

THE HAJJ

For Muslims, Hajj is the fifth & final Pillar of Islam. It takes Place in the month of Dhul Hijjah which is the twelve month of islamic lunar calendar. Hajj officially begins on 8th of Dhul Hijjah and last for five days.





Being a Muslim, Faith on five pillars of Islam is very important. These five pillars are:

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| 1. Shahada (Oneness of ALLAH) | 2. Salah (Prayers) | 4. Zakat (Charity) |
| | 3. Sawm (Fasting) | 5. Hajj (To make Pilgrimage) |

Hajj is the 5th significant pillar of Islam. It is obligatory for every Muslim to perform this annual pilgrimage (HAJJ) to Makkah once in a lifetime if he is not restrained physically and financially. The history of hajj roots around 2000BC when ALLAH ordered Prophet Ibrahim to leave his wife Hazrat Hajra and son Hazrat Ismail alone in the deserts of Makkah. In the middle of deserts under the burning sun, Hazrat Ismail felt thirsty. Being a mother of a child, Hazrat Hajra desperately ran between the mountains of Safa and Marwa in a search of water but all in vain. Suddenly, she saw the baby scratching the ground with his feet and water fountain sprang forth underneath his foot. Later Prophet Ibrahim was commanded by ALLAH to build Kaaba at this Place and invite people to pilgrimage there. Hajj started from that day entailed with the number of rituals to be performed from 8th Zil Hajj (the last Islamic Month) to 12th Zil Hajj according to the Islamic calendar.



❖ TYPES OF HAJJ ❖

Hajj Tamattu	Performing Umrah and Hajj with a separate Ihram for Each
Hajj Qiran	Combining Umrah and Hajj in same Ihram
Hajj Ifrad	Only Hajj

The people outside of Saudi Arabia Usually perform Hajj Tamattu. The pilgrims wear Ihram for Umrah and perform Umrah first. Then they put on their ordinary dress and on 8th Zil Hajj then, they put on Ihram for Hajj and perform the rites of Hajj. It (the Ihram) is then taken off on the day of Sacrifice (Qurbani).

The Umrah (For First 8 Steps of Umrah [Click Here](#))

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ ۝

In the Name of Allah, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah. O, Allah! I ask for Your favor from you

Umrah Completed

- Once the hair is trim or shaved – Umrah is completed.
- You are now free from all the restrictions of Ihram if you are performing Tamattu Hajj
- Do not perform excessive Nafil Umrah, exhaustion and tiredness may affect your Hajj.
- You can perform Nafil Umrah after completing your Hajj

Once 'Umrah is completed after doing all necessary rites, pilgrims are now free from Ihram restrictions. They wait until 8th Dhul-hijja to begin Hajj. Recommendation **Pray Nafil Salah in the Al Haram, recite Qur'an and make Tawaf only.**

Step 9 - 8 Zil-Hijjah (Traveling to Mina)

Preparations for Hajj

- Get cleaned – take shower, comb hair, cut nails and trim mustache etc.
- You may be asked to travel to Mina on the night of 7th Zil-Hijjah to avoid the haste (This is permissible).

Optional

- You may perform 2 Raka'a Nafil with Sura Kafirun and Ikhlas (After wearing the Ihram) and may perform a Nafil Tawaf.

Sunaah

- Pray Fajr and then start your journey to Mina on 8th Zil-Hijjah, keep praying Talbiyah, Dua's and Dhikr etc.

- Young and healthy can walk to Mina (5 miles, approx. 3 hours)
 - Wearing Ihram FARD
- Make Niyah for Hajj (according to the type of Hajj you are performing Ifrad, Qiran or Tamattu).

Niyah for Tamattu Hajj

Once 'Umrah is completed after doing all necessary rites, pilgrims are now free from Ihram restrictions. They wait until 8th Dhul-hijja to begin Hajj. Pilgrims who intended for Tammattu now utter their second part of Niyah – that is the Hajj.

Niyah for Hajj (i.e. part two) is as follows

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ حَجًّا

“O Allah here I am performing Hajj.”

Niyah for Qiran Hajj

Qiran Hajj also consists of two parts but there is no break in between two parts. Here 'Umrah and Hajj are performed with one Niyah. Therefore, pilgrims who make intention for Hajj Qiran remain in the state of Ihram even after completing their 'Umrah until the Hajj is completed.

لَبَّيْكَ عُمْرَةً وَحَجًّا

“O Allah here I am performing 'Umrah and Hajj.”

Niyah for Ifrad Hajj

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ حَجًّا

“O Allah here I am performing Hajj.”

POINT TO NOTE: Menstruating and post-natal bleeding women must do Niyah and enter into the state of Ihram before crossing the Miqat as others regardless of their situation. More on this discussed in the section entitled ‘Hajj of a Woman.’

Start praying Talbiyah

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ - لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ
إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ - لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

At Your service, Allah, at Your service. At Your service, you have no partner, at Your service. Truly all praise, favor and sovereignty is Yours; You have no partner.

- Qasr Salah in Mina
- Do not combine your Salah in Mina.
- Here you will offer remaining four Prayers (Zuhr, Asar, Maghrib and Isha) and will stay overnight in Mina.
- Spend a portion of day and night in Ibadah (Dhikr, Azkar and Istighfar)
- Make sure to have enough rest for Arafah.

Step 10 – 9 Zil-Hijjah (Arafat)

The Hajj Warning

If you miss Arafah you miss Hajj.

Early morning

Pray Fajr in Jam'ah in the tent and spend some time on Astaghfar, Dhikr and Azkar and make long Du'a until the sunrise.

Preparation and traveling to Arafat

You can travel with your group or young and healthy can walk to Arafah (9 miles approx. 4 hours). Continue reciting Talbiyah towards traveling to Arafat.

On arrival in Arafat

Arriving around Zawal – listen to the Khutb'ah in or around Nimrah Mosque and then perform the Salah of Zuhr and Asr (combined or separate) both methods are permissible.

Dua for Arafat

Keep reciting (Du'a below) until the sunset and if possible from or near Jabal Al Rahmah. Make sure the following Du'a below is recited at all time while you are in Arafat.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ
وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝

There is no god but Allah, alone, without any partner. The Kingdom and praise belong to Him and He has power over everything.

Also Recite This Dua

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ۝

(Our Lord, grant us good in this life and good in the hereafter and save us from the punishment of the Hellfire.

Between Asr and sunset

Let your heart flow while shedding tears and make sincere Tawba, Dhikr Istighfar in your own language by raising your hand (Sunnah) facing Qibla.

It is also permissible to make Dua's from the authentic book (Group Dua's not recommended) this day is between you and your Lord, no one knows what's in your heart better than you!

Step 11 – 9 Zil-Hajjah Traveling toward Muzdalifah

Maghrib Salah

DO NOT offer Maghrib in Arafah and prepare for Muzdalifah by reciting Talbiyah, Dhikr on the way. You can travel with your group or young and healthy can walk to Muzdalifah (4 ½ miles approx. 4 hours).

Upon arriving Muzdalifah

Combine Maghrib and Esha in 'Muzdalifah'.

3 Maghrib, 2 Esha and 3 Witr as Qasr (Shorten) pray with one Adhan.

Do not offer any additional prayer in between these prayers.

Blessed Night

Spend some part of the night in Ibadah, Dhikr and Azkar and try getting some rest. You are required to perform FOUR tasks on the following day.

Collecting Pebbles

You may collect 49 + 21 pebbles in Muzdalifah for the Jamarat (Pebbles can also be collected in Mina).

Step 12 – 10 Zil-Hajjah

Early morning

Offer Fajr in Jam'ah at the earliest and make long Du'a facing Qibla until dawn.

Returning to Mina

Start your journey to Mina (Sunnah after Fajr) on arrival;
leave all your belongings in the camp.

Jamarat Al-Aqabah for Stoning

Proceed for Jamarat Al-Aqabah (Big) for Stoning and
continue reciting Talbiyah.

Only one stoning today (7 pebbles required).

On reaching Jamarat Al-Aqabah Stop reciting Talbiyah and
keep Makkah to your left and Mina to your right, throw each
of the seven stones at Jamarat by reciting

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest

There is NO DU'A after stoning Jamarat. Jamarat to be complete by mid-day. Old, weak or sick can perform Ram'i a little before sunset or during the night.

Slaughtering an animal

Proceed toward slaughterhouse to sacrifice an animal.

You will have various options to slaughtering an animal
choose the option best suits you.

If you are feeling weak or tired, the sacrifice can be performed
on the 10, 11 or 12 of Zil-Hajjah.

Shaving and Trimming

Once the sacrifice is completed or confirmed, shave or trim your hair (Shaving is more rewarded).

You are permissible to wear normal clothes after the slaughtering.

Tawaf-i-Ifadah

Now proceed for Tawaf-i-Ifadah toward Al-Haram (Makkah, 45 min walk) for Tawaf and Sa'y (as explained or performed during Umrah).

This can also be performed on 10, 11 or 12 Zil-Hajjah.

Once Tawaf-I-Ifadah is completed return to Mina before sunset.

Spend time on performing maximum Ibadah throughout the Mina stay.

Step 13 – 11 Zil-Hajjah

Jamarat

Proceed toward Jamarat for stoning between Zawal (Midday) until sunset (Require 21 required).

Throw seven pebbles on the 1st Jamarat by reciting

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest

And make Du'a facing Qibla

Throw seven pebbles on the 2nd Jamarat by reciting

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest

And make Du'a facing Qibla

Throw seven pebbles on the 3rd Jamarat by reciting

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest

There is NO DU'A after stoning the 3rd Jamarat.

Step 14 – 12 Zil-Hajjah

Jamarat

Proceed toward Jamarat for stoning between Zawal (Midday)
until sunset (Require 21 required).

Throw seven pebbles on the 1st Jamarat by reciting

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest

And make Du'a facing Qibla

Throw seven pebbles on the 2nd Jamarat by reciting

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest

And make Du'a facing Qibla

Throw seven pebbles on the 3rd Jamarat by reciting

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest

There is NO DU'A after stoning the 3rd Jamarat.

Step 15 – 13 Zil-Hajjah

Returning to Makkah

Your group may decide to return to the hotel on the night of 12 Zil-Hajjah which is permissible however it is Sunnah to stay in Mina and leave next day after performing the Jamarat.

Jamarat on 13th

If you decided to stay in Mina on the 13 Zil-Hijjah, then you **MUST** perform an additional stoning on the 13 Zil-Hijjah (Wajib) before traveling to Makkah as described on step 12, 13 or 14.

Step 16 – Visiting Madinah and Ziyarah

Makkah Ziyarah

On reaching Makkah you may visit various holy sites for Ziyarah and perform Nafil Umrah for rest of your Makkah stay.

Visiting the Prophet ﷺ Mosque

Visiting Madina, the Prophet ﷺ mosque is highly encouraged but not part of Hajj. There is no authentic Hadith or reference to stay in Madinah for 40 Jam'ah in the Prophet ﷺ mosque, stay in Madina according to your time permits.

Step 17 – Tawaf al-wida (Farewell Tawaf)

Last Ritual

You must perform Tawaf al-Wida as a last ritual before leaving Makkah for Madina or coming back home. It is not permissible to stay in Makkah after performing Tawaf al-Wida unless you have a valid reason (Flight delay) etc. You only perform seven (7) Tawaf as explained on earlier tasks and there is NO Sa'ey