

# Steps to be Taken When Booking an Anand Karaj

Gurdwara receives a request to book an Anand Karaj

The Anand Karaj should be provisionally booked

Both partners invited to meeting to receive information, resources and guidance regarding Sikhi, Anand Karaj and Grist Jeevan

Both partners given time to reflect, research and seek clarifications

Both partners invited to further meeting and asked whether they understand the information and to sign a declaration confirming they are a Sikh?

The partners both agree to sign the declaration

Where both partners of Sikh origin the Anand Karaj booking should be

Where one or both of the partners of non-Sikh origin Gurdwara to arrange for Ardas to be said welcoming into Sikh faith and the Anand Karaj booking should be confirmed. The non-Sikh partner should arrange to insert Singh / Kaur into name.

One or both of partners do not agree to sign the declaration

Anand Karaj booking should not be confirmed

The couple should be given option of returning to Gurdwara following marriage for Ardas to be said for their future well-being as a married couple. This can be done with all family and friends present and can be accompanied by appropriate paath and Langar service and will serve to maintain contact with Sikhi heritage and encourage children to be brought up as Sikhs.