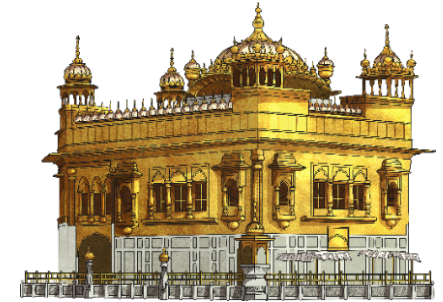




Sikhism



Sikhs worship together in the gurdwara. The word gurdwara means 'door to the Guru'.

Key Vocabulary

Sikhism	One of the world's main religions.
Sikh	Someone who follows Sikhism.
Guru	Spiritual teacher.
Guru Nanak	The founder of Sikhism.
gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship.
Guru Granth Sahib	The Sikh holy text.
rumala	A special cloth that is used to cover the Sikh holy book.

Shoes must be removed and hair covered before entering the main prayer hall to worship. Men and women sit cross-legged on opposite sides, facing the Guru Granth Sahib.



Holy Book

The Guru Granth Sahib is the Sikh holy book. It contains the messages of all the Gurus. It is covered by a rumala when not in use. Guru Angad Dev perfected the phonetic Gurmukhi script because there was no formal written language for the people of the Punjab. This was very important in creating the Guru Granth Sahib.

Sikh Weddings

Sikhs marriages are called Anand karaj which means ceremony of bliss. Lavan is a hymn sung at a Sikh wedding, written by the fourth Guru, Guru Ram Das.