

### AN ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO PANJAB FOR CHRISTIAN/SIKH LEARNING

### **GROUP LED BY REVD DR INDERJIT BHOGAL**

## Thursday 25th September - Wednesday 08th October 2025

The pilgrimage will be led by the Revd. Inderjit Bhogal a former President of the British Methodist Conference.

It is intended also to be a significant contribution to inter-religious meetings and dialogue at a more general level. Sikh and Christian will meet and share their faith convictions, exploring points of similarity and difference, and for Christians to reflect on the challenges of living your faith in a multifaith context.

The pilgrimage will include time in Delhi, Agra for a visit to Taj Mahal, a visit to Rampur the birth place of Sadhu Sundar Singh, and Amritsar with a visit to Harmandir Sahib (also known as the Golden Temple), a conference on Christian/Sikh dialogue, and a visit to the India/Pakistan border. There will also be a short retreat in Dalhousie in the foothills of the Himalayas. Above all, the pilgrimage will give Christians the opportunity to stand on the holiest ground of the Sikh faith and to explore their own faith under the spotlight of Sikhism.

It is hoped that there will also be opportunity for meetings with Government representatives to talk about the religious profile of a richly diverse country and the particular contribution of Christianity to it.

The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal will act as the spiritual guide and interpreter, leading the participants in their own spiritual pilgrimage. His Christian understanding of Sikhism is not that of an outsider, but a reflection of his own cultural background.

The pilgrimage will attract wider interest and there is expected to be some media involvement. It is a unique opportunity and early booking is recommended.

#### THE ITINERARY

**DAY 1: THURSDAY** 

25TH SEPTEMBER 2025 TO DELHI

Fly Heathrow airport to Delhi by British Airways BA0257 Departure 18:50

**DAY 2: FRIDAY** 

26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 DELHI

Early Morning arrival in Delhi at 08:05. Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel. Afternoon guided tour of New Delhi.

Stay at The Park. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

**DAY 3: SATURDAY** 

27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 DAY IN AGRA, VISIT TAJ MAHAL

Travel by fast Train Gatiman Express to Agra. Day sightseeing in Agra. Lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Delhi by Gatiman Express.

Stay at The Park. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

**DAY 4: SUNDAY** 

28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 DELHI

Church service at Delhi's Cathedral Church of the Redemption and interaction with Church of North India.

Stay at The Park. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

**DAY 5: MONDAY** 

29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 TO LUDHIANA

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to New Delhi station to board Swarn Shatabadi for Ludhiana Dep. 16:50/ Arri. 18:50 by Executive chair car. Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel.

Stay at Hyatt Regency. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

**DAY 6: TUESDAY** 

30TH SEPTEMBER 2025 DRIVE TO RAMPUR TO THE VILLAGE OF SADHU SUNDAR SINGH

Day visit to the village of Sadhu Sundar Singh-Rampur (45 minutes driving time- each way). Packed Lunch. Return to Ludhiana.

Stay at Hyatt Regency. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025

**TO AMRITSAR** 

Drive to Amritsar (5 hours driving time), via Taran Taran. Packed Lunch. Check-in at hotel. Optional visit to Central Sikh Museum.

Stay at Hyatt Amritsar. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

DAY 8: THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2025

VISIT GOLDEN TEMPLE AND JALIANWALA BAGH

Sightseeing tour of Amritsar visiting Golden Temple & Jalianwala Bagh.

Stay at Hyatt Amritsar. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

DAY 9: FRIDAY
3RD OCTOBER 2025 VISIT LOCAL VILLAGE CHURCH PROJECTS

Visits for engagement with village Church life and work. Packed lunch Optional evening visit to Wagah Border ceremony.

Stay at Hyatt Amritsar. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

DAY 10: SATURDAY
4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 DRIVE TO BATALA FOR SIKH/CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE IN BARING COLLEGE

Drive to Batala (1 hour driving time- one way) for conference at Baring Union Christian College. Return to Amritsar.

Stay at Hyatt Amritsar. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

DAY 11: SUNDAY
5TH OCTOBER 2025 WORSHIP IN CHURCHES IN AMRITSAR AND DRIVE TO DALHOUSIE

Morning at St Paul's Church in Amritsar. Later drive to Dalhousie (5 hours driving time). Check-in at retreat house (hostel accommodation).

Stay in CNI Retreat House. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

DAY 12: MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 DALHOUSIE RETREAT

Day of reflection and retreat.

Stay in CNI Retreat House. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

# DAY 13: TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2025 DRIVE TO AMRITSAR AND FLY TO DELHI

Early morning departure, transfer to Amritsar airport to board the flight for Delhi by Air India AI 462 Dep. 14:45/ Arr. 15:50. Meet & assistance on arrival and transfer to airport hotel. Check-in at hotel.

Stay at Ibis New Delhi Aerocity. Meals: Breakfast - Dinner

**DAY 14: TUESDAY** 

8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 TO LONDON

Morning transfer to Delhi airport to board the British Airways flight BA 256 for London Dep. 10:05/Arrive 15:15.

**Meals Breakfast** 

# Tour Cost

The cost per person sharing a twin or double room £3000.00 Single room supplement £790.00

# **Cost Includes:**

International air fare on direct British Airways flight in economy class Internal flights with 23kg checked in baggage & 7 Kg Cabin baggage Hotel accommodation with private facilities

Daily breakfast and dinner

Lunch at local restaurants and packed lunch as mentioned in the itinerary

All transfers and sightseeing by an airconditioned coach Services of a local English-speaking guide for sightseeing arrangements Entry fee to monuments and places of interest mentioned in the itinerary Complimentary mineral water while travelling and when on sightseeing 100% protection of payment by our ATOL & ABTA Licenses

## Cost does not include:

Visa fee for India. E-tourist visa is available for India online Travel Insurance Any expenses of a personal nature