

Sikh Wedding Ceremony

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The sacred wedding ceremony takes place inside a Gurdwara (Sikh temple). To respect the sanctity of the space, please review the following guidelines for attire and etiquette.



Core Gurdwara Etiquette

- ✦ **Head Coverings:** Everyone (men, women, and children) must cover their head at all times in the prayer hall.
Women: Use a dupatta or long scarf.
Men: Use a rumaal (headscarf) or turban. Caps and hats are not permitted.
- ✦ **Floor Seating:** Guests will sit cross-legged on the carpeted floor for 60–90 minutes. Please ensure your outfit allows you to sit comfortably.
- ✦ **Shoes Off:** Shoes must be removed before entering the prayer area. You may wear clean socks or go barefoot.
- ✦ **Modesty:** Shoulders, chests, and knees should be fully covered. Avoid sheer fabrics or high slits.



Color Palette

Encouraged: Bright and festive colors! Jewel tones, pastels, pinks, oranges, blues, and yellows.

Avoid: Solid Black or White (traditionally associated with mourning) and solid Red (typically reserved for the bride).



Women's Attire

Traditional South Asian attire is encouraged, but modest Western formalwear is also welcome.

- ✦ **Salwar Kameez / Punjabi Suit:** A long tunic worn over loose trousers. The most practical choice for sitting on the floor.
- ✦ **Anarkali Suit:** A frock-style long tunic with slim bottoms (churidar). Offers a formal, gown-like look.
- ✦ **Sharara / Palazzo Set:** A shorter tunic paired with wide-leg pants.
- ✦ **Lehenga Choli:** A long skirt and blouse. Ensure the blouse is modest and your midriff is covered.
- ✦ **Western Options:** A floor-length maxi dress with sleeves or a loose formal pantsuit. You must bring a separate scarf to cover your head.



Men's Attire

Men may wear traditional garments or a standard western suit.

- ✦ **Kurta Pajama:** A knee-length tunic worn over lightweight drawstring trousers.
- ✦ **Nehru Jacket:** A sleeveless vest worn over a kurta for a more formal look.
- ✦ **Western Suit:** A classic suit and tie. *Tip:* Ensure your trousers are not too tight, as you will need to sit cross-legged.
- ✦ **Head Covering:** You can wear a turban or a simple headscarf (rumaal). Most Gurdwaras provide simple head coverings, but you may bring a large handkerchief to tie.



Final Tips

Footwear: Wear shoes that are easy to slip on and off (like loafers, sandals, or juttis).

Leg Awareness: When sitting in the prayer hall, sit cross-legged. Never stretch your feet out towards the holy book (Guru Granth Sahib) at the front of the room.