

# Sikh Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 34 items · 10 sections

Plan every step of the Anand Karaj, from Gurudwara booking to Doli farewell.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/sikh-wedding-checklist>

## 12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Book Gurudwara for Anand Karaj ceremony  
**HIGH**
- Arrange Granthi (Sikh priest) to perform the Anand Karaj  
**HIGH**
- Book reception venue for evening celebration  
**HIGH**
- Set overall wedding budget for all events  
**HIGH**

## 9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book photographer and videographer for all multi-day events  
**HIGH**
- Shop for bridal outfit: traditional salwar kameez, lehenga, or patiala suit  
**HIGH**
- Arrange groom's traditional sherwani or kurta pajama with turban  
**HIGH**
- Book makeup artist and hair stylist for multiple events  
**HIGH**
- Book Mehendi artist for bride and bridal party  
**HIGH**
- Book traditional catering for Gurudwara langar and reception dinner  
**HIGH**

## 6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book dholi (dhol drummer) for Baraat arrival procession  
**HIGH**
- Book Bhangra and Gidda performers for reception entertainment

- Book kirtan singers (Ragis) for Gurudwara ceremony if required
- Send formal wedding invitations

HIGH

### 4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Plan Dholki evenings: singing, dancing, pre-wedding family celebration
- Plan Chunni ceremony: blessing of bride with chunni (headscarf)
- Arrange traditional chooda (red bangles) ceremony for bride
- Arrange kalire (gold/silver ornaments hung on chooda) for bride
- Arrange traditional jewelry (gold, kundan, temple sets)

HIGH

- Plan Milni ceremony: formal meeting of families with flower garlands

### 2-4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Arrange head covering (rumaal or chunni) for all guests at Gurudwara
- Confirm guests remove shoes before entering Gurudwara: arrange shoe storage

HIGH

HIGH

- Confirm all fittings for bridal and groom attire

HIGH

- Finalize RSVPs for all events

HIGH

- Plan Doli (bride's farewell from parents' home) ceremony

HIGH

### 1-2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Arrange Ardas (prayer) to be offered before and after the ceremony
- Confirm Lavaan (four rounds of Guru Granth Sahib) ceremony details with Granthi

HIGH

HIGH

- Obtain civil marriage license

HIGH

### PRE-WEDDING EVENTS

- Complete Dholki evenings and Mehendi night

## WEDDING DAY

- Complete Anand Karaj: four Lavaan around Guru Granth Sahib  
**HIGH**
- Serve langar (community meal) at Gurudwara following ceremony  
**HIGH**
- Perform Doli ceremony: emotional farewell for bride from her family  
**HIGH**

## RECEPTION

- Host evening reception with Bhangra DJ and dinner  
**HIGH**

## AFTER WEDDING

- Register Anand Karaj with civil authorities for legal certificate  
**HIGH**