

Sikh Heritage Month

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Sikh Heritage Month in BC is an annual event that takes place every April to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Sikh Canadians to the province's cultural, economic, and social fabric.

Since the arrival of the first Sikh immigrants in the late 19th century, this community has helped make Canada a more diverse and inclusive society.

The values of equality, humility, generosity and compassion are core principles of Sikhism (Sikhi).



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Vaisakhi has traditionally been a harvest festival across South Asia but it holds a deep spiritual meaning for Sikhs around the globe, including in BC.

On Vaisakhi Day in 1699, the Khalsa, a community of initiated Sikhs, was established by the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Surrey and Vancouver celebrate Vaisakhi with some of the largest Nagar Kirtans outside of India.

Nagar Kirtans are Sikh processions which consist of singing hymns and displaying martial arts through the streets with free food available for all.



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