2030 Worldwide Submitters' Conference (Hajj) Plan and Invitation

July 17th, 2030 - July 21st, 2030

Travel Itinerary

God willing

17th of July, 2030

- Arrive at the Jeddah Airport (You must fly to Jedda on the 17th of July, or if you can not find a suitable flight, you can also fly on the 16th of July at the earliest, but no earlier than that for health and safety reasons).
- Pass border check security
- Visit money exchange inside airport and exchange about 200 Dollars/Euros into about 700 Saudi Riyal (SAR)
- Buy tourist package prepaid SIM card for internet on phone. It's optional but very helpful. For a lot of you an e-SIM might be an option.
- Take train, bus, taxi, or Uber to Mecca (If traveling alone, you might want to take a bus or train. If traveling with someone else, you might want to take a taxi or Uber).
- Plan to arrive in Mecca about 2 or 3 hours later.
- If you traveled by bus or train, take a short taxi or Uber trip from the bus/train station to the **Hotel**.
- If you arrive at the **Hotel** before 4:00 PM, wait at the lobby of the hotel for the submitter responsible for organizing Hajj. The hotel has a nice big lobby where you can relax and spend quality time, and you might meet other submitters there.
- The Hajj organizer will then help you check in your rooms. You will not be able to check in on your own, since the rooms will be booked in the organizer's name.
- Once we meet and greet each other, let's not forget to compensate the organizer for the hotel rooms which he has paid for, unless you paid earlier through another way. You can compensate him in US dollars or Euros in cash.
- Then everyone goes to their respective rooms.
- If you arrive at the hotel after 4:00 PM, you can message the organizer that you are there, and then he will come down at the lobby to check you in.
- Depending on how exhausted you are from the travel, you might choose to do the
 night prayer there at the Sacred Masjid or at the hotel. The sacred masjid is about
 15 minutes of walking distance to its closest part, but if you go further inside
 closer to the center of the masjid, it might take you 1 or 2 hours to go in and out.
- Make sure to rest and sleep at night to be ready for the next big day.

18th of July, 2030 (Umrah day)

3:00 – 4:00	Wake up, take a shower, get ready, put ihram on (or dress for women)
	and take only your phone with you. Leave everything else inside the
	hotel room.
4:00-4:15	Meet at the hotel lobby area.
4:15-4:30	Walk all together to the Sacred Masjid.
4:30-4:45	Dawn Prayer at the Sacred Masjid.
4:45-7:00	

	Tawaf - Walk around (circle) Kaaba seven times (While walking, we			
	commemorate God. The common formula is to say: "Labbayka			
	Allaahumma Labbayk. Labbayka Laa Shareeka Laka Labbayk" (My God,			
	I have responded to You. I have responded to You, and I proclaim that			
	there is no other god besides You; I have responded to You). (Try to walk			
	mostly barefoot with occasional wearing of sandals to save your feet			
7:00-7:15	from blisters).			
7:15-8:15	Sit down anywhere in the masjid and rest			
	Walk between Safa and Marwa seven times. (The whole walk is indoors			
	and airconditioned. Try to walk mostly barefoot with occasional wearing			
8:15-9:00	of sandals to save your feet from blisters).			
9:00-10:00	Walk back to the hotel.			
10:00-14:00	Eat breakfast at the hotel.			
14:00-14:15	Rest in our rooms and bathroom break.			
14:15-14:30	Meet at the hotel lobby (take only phones and wallets with you).			
14:30-14:40	Walk to the Sacred Masjid.			
14:40-15:45	Do the noon Contact Prayer as a group of submitters.			
15:45-16:15	Rest and meditation inside the Sacred Masjid.			
16:15-16:30	Afternoon Contact Prayer with everyone else in the Sacred Masjid			
16:30-18:00	Exit masjid.			
	Buy prayer mats, food for two meals, and water bottles and send them			
18:00-19:45	to hotel.			
19:45-20:00	Eat one of the meals, rest, and do evening prayer inside the hotel room.			
20:00-21:00	Meet at the hotel lobby			
21:00-21:20	Go to the masjid and do the Night Prayer.			
	Walk back to the hotel (make sure to rest and sleep to be ready for the			
	next big day).			
	19 th of July, 2030 (Hajj day)			
5:00-5:20	Wake up and dress up .			
5:20-5:30	Meet at the hotel lobby with phones only.			
5:30-6:30	Walk to the masjid to do the Dawn Prayer and come back to the hotel.			
6:30-7:30	Eat breakfast at hotel.			
7:30-8:30	Take shower.			
8:30-10:30	Rest and hydrate			
	Get ready for Hajj (put prayer mats, water, food (one of the two meals			
	which you have bought already), umbrellas and phones in the			
10:30-10:45	backpack and take the backpack with you).			
	Meet at the hotel lobby.			
	Call taxis or Ubers to pick us up at the hotel.			
10:45-11:00	Travel from the hotel to Masjid Al-Nimrah in Arafat.			
11:00-11:20	First encounter with outdoors desert heat (use umbrellas, and any			
11:20-12:00	shade you find as much as you can in the masjid side covered			
12:00-12:30	courtyards and trees around it).			

	Friday Prayer together in one of the covered/shaded sides of Masjid Al-			
	Nimrah			
12:30-13:00	Split into groups of about 5 people.			
	Each group walks through different paths/roads and at slightly different			
13:00-13:05	times from Masjid Al-Nimrah to Mount of Mercy (Jabal Al-Rahmah) in			
13:05-14:00	Arafat.			
	Visit and walk around Jabal Al-Rahmah in separate groups (using			
	umbrellas and lots of water to drink and splashing water to cool your			
14:00-14:30	bodies highly recommended, and drinking electrolytes)			
	Rest in separate groups and meditate and internally ask God for			
	forgiveness while resting in any of the shaded areas			
14:30-16:00	Do the Afternoon Contact Prayer in separate groups around Jabal Al-Rahmah			
16:00-16:30	Relax, eat, and read the Quran in separate groups			
	Do the Evening Contact Prayer			
16:30-19:00	Walk towards Muzdalifah from Jabal Al-Rahmah (Arafat) to Al-Mashar-			
19:00-19:15	Al-Haram Masjid through Pedestrian Road 6 with four 15-minute breaks.			
19:15-22:30	Groups separated with a five-to-ten-minute walking distance			
	Night Prayer and rest at Muzdalifah anywhere near the Al-Mashar-Al-			
	Haram Masjid.			
22:30-23:30	Travel with Ubers back to the Hotel, preferably take showers, and sleep.			
20 th of July, 2030				
	At this point, your Hajj is complete, and you are free to exit your state of			
	Ihram by cutting your hair and removing your ihram and dressing up in			
	your daily clothes. However, if you do that, the guards of the masjid will			
	probably limit your access from the more central areas of the masjid.			
	So, our friendly advice is to delay your exiting from the state of Ihram			
	until late at night, so you can do the five daily contact prayers, and			
	voluntary extra tawafs closer to Kaaba.			
5:00-5:10	Wake up and get ready			
5:10-5:20	Meet at the hotel lobby			
5:20-5:45	Do the Dawn Contact Prayer as a group of submitters at or near the			
	sacred masjid.			
5:45-7:00	Go back to the hotel and rest			
7:00-9:00	Breakfast at hotel			
9:00-14:00	Take naps in our hotel rooms, rest – basically we are just avoiding the			
	noon heat outside.			
14:00-14:10	Meet at the hotel lobby			
14:10-15:00	Go to the Sacred Masjid and do the Contact Prayer together as submitters.			
15:00-16:00	Wait at the Sacred Masjid and do the Afternoon Prayer together with			
	everyone else.			

16:00-22:30	Do the Evening Prayer and the Night Prayer at the Sacred Masjid with the
	rest of the people, while each individual choosing to stay at the masjid in
	the times in between, or going out to eat in the shopping malls nearby
	for food or drinks or ice cream or even doing additional exploring inside
	the Sacred Masjid, additional circling's of the Kaaba in the central areas
	or in the higher floors with nice views, additional meditation, reading
	Quran, prayers, meditation etc. in the masjid. Feel free to get immersed
	in your individual worship of God or together with friends. Either way is
	fine.
22:30-23:00	Cut hair at a nearby barbershop of the hotel (which means that you have
	exited the state of Ihram). Tell the barber to use only hair clippers and no
	razor, so that he doesn't cut you. They tend to cut you if they use a razor
	due to rushing with a large number of clients). For women, the barber
	will just symbolically cut the ends of your hair with scissors or give you
	the scissors to do it on your own.
23:00-00:00	Go back to hotel, remove ihram, take shower, dress in your normal
	clothes of that time, and go to sleep.

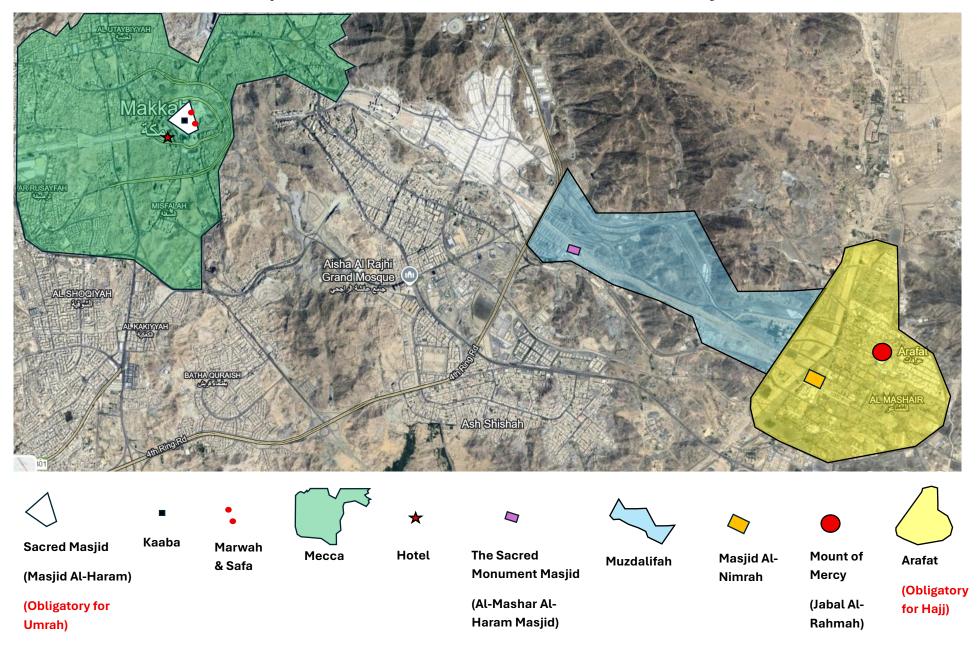
21st of July, 2030 (after Hajj)

- From this point on anyone is free to do as they wish. We have not planned any group activities after this. We recommend that you maximize the time you spent at the Sacred Masjid (i.e. commemorating God, reading Quran, prayers, walking around Kaaba, walking between Safa and Marwa, etc.). Or you can also just rest/take naps/sleep at the hotel after an exhausting day.
- There is free breakfast at the hotel from 6:30 until 10:30.
- Free individual time to worship God at the Sacred Masjid. It's a great reward to do all the five Contact Prayers at the Sacred Masjid. Things you can also choose to do is also just stay at the Sacred Masjid, commemorating God, reading Quran, prayers, walking around Kaaba (tawaf), walking between Safa and Marwa, resting at the hotel, shopping in Mecca etc.

22nd of July, 2030 (after Hajj)

- There is free breakfast at the hotel from 6:30 until 10:30.
- You must leave the room (check out) before 12:00. If your flight back home is much later than that or the next day, you can ask the hotel reception to let you leave the luggage's and backpack there, if they have a safe space for it.
- Free individual time to worship God at the Sacred Masjid. Things you can choose to do are doing the Contact Prayers at the Sacred Masjid, staying at the Sacred Masjid, commemorating God, reading Quran, prayers, walking around Kaaba, walking between Safa and Marwa, resting at the hotel, shopping, packing, etc.
- Don't forget to travel to the airport in time. Plan about three hours of travel from Mecca to the Airport, plus being at the airport about three hours before the flight departure. So, you should leave Mecca at least six hours before your flight leaves from the Jeddah Airport.

Map of Locations Mentioned in the Travel Itinerary



General Rules and Guidelines

- If you are late more than 10 minutes for any events in the itinerary, we will leave without you, unless we have reason to suspect that you had a medical emergency. You can catch us later at the other events.
- While in the state of ihram, you should abstain from sexual intercourse, vanities such as shaving, cutting the hair, cutting nails.
- Cleanliness, bathing, and regular hygiene practices are encouraged.
- No misconduct, no misbehaviour, no begging, no insisting.
- No arguments, religious debates, and bad language.
- Do not use the pilgrimage as an opportunity to attract. Marriage is prohibited during Hajj. And Hajj is not there to help you find a marriage partner. Hajj should be dedicated to God alone.
- If a female unintentionally ends up separated from her family member, try to find another female from our group to stay with.
- All the other rules of good behaviour and conduct which are found in the Quran also apply during Hajj.
- Also, the rules of any masjids which are permissible to visit in general also apply when you enter the Sacred Masjid. Below are the masjid rules:

Masjid Rules

Before we enter a permissible masjid, we should fulfill seven requirements:

- 1. Believe in God (9:18)
- 2. Believe in the Last Day (9:18)
- 3. Not fear anyone except God (9:18, 2:150)
- 4. Having given the Obligatory Charity (9:18)
- 5. We should not enter and leave without having performed the Contact Prayer (9:18, 7:29), whichever of the five Contact Prayers applies at this time. If we have already done the Contact Prayer outside of the masjid, or we go in the masjid in the forenoon when no prayer time is applicable, we should still do two Rakats of Contact Prayer (9:18, 7:29).
- 6. We should not enter the masjid without having ablution (5:6).
- 7. We should be clean and in modest clothes (7:31).

In the masjid, you may only:

- Do the Contact Prayer (9:18)
- Prostrate (7:29, 15:98)
- Bow down (2:125)
- Commemorate God (72:18, 22:40)
- Glorify God (20:130, 24:36, 33:42)
- Praise God (25:58, 32:15, 50:39)
- Read the Quran (2:185, 17:78)
- Pray (Silent Dua) (7:29)
- Implore God for forgiveness (40:55)
- Retreat (2:187)
- Eat and drink in moderation (7:31)
- Stand (7:29, 3:39)
- Sit (2:125)
- Greet people (6:54)
- Clean/maintain the masjid (9:18)
- Bring adornments (flowers, fragrances, provisions) (7:31, 3:37)
- Perform the tawaf (walking around Kaaba) which only applies to the Sacred Masjid.

In the masjid:

- We should enter peacefully and leave peacefully (2:191).
- We should not do anything which invalidates ablution (2:187, 5:6). You may fall asleep there (2:187), but when you wake up, you should go outside and perform ablution again, if you wish to stay further at the masjid.
- We should not preach (72:18), except for the Friday Sermon organized by the person in charge (62:9-11), but we will be at Arafat during Friday, God willing, so we will be doing the Friday Sermon at Arafat.
- We should not try to convert people (72:18), or have debates or discussions, or arguments, or engage in private discussions or in vain speech.
- We should not use entertainment like movies, reading, news, etc. (62:11).
- We should not buy and sell (62:11).
- We should not use that time to be friend people (6:70). You may acknowledge their presence with a simple greeting, "Salaam alaykum (Peace be upon you!)" (6:54).
- We should not call other names besides God (72:18).
- We should not answer any phone call (72:18).
- We should not pray to anyone besides God (72:18).

- We should not use our smartphones for other than reading or listening to the Quran in earphones (62:11, 5:48). The Quran may be read aloud when it does not interfere with others.
- We should not prevent others from entering because they might have different opinions and beliefs, except if they openly declare that they do not believe in God or the Last Day (9:17,18).
- We are not allowed to reserve spaces for later by leaving things there (72:18, 2:114).
- If we are told to make room for others to sit, we make room for others to sit. God will then make room for us (58:11).
- If those in charge ask us to get up and leave, we get up and leave. God will raise us to a higher rank (58:11).

What to Expect before Travel?

- People from richer countries can get Tourist Visas online very easily for free, while
 those from poorer countries will have to pay agencies (about 200 dollars) to apply
 on their behalf for an Umrah Visa, and sometimes that option is not available until
 about one month before travel in the very poor countries, and they will have to apply
 through a Saudi approved Umrah agency.
- You will need to have a valid passport for travel.
- For people from poorer countries, specific vaccinations might be required

What to Expect During Travel?

- Spending time outside in high temperatures between 30 °C and 43 °C., so hydration, staying in the shades, drinking electrolytes and other methods of cooling your body by splashing water in your face, neck, and on top of your clothes might be important.
- Important advice: Feet blisters are highly likely, and they can affect negatively your whole Hajj experience and keep you in constant pain during Hajj. To avoid feet blisters underneath your feet, makes sure to lose some weight (if you are overweight), and also make sure to occasionally wear shoes or sandals with a harder bottom in the months before Hajj and not just soft sneakers. To avoid feet blisters on the sides of your feet, make sure to wear the same sandals which you plan to wear for Hajj many times in the month before Hajj in many short one hour walks or hikes, so that your skin can strengthen in the areas where the sandals

touch your feet, and also the sandals will stretch in those areas to fit more comfortably. To avoid blisters on top of your feet, make sure to get sandals with soft straps on top. If you buy new sandals, and wear them during Hajj for the first time, you are almost sure to get feet blisters, so please do not disregard this advise. Drying your feet better after ablution during Hajj before wearing sandals also helps you avoid feet blisters.

• But, in general, we expect a very positive experience. <u>Click here</u> to see some photos from our previous Hajj trip which we did in 2025.

What you need to bring with you?

Click here to learn what you need to bring with you.

What to wear and how to wear it?

Click here to learn how to wear the Ihram.

How much will Hajj cost?

Depending on where you live, we estimate that your Hajj will cost anywhere from \$ 2,000 to \$ 3,000 US dollars. Here is a breakdown of the approximate costs and how they will be paid.

Item	Cost Estimate	How it will be paid?
Return flight ticket	\$ 1,000	You will buy it yourself directly online or through
	approximately	a travel agency.
Hotel reservation	\$ 450	The Hajj organizer books all hotel rooms with
	approximately	his personal money, and then when you arrive
		in Mecca and meet him, you compensate him
		in cash for the booked room.
Animal Sacrifice	\$ 250	You will buy the coupons online before Hajj,
	approximately	and then the Saudi authorities will sacrifice the
		sheep on your behalf. If your credit card does
		not work for online payments, the Hajj
		organizer will pay it for you with his own credit
		card, and then you compensate him with cash
		when you meet him in Mecca.
Umrah Visa Fee	\$ 200	You pay directly the agency in your country who
	approximately	gives you your Umrah Visa. People in richer
		countries who only need to apply for a Tourist
		Visa online might pay only pay about \$ 120.

Uber and Taxis	\$ 200	You can pay the taxis directly with cash or if you
	approximately	have Uber through you smartphone application
		whenever you use Uber.
Food and water	\$ 150	You can buy directly with cash in Mecca (Some
	approximately	shops accept credit cards, others do not).
Miscellaneous	\$ 100	You can buy directly with cash in Mecca (Some
items	approximately	shops accept credit cards, others do not).
Administrative Fee	\$ 100	To be paid to the Hajj organizer and given in
		cash on the day when you meet him in Mecca.
Total	\$ 2,450	
	approximately	

Who can come?

Anyone above the age of 12 who is healthy enough to walk for 2 hours with occasional breaks can come with us. So, feel free to invite even non-submitter family members.

However, for non-submitters, or people under the age of 18, or women traveling without an adult male family member, there will be an additional \$ 300 Penalty Zakat fee for the additional inconvenience which they will create for the group.

How to join us for Hajj

If you have decided to come to Hajj with us, please send an email to our Hajj organizer, Jad Abou Karroum, to inform him about your willingness to come to Hajj.

His email address is: Jadaboukarroum1@gmail.com

The deadline to inform Jad Abu Karroum about your willingness to come is **28th of February, 2030**.

Note: If you already have done Hajj, you do not have to do it again, but you can choose to do it again, if you wish.