

Amritsar

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Amritsar, founded in 1577 by Ramdas, the fourth Sikh guru, is the major city of Punjab and the most important religious center for Sikhs. City name means "the pond filled with nectar," and refers to the lake, over which was built the Golden Temple.

Amritsar although he is not actually anything different from typical Indian city, the temple is a place very beautiful and full of peace. Area under the buildings of the town appointed Akbar the Great Mogul. In 1761 Ahmad Shah Durrani, the Amritsar plundered and destroyed the temple. Its reconstruction began in 1764 In 1802 the dome was covered with gilded copper plate design Rajit Sinhga, because the reconstructed building was called the Golden Temple. The riots accompanying the division of India (in 1947) did not avoid the Amritsar. To place here have launched a series of bloody incidents of tragic events in the entire Punjab. To re-erode the political situation in Punjab was in the early 80s Sikhijscy extremists claiming driven out of the population of origin other than a Sikh, had rushed to the Golden Temple and left it only after ending bloody invasion of India in 1984, carried out at the behest of Indiry Gandhi. The event was one of the reasons for the murder Indiry Gandhi, who died at the hands of his security agents - Sikhs. The temple was occupied by extremists again in 1986 to today, but managed to repair almost any damage caused by tanks and troops. After several years of turbulence sentiment fortunately calmed down. Sikhs are rightly proud of their city and temple, and tourists still enjoy their hospitality and friendliness. Amritsar Old Town, located southeast of the main railway station, surrounded by the road, around which rose once massive city walls. Of the eighteen entrance gates, only one remembers the times of founding of the city. It is the north gate, located opposite the Ram Bagh. Both the Golden Temple, and the narrow streets of the bazaar can be found in the Old Town. More modern buildings Amritsar stretches northeast from the station. In this part of town is where most hotels. Bus station is located on the way to Delhi, 2 km east from the railway station at the GT Road.