masjid – is the largest mosque in India and has been standing tall for more than 350 years, commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, the builder of the Taj Mahal.

Take a short ride on a cycle rickshaw through the shopping street that runs from the Fatehpuri Mosque to the western edge of the old city, is Delhi's bustling wholesale spice market. Huge sacks of herbs and spices are still brought to the wholesalers on long, narrow barrows pushed by laborers, and there are eye-catching displays of everything from lentils and rice to giant jars of chutneys, pickles, nuts and tea.



We now head to the newer parts of the city, but which still hide historical wonders in its folds. The first stop, Humayun's Tomb, is the first Persian-style garden-tomb to be built in India.

We now move to the area where modern India's seeds were first sown. A drive down the Raj Path (the royal path) takes you to the India Gate, a majestic monument commemorating the contribution of Indian soldiers who laid down their lives for the British Empire's army fighting in World War I.

We go further back into history in our next stop, the Qutub Minar, the tallest free-standing tower in the world. Built in several phases between the 12th and 15th Centuries, the Minar was first commissioned by Qutbuddin Aibak, a Turkic king from north-western India.



Evening in time transfer to Delhi airport to board your onward flight.

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