



ALI 700: Hajj 1446 Preparations

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What is Hajj? Major pilgrimage



وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا

Q 3:97 And pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto Allah for people, for everyone who is able to undertake the journey to it.

By House, here the Quran is referring to the Ka'bah, which is a cubical structure in Makkah.

Hajj is one of the essential pillars of Islamic devotion. It requires traveling to Makkah in Saudi Arabia and spending a few days there to participate in various religious devotions. Every Muslim who is financially and physically able to make a pilgrimage to Makkah must perform this once in his/her lifetime. Most Muslims who go to Makkah, also visit Madinah to pledge their loyalty to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.



- Why prepare for Hajj, when caravans take care of it?
- Preparations before departure
- Essential things during the trip
- Ziyārat of Madinah: significance & recitations
- Do not abandon Tahajjud salāt on your trip
- Spiritual benefits of Ziyārat and ‘Umrah
- Dhikr during ‘Umrah
- ‘Umrah al-Tamattu‘ – basic Laws
- Questions and answers session

InshāAllah, we plan to cover



Before your departure

Have the mental and spiritual preparedness

Keep your Will and last testament ready – see *Writing an Islamic Will*, 7th Ed, Sayyid Muhammad Rizvi and visit his website <https://al-m.ca/will/>

Free yourself from peoples' rights. Hajj is the best opportunity to seek forgiveness and get reconciled with friends, relatives, etc.

Read good religious literature and listen to lectures

Ensure to arrange support for your dependents

Men folk must practice wearing of ihrām at their homes

Dhikrs and Du'ās for memorizing

1, when traveling for pilgrimage say repeatedly:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَسِيْرِيْ عِبْرًا وَصَمْتِيْ تَفَكُّرًا وَكَلَامِيْ ذِكْرًا

O Allah, make my travel an admonition, my silence a reflection and my speech [Your] remembrance. (Bihar, 97:112)

2, when walking towards the haram say repeatedly:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ وَبِاللّٰهِ وَفِي سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ، وَعَلَى مِلَّتِيْ رَسُوْلِ اللّٰهِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ،
رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِيْ وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ، وَارْحَمْنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا، إِنَّكَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيْمٌ

In the name of Allah, by (the grace of) Allah, in the way of Allah and by the creed of Rasulullah ﷺ - O Allah: forgive me, my parents and the believers; have mercy on us and forgive us. Indeed, you are all-forgiving and all-merciful.

3, recite in your sajdah when you are facing al-Ka'bah or at any place:

عَظُمَ الذَّنْبُ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ فَلْيُحْسِنِ الْعَفْوَ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ

The sins of Your servant have become enormous, So it will be gracious of You to pardon [him]. (*Misbāh* 2: 801)

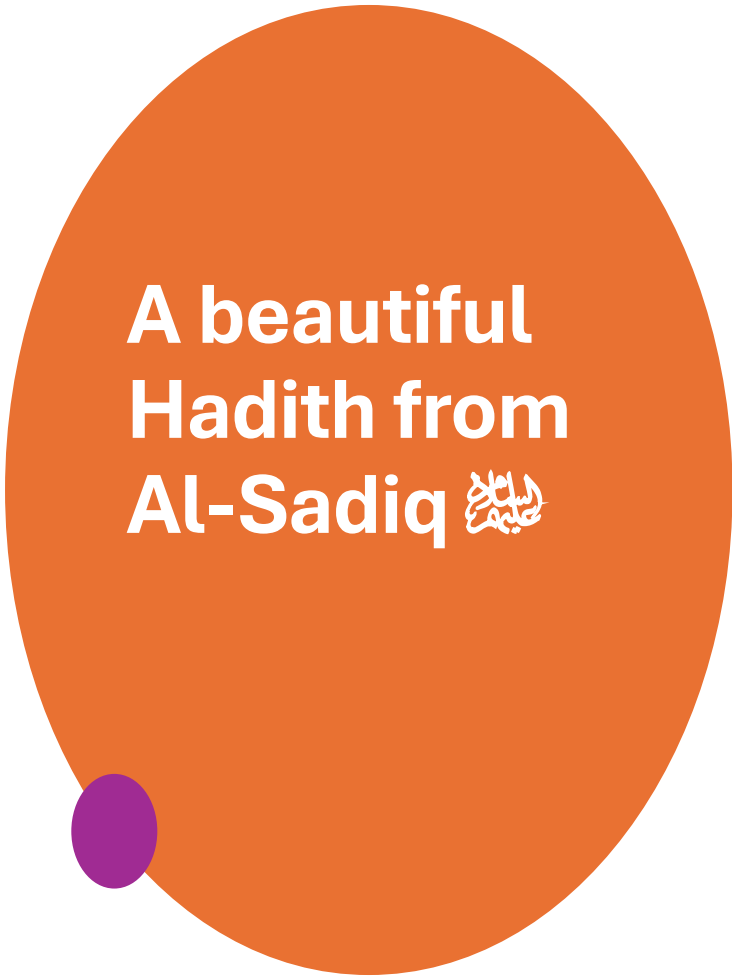
During the trip to Jeddah or Madinah

- ▶ You need 3 Ps (prayer, patience & perseverance)

وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ۚ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ

2:45 Seek help thru patience and prayer; and truly it is hard except for the humble ones

- ▶ Recite a lot of dhikr, tasbīh, and istighfār
- ▶ Memorize short Du'ās & read on board; no movies.
- ▶ Take rest whenever you can, so more time in haram
- ▶ Train yourselves to be humble (*mutāwadhī'*); Imams used to walk to Makkah for days in hot sun to maintain humility. Symbolically you are going to be in the presence of the Lord of the Universe.



A beautiful Hadith from Al-Sadiq عليه السلام

Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad al-Sādiq عليه السلام:
Manly virtues are of two types; one in the hometown and another when you are travelling. As for the virtue in the hometown, it is to recite from the Quran, to attend the mosques, to keep in company of good people, and to ponder over religious injunctions. And when travelling, the virtue consists of offering one's provision generously to the fellow travelers, to be cheerful without indulging in jokes which Allah dislikes, to avoid, as much as you can, going against the wishes of your companions, and not to report on them after having parted their company.“ (Al-Mufīd, *Al Āmālī*, 6th Assembly, H 3)

Obligatory prayers when traveling

Often, we do not have right facilities when traveling, so some pilgrims delay their daily prayers or sometimes even miss them. This is not permissible in Islam.

حَجَّةٌ أَفْضَلُ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَمَا فِيهَا
وَصَلَاةٌ فَرِيضَةٌ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ أَلْفِ حَجَّةٍ

Imam al-Sadiq (a): *Performing one Hajj is better than the world and whatever is in it, and saying obligatory prayers is better than one thousand (mustahab) Hajj.* (Tahdhīb al-ahkām, 2:240, H 953; Wasā'il H 4460)

Read this message from Āyatullāh Sayyid Ali al-Husayni al-Sistani (dz):

<https://marefatmagazine.wordpress.com/2016/10/31/must-read-message-of-grand-ayatollah-sistani-for-people-going-to-karbala-for-arabeen/>

Saying salat when traveling

**Do we need to say prayers
on board, or we can do
qadhā upon arrival?**

If you are scheduled to arrive at your destination early enough to go through security, perform wudhu, determine Qibla and find a suitable place to say your prayers then you are allowed to say your prayers at the destination, provided they do not get qadhā. Otherwise, you need to say your prayers on board.



prayers on board - essentials

1. Say Qasr salāt on board, except if you are a frequent traveler (*kathīrus safar*).

2. When traveling, it is advisable to maintain the *tahārah* (ritual purity) of your body and clothes till at least prayer time.

3. If do perform wudhu earlier, it is advisable do it with the niyyat of *qurbatan ilallāh* earlier. Or perform wudhu on board in the washrooms. You may do wudhu using spray bottle as demonstrated here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7q4pWFseBMk>

4. Ensure that the prayer time has begun before you say prayers. Use of app from www.halaltrip.com is helpful in finding prayer times when flying. Alternatively, get info on local sunrise and sunset timings of the nearest city you are passing by.

Facing & finding Qiblah on board

Face completely towards qibla direction when saying takbīratul ihrām (i.e. the saying of first *Allāhu akbar* after the *niyyat*).

Determine Qibla (i) Use of app from www.halaltrip.com; (ii) use TV screens in the Muslim airlines; (iii) ask a crew about the direction to Makkah. Note: (1) Do not be concerned about the change in direction of the airplane when you are saying your prayers; (2) Again determine qibla when you begin the next prayer, such as ‘asr after zuhr and ‘ishā after maghrib prayer.

How to say the prayers on board?

If possible, observe all *qiyām* (standing), *rukūʿ* (bowing), *sajdah* (prostrating) and *quʿūd* (sitting) positions required in *salāt*. Use the exit rows or in designated prayer places.

Otherwise, after rising and facing towards Qibla during *takbīratul ihrām*, say your prayers on the assigned seats. Use gestures (*ʿishāra*) to determine the four position in *salāt*, such as sitting straight in lieu of *qiyām*, slight tilting for *quʿūd*, bending for *rukūʿ*, further bending for *sajdah*.

Where to pray in the plane?



Scholars differ on whether one should say the prayers in the aisles, washrooms, and serving corners/sections or confine to saying prayers in the designated seats. Please check with your local scholar.



Either way, it is essential that a Muslim should not face unnecessary harassments or profiling by airline crew or security officials. Saying prayer is personal devotion between the Almighty Lord and a humble servant. Additionally, it's essential to maintain your dignity, safety and well-being when traveling.

Madinah al-Munawwara



Rewards of Madinah Ziyārat

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: **1.** *On Judgment Day, I will visit one who has performed my Ziyārat or the Ziyārat of anyone from my progeny; 2.* *till I save him from the terrors of that day; it will be my duty to save them from their sins ; 3.* *On the Day of Judgment, I will intercede for those who have come to my Ziyārat; 4.* *On the Judgement Day, I will turn away from those who had come to Makkah for Hajj but did not come to Madinah for my Ziyārat; 5.* *Those who die in one of the two Harams (Makkah or Madinah) will be resurrected with the companions of Badr on the Day of Judgement.*

Imam Muhammad al-Bāqir عليه السلام: *Ziyārat of HP is like performing purified Hajj with Rasūlullāh.*

Paradise for Madinah Ziyārat

Imam al-Sadiq عليه السلام: One day while Imam Husayn عليه السلام was sitting on the lap of Allah's Messenger صلی اللہ علیہ والہ وسلم, he looked up and asked, "Father, what is the reward for one who performs your Ziyārat after your passing away?" Allah's Messenger صلی اللہ علیہ والہ وسلم replied: "My son, one who performs my Ziyārat after my passing away will be rewarded with paradise; one who performs the Ziyārat of your father after his passing away will be rewarded with Paradise; one who performs the Ziyārat of your brother after his passing away will be rewarded with Paradise; and one who performs your Ziyārat after your passing away will be rewarded with Paradise."

Niyyat & objective of Ziyārat

Purify your intention. Having *ikhlās* is very important. Hadith in the next slide

The ziyārat should be 100% for the pleasure of Allah and for revering the Ahlul Bayt عليهم السلام. For example, do perform pilgrimage so that:

- They are called as Hajjis or zā'irs/zawwār
- They are joining so and so from other caravan or country
- Spend holidays in a Muslim country, as plenty of halal food

Imams عليهم السلام on Niyyat

Imam al-Sajjad عليه السلام in Du‘ā Makārimul Akhlāq prays:
and take my intention to the best of intentions

وَأَنْتَ بِنِيَّتِي إِلَى أَحْسَنِ النِّيَّاتِ

Imam al-Ridhā عليه السلام on the objective of Ziyārat
in ‘*Ilal al-Sharā’I* of Shaykh al-Sadūq :

سَمِعْتُ أَبَا الْحُسَيْنِ الرِّضَا ع يَقُولُ إِنَّ لِكُلِّ إِمَامٍ عَهْداً فِي عُنُقِ
أَوْلِيَائِهِ وَ شِيعَتِهِ وَ إِنَّ مِنْ تَمَامِ الْوَفَاءِ بِالْعَهْدِ وَ حُسْنِ الْأَدَاءِ زِيَارَةَ
قُبُورِهِمْ فَمَنْ زَارَهُمْ رَغْبَةً فِي زِيَارَتِهِمْ وَ تَصَدِيقاً بِمَا رَغِبُوا فِيهِ كَانُوا
[كَانَ] أَيْمَتُهُمْ شُفَعَاءَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Saying Jamaat prayers - 1

Can we say prayers behind a non-Shi'ī Muslim Imam?

Yes, we can say and inshāAllah we will get the great reward of saying prayers in the holy places in the congregation of Muslim ummah. All jurists are unanimous about this rule.

Rules on praying Jamaat salāt in the haramayn

Here are a few simple points. For details please seek guidance from a local scholar or refer to Islamic Laws

1. With the exception of Maghrib, all prayers can be said following their timings. Maghrib prayers in the haramayn, in most cases, begin before our scheduled time. Our experience indicate that in Madinah, there have been occasions when the actual prayers begins about 12 minutes after their adhān time at sunset. In this case we can also say Maghrib with them. Otherwise, we have to either wait till the Maghrib time sets in or repeat if you said the prayer with them with the intention of qadhā or qurbat.

Saying Jamaat prayers - 2

2. Do not do the niyyat of Jamaat. You would say the prayer in furada but have the intention following the Imam in actions, such that one would not go to ruku, sajda, or rise for the next rak'ah before the Imam. This is to maintain the discipline of Jamaat prayers as well respect the procedure of fellow Muslims.

3. In most cases you will notice that your recitations of sūras qirā'at, dhikr in ruku, sajdah, tashahud and salām are done before the Imam. In these, cases recite any sunnat dhikr to fill-in-the-gap.

4. It is permissible due to taqiyya to do sajda on the carpet inside the Masjid of the Prophet and other masajid. This is when it is not possible to do sajdah on the tiles of the masjid. There is no requirement to go and find another place for salāt in order to avoid the situation of taqiyya; similarly it is not mandatory to delay the salāt until one gets out of the taqiyya situation.

What to recite in Madinah?

Allah's Messenger ﷺ: One who comes to the Ziyārat of my grave after my passing away is like one who has migrated to me during my lifetime. So if you cannot come for my Ziyārat, convey your salutation to me, for it is sure to reach me.

‘Aamir b. Abdullah said to al-Sādiq (عليه السلام): I paid two to three extra gold coins to my camel carrier to take me thru Madinah. Imam replied, “You did well. How easy this was for you! And now you can come to the grave of the Rasūlullāh and say salaam to him.” Then Imam continued, “Verily the Rasūlullāh hears your voice from nearby and he will be informed of you from far.”

The last line of a short Ziyārat of Rasūlullāh taught by al-Sādiq (a):
reads: يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِنِّي أَتَوَجَّهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ بِكَ لِيَغْفِرَ لِي ذُنُوبِي

- O Muhammad, I have turned to Allah, Your Lord and mine, thru you, so that He forgives my sins.

Du‘ā at the grave of Rasūlullāh ﷺ

Humble before Allah at the grave of the Prophet
Imam Ali b. Zaynul ‘Ābidīn al-Sajjād عليه السلام used to read

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَصْبَحْتُ لَا أَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِي خَيْرَ مَا أَرْجُو لَهَا
وَلَا أَدْفَعُ عَنْهَا شَرَّ مَا أَخْذَرُ عَلَيْهَا

O Allah I find that I do not have the power in myself to
attain the good I hope for,

Nor do I have the power to avert the harm I fear.

وَأَصْبَحْتُ الْأُمُورُ بِيَدِكَ وَلَا فَقِيرَ أَفْقَرُ مِنِّي ﴿إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ
فَقِيرٌ﴾

And I find that all affairs are in Your hand and that there is
none more needy than I. *I'm in need of the good that You have
given me (Q 28:24).*

Du‘ā at the grave (continued)

اللَّهُمَّ أَرِدْنِي مِنْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ لِفَضْلِكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ تُبَدِّلَ اسْمِي
أَوْ أَنْ تُغَيِّرَ جِسْمِي أَوْ تُزِيلَ نِعْمَتَكَ عَنِّي

O Allah I ask to decree that which is good for me because no one can keep away Your grace. O Allah I seek refuge with You from replacing my name, from changing my body, or from removing Your blessing from me.

اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنِي بِالتَّقْوَى وَجَمِّلْنِي بِالنِّعَمِ وَاغْمُرْنِي بِالْعَافِيَةِ وَارْزُقْنِي شُكْرَ الْعَافِيَةِ

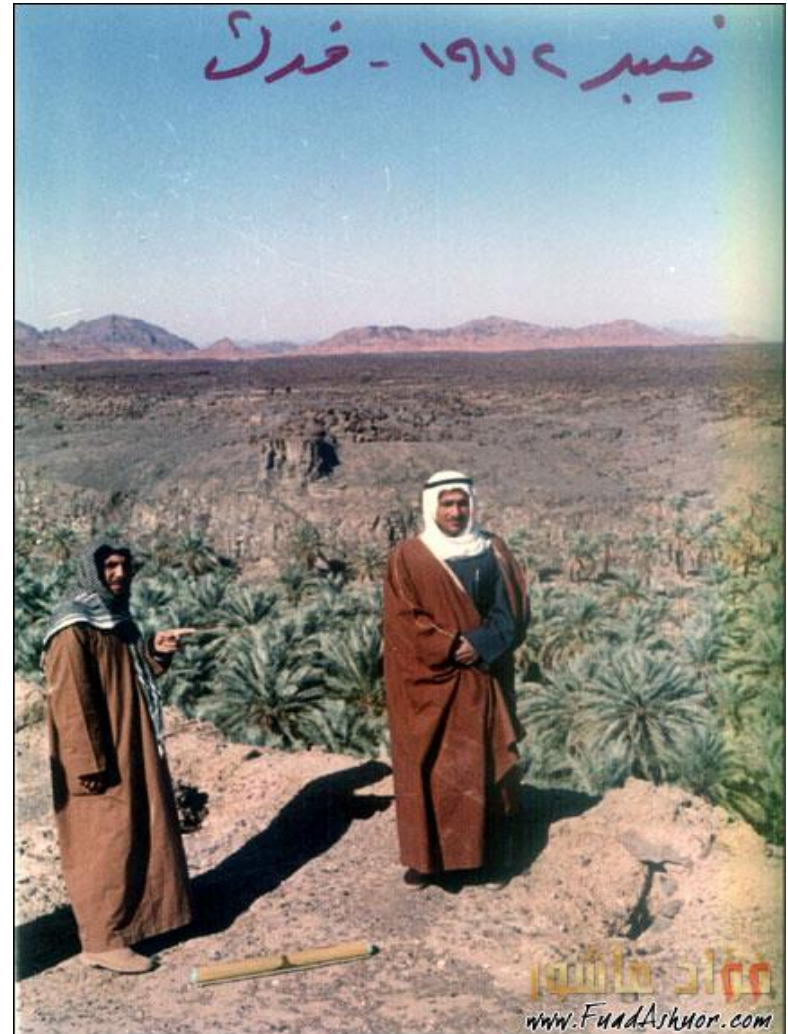
O Allah! Adorn me with piety and beautify me with Your blessings. Give me a long, healthy life and sustain me with the ability to thank You for good health.

(All Hadiths on Madinah taken from *Kāmil al-Ziyarat*)

Az-Zahraa – the Lady of the Radiance



**HOUSE OF BIBI FATIMA(S.A.)
(MADINA)**



Do not miss Tahajjud/Shab prayers

Ensure not to abandon the Late Night Prayers (Tahajjud/Layl/Shab) during the entire trip. Get a booklet on Tahajjud prayers from:

<https://www.al-islam.org/salatul-layl-h-t-kassamali>.

Tahajjud Salāt App on Google Play

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ecnetsolutions.tahajjud_salat

Tahajjud Salāt app on iTunes:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tahajjud-salat/id479793001?mt=8>

How to derive Spirituality?

- Use the Du'ās of wudhū to train yourself
- Dialogue between Imam al-Sajjad & Shibli
- If Hajj trip requires so much preparation imagine the preparation for al-Akhira
- Desert = Mashhar, Ihram = Kafan, etc
- You are at the holy place where the Prophets, Imams & millions of Muslims have been.
Do we really deserve this?

Talbiyya- read & reflect



لبيك اللهم لبيك. لبيك لا شريك لك لبيك،

إن الحمد والنعمة لك والملك، لا شريك لك لبيك

- Here I am, O God, in Your presence
- Here I am, [saying] You have no partner, (whilst) being in Your presence
- Surely all-Praise and Favors are Yours, and so is the Kingdom of the Universe
- You have no partner, here I am

Spiritual Experience at 'Umrah



- We are in dire need of food for human soul because we live in a lot materialism
- Hajj is the best time for spiritualism:
 1. Cut-off from all routine, family & friends
 2. Restrictions of Ihram
 3. Connection with the origins of Islam
 4. There is another world, besides ours
 5. Sense of Qurb (closeness) to Allah

Wearing Ihram for 'Umrah



- Ihram: niyyah, talbiyah, wear ihram. Wudhū or ghusl not a condition. For male two white pieces of clothes, remain tahir, do not tie the loin cloth, blanket allowed if sewn provided do not cover the head
- Know the forbidden: looking at mirror, lying, swearing, quarrelling, men to avoid shade when traveling, removing hairs, tooth, nails and blood from the body

ABC of Muharramaat

By Dr. Murtaza Alidina of Dares salaam



AFFECTION: look, touch, kiss, sex,
masturbation, nikah

BEAUTY: surmah, mirror, oil, perfume, nail, hair,
self-beautification

CLOTH: shade, head-cover, face-cover, (glove),
2piece, footwear

DEFENSE: tooth, blood, arms, hurting, hunting

ETHICAL: quarrel, lying

Tawāf for ‘Umrah



- Wudhu a requirement for wājib tawāf
- Be careful about the number of rounds
- Trade in between the rush & distance
- Begin a little before Hajr Aswad & end a little after; do not haste to end it earlier
- Do not be carried away by the crowd
- Be as calm as possible; it will soon end
- If assisting someone, complete yours first

Recommended Du'ās is tawāf

When You reach the door of al-Ka‘bah, say salawāt on Holy Prophet and his progeny, and recite between Rukn al-Yamānī and the Black Stone:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

O Allah! grant me goodness in this world and the Hereafter and save me from the fire of Hell.

And say during tawāf:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي إِلَيْكَ فَقِيرٌ وَإِنِّي خَائِفٌ مُسْتَجِيرٌ فَلَا تُغَيِّرْ جِسْمِي وَلَا تُبَدِّلْ اسْمِي

I am in need for Your mercy, fearful and seeking Your refuge. Do not change my body or my name

When you complete the tawāf and reach a little before the Rukn-ul-Yamānī, stretch your hands toward the Ka‘bah, and if possible, cling to it and say:

اللَّهُمَّ الْبَيْتُ بَيْتُكَ وَالْعَبْدُ عَبْدُكَ وَهَذَا مَقَامُ الْعَائِدِ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

O Allah! this House is Yours and this creature is Yours and this is the place for taking refuge in You from the fire of Hell.



Salāt after tawāf

- ▶ Two rak‘āt like morning prayers
- ▶ After Tawāf immediately
- ▶ As nearer to Maqam-e Ibrahim as possible
- ▶ Ensure you are out of Tawāf area
- ▶ Be ready to be pushed during salāt
- ▶ Have a partner to stand next to you when you are praying



Sa'ee for 'Umrah at-Tamattu`

- ▶ Wudhū not a requirement
- ▶ Can be interrupted if salāt of Tawāf forgot
- ▶ No need to climb the hill tops, especially when there is a lot of rush & pushing
- ▶ Men to hasten pace betw the green pillars
- ▶ Many recommended Du'ās to be read
- ▶ Do not delay it to the next day after Tawāf



Taq̣sīr: end your 'Umrah at-Tamattu'

- Better to cut hair than nail
 - Can be done back at the residence
 - You can do it for yourself
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- After this you are free from Ihram.
 - No Tawāf al-Nisā in Umrah at-Tamattu'
 - Rest well, enjoy Makkah & the Haram
 - Perform mustahab Tawāf, as many as possible

Wudhu is not wājib for mustahab tawāf

السؤال 8: هل يعتبر في الطواف المستحب ما يعتبر في الطواف الواجب أم لا؟

الجواب: يختلف الحال حسب اختلاف الشرائط والأحكام ويعرف بمراجعة رسالة المناسك.

*مرّ عدم اعتبار الطهارة من الحدث الاصغر والاشكال في اعتبار الطهارة من الحدث الاكبر في (المسألة 295) والظاهر اعتبار باقي الشروط وهي النية والطهارة من الخبث والختان وستر العورة.

واما الواجبات الثمانية المتقدمة فالظاهر اعتبارها عدا العدد كما سيأتي وقد مرّ التصريح باعتبار الموالاة فيه في (المسألة 308) ومرّ فيها وفي (المسألة 310) امتيازها في بعض احكام القطع والبناء وفي (المسألة 320) جواز البناء فيه عند الشك على الاقل.

Recommended Books and sites



Panaroma Madina

1000 Roads to Mecca – Michael Wolf

Take following books with you:

Pilgrim's Guide: Selected Supplications - Tr. L Takim

Hajj & Umrah Made Easy – Tr. S M Rizvi

Guide to Performing Umrah & Hajj

www.academyofislam.com/resources/occasion/

<https://www.al-islam.org/articles/spiritual-aspects-hajj>

<https://www.al-islam.org/file/secrets-hajj>