LEARN · HAJJ

How to perform Hajj, day by day

The fifth pillar of Islam explained simply: the three types of Hajj, what happens on each day from 8 to 13 Dhul Hijjah, and how to prepare from India.

TYPES OF HAJJ

Choose your Hajj

Tamattuʿ

Umrah first, leave Ihram, then Hajj with a new Ihram. Sacrifice is required. Most pilgrims from India perform this.

Qiran

Umrah and Hajj together in one Ihram. Sacrifice is required.

Ifrad

Hajj only. Sacrifice is not required.

DAY BY DAY

The days of Hajj

1

Before 8 Dhul Hijjah

Arrive in Makkah. Pilgrims doing Hajj Tamattuʿ (the most common from India) first perform Umrah and leave Ihram, then wait for the days of Hajj.

2

8 Dhul Hijjah — Yawm at-Tarwiyah

Enter Ihram for Hajj from your residence with the intention and Talbiyah. Go to Mina and pray Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib, Isha and the next Fajr there.

3

9 Dhul Hijjah — Day of Arafah

After sunrise, go to Arafat. Stand in worship and dua from after midday until sunset — this is the heart of Hajj. Pray Dhuhr and Asr together. After sunset, go to Muzdalifah without praying Maghrib on the way.

4

Night at Muzdalifah

Pray Maghrib and Isha together at Muzdalifah, rest under the open sky, and collect small pebbles for the stoning. Pray Fajr there and make dua until shortly before sunrise.

5

10 Dhul Hijjah — Eid al-Adha

Return to Mina. Stone the large pillar (Jamrat al-'Aqabah) with seven pebbles, saying "Allahu Akbar" with each. Then the sacrifice (Qurbani), then men shave or shorten their hair and women cut a fingertip's length. Most Ihram restrictions end.

6

Tawaf al-Ifadah and Sa'i

Go to Makkah to perform Tawaf al-Ifadah (a pillar of Hajj) and Sa'i for Hajj. After this, all Ihram restrictions end. It can be done on the 10th or the following days.

7

11–12 (and 13) Dhul Hijjah — Days of Tashriq

Stay in Mina. Each day after midday, stone all three pillars — small, middle and large — with seven pebbles each. You may leave Mina before sunset on the 12th, or stay for the 13th.

8

Farewell Tawaf (Tawaf al-Wada‘)

Before leaving Makkah, perform a final Tawaf. Women in their menses are excused.

HAJJ 1448 AH · 2027

Expected dates for Hajj 1448

Dates follow the Umm al-Qura calendar used in Saudi Arabia and may shift by a day after the moon is sighted. Always confirm with the Saudi authorities and your Hajj group.

Day	Expected date	What happens
1–7 Dhul Hijjah	Fri 7 – Thu 13 May 2027	Arrival in Makkah; Umrah for Tamattu‘ pilgrims; best ten days — fasting (except for pilgrims on Arafah), dhikr and charity
8 Dhul Hijjah · Tarwiyah	Fri 14 May 2027	Ihram for Hajj, Talbiyah, go to Mina
9 Dhul Hijjah · Arafah	Sat 15 May 2027	Standing at Arafat until sunset; night at Muzdalifah. Non-pilgrims fast this day
10 Dhul Hijjah · Eid al-Adha	Sun 16 May 2027	Stoning Jamrat al-‘Aqabah, Qurbani, shaving/trimming, Tawaf al-Ifadah and Sa‘i
11 Dhul Hijjah · Tashriq	Mon 17 May 2027	Mina; stone all three jamarat after midday
12 Dhul Hijjah · Tashriq	Tue 18 May 2027	Stone all three; you may leave Mina before sunset
13 Dhul Hijjah · Tashriq	Wed 19 May 2027	Stone all three if you stayed; Farewell Tawaf before leaving Makkah

“There is no day on which Allah frees more servants from the Fire than the Day of Arafah.” — Sahih Muslim 1348

DUAS

Talbiyah and the duas for each step

Entering Ihram · Talbiyah

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

Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am. All praise, all blessings and all sovereignty belong to You. You have no partner. (Men say it aloud; women softly. Repeat often until the stoning on the 10th.)

Sahih al-Bukhari 1549

Tawaf · at the Black Stone corner

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest — said each time you pass the corner of the Black Stone, pointing towards it if you cannot touch it.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1613

Tawaf · between the Yemeni corner and the Black Stone

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Our Lord, give us good in this world and good in the Hereafter, and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

Sunan Abi Dawud 1892 · Quran 2:201

After Tawaf · at Maqam Ibrahim

وَاتَّخِذُوا مِن مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مُصَلًّى

“And take the station of Abraham as a place of prayer.” Recite it, then pray two rak‘ahs behind the Maqam if possible.

Quran 2:125 · Sahih Muslim 1218

Sa'i · approaching Safa

إِنَّ الصَّفَا وَالْمَرْوَةَ مِن شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ

"Indeed, Safa and Marwah are among the symbols of Allah." Recited once, when first approaching Safa.

Quran 2:158 · Sahih Muslim 1218

Sa'i · on Safa and Marwah, facing the Kaaba

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ، أَنْجَزَ وَعْدَهُ، وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ، وَهَزَمَ الْأَحْزَابَ وَحْدَهُ

None has the right to be worshipped but Allah alone, with no partner; His is the dominion and the praise, and He has power over all things. None has the right to be worshipped but Allah alone; He fulfilled His promise, helped His servant and defeated the confederates alone. (Say it three times, making dua in between.)

Sahih Muslim 1218

Day of Arafah

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

"The best dua is the dua of the Day of Arafah, and the best that I and the Prophets before me said is: None has the right to be worshipped but Allah alone..." Spend the afternoon in your own duas, in any language.

Jami' at-Tirmidhi 3585 (graded hasan by several scholars)

Stoning the jamarat

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allah is the Greatest — with every pebble. After the small and middle pillars, step aside, face the Qiblah, raise your hands and make a long dua.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1751

Make dua in your own language at every step too. See the Dua library and Istighfar collection.

CHECKLIST

Hajj packing and preparation checklist

- ☐ Valid passport, visa / Hajj permit and copies (paper and phone)
- ☐ Vaccination certificates required for the year

- [ ] Two sets of ihram (men); loose, modest clothes (women)
- [ ] Comfortable, broken-in sandals and a spare pair
- [ ] Unscented soap, toothbrush and personal items
- [ ] Daily medicines with a prescription, plus ORS and pain relief
- [ ] Small backpack, a pouch for pebbles and a refillable water bottle
- [ ] Umbrella or cap for shade (not worn on the head by men in ihram), and a light mat
- [ ] Mobile, power bank, Indian and Saudi SIM or roaming
- [ ] Your group leader's and the Indian Haj mission's contact numbers
- [ ] A written list of the duas you want to make — for yourself, family and the Ummah
- [ ] Your wasiyyah (will) left with family, and debts settled or arranged

FROM INDIA

Preparing for Hajj

Scholar review. This guide is general guidance, written to be accepted by the major schools, with differences noted where they matter. It is being reviewed by

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