

Sikh wedding timeline (Anand Karaj)

Date: July 22, 2026

Timeline

08:30 – 09:00 Baraat Arrival

The groom arrives with his family and friends amidst joyful music and dhol drumming. Guests gather outside the Gurdwara to warmly greet the procession.

Location: Gurdwara Main Entrance

09:00 – 09:30 Milni Ceremony

Key male relatives from both families meet and exchange floral garlands and hugs to mark the union of two families. A brief prayer is recited to bless the meeting.

Location: Gurdwara Foyer

09:30 – 10:00 Morning Tea and Refreshments

Guests enjoy hot Punjabi chai, samosas, and Indian sweets before entering the sanctuary. This provides an opportunity for extended family members to socialise.

Location: Gurdwara Langar Hall

10:00 – 10:30 Kirtan and Assembly

Guests cover their heads, remove their shoes, and take their seats on the floor of the main hall. Devotional hymns are sung by ragis to set a solemn and uplifting tone.

Location: Main Darbar Sahib

10:30 – 11:30 Anand Karaj Ceremony

The bride and groom complete the four Lavan hymns, circling the Guru Granth Sahib clockwise with each verse. The sacred ritual formalises their spiritual marriage as equal partners.

Location: Main Darbar Sahib

11:30 – 12:00 Ardas and Karah Parshad

The congregation stands together for the final standing prayer followed by the reading of the Hukamnama. Warm, sacred Karah Parshad is then distributed to all attendees.

Location: Main Darbar Sahib

12:00 – 13:00 Langar Meal

All guests sit together on the floor to enjoy a traditional vegetarian meal served by community volunteers. This tradition highlights equality, humility, and community service.

Location: Gurdwara Langar Hall

13:15 – 14:00 Family Portraits

The newly married couple takes formal group photographs with immediate and extended family members. Photographers capture cherished memories in the Gurdwara courtyard.

Location: Gurdwara Courtyard

14:30 – 15:00 Doli Ceremony

The bride bids an emotional farewell to her family before departing for her new home. Family members offer blessings and throw rice as the couple leaves in the wedding car.

Location: Bride's Family Residence

18:30 – 19:15 Reception Cocktail Hour

Guests gather for evening drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and socialising at the reception venue. Soft instrumental music welcomes everyone to the evening festivities.

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

19:30 – 20:15 Speeches and Cake Cutting

Family members and close friends share heartwarming speeches and toasts in honor of the newlyweds. The couple cuts their multi-tiered wedding cake following the speeches.

Location: Grand Ballroom

20:15 – 21:15 Gala Dinner

A lavish buffet featuring an array of North Indian dishes and desserts is opened for all guests. Background music plays as attendees enjoy their meal.

Location: Grand Ballroom

21:15 – 23:00 Bhangra and Open Dancing

High-energy Bhangra tracks and international hits fill the dance floor for an unforgettable celebration. A live DJ keeps the momentum going until the end of the night.

Location: Grand Ballroom Dance Floor