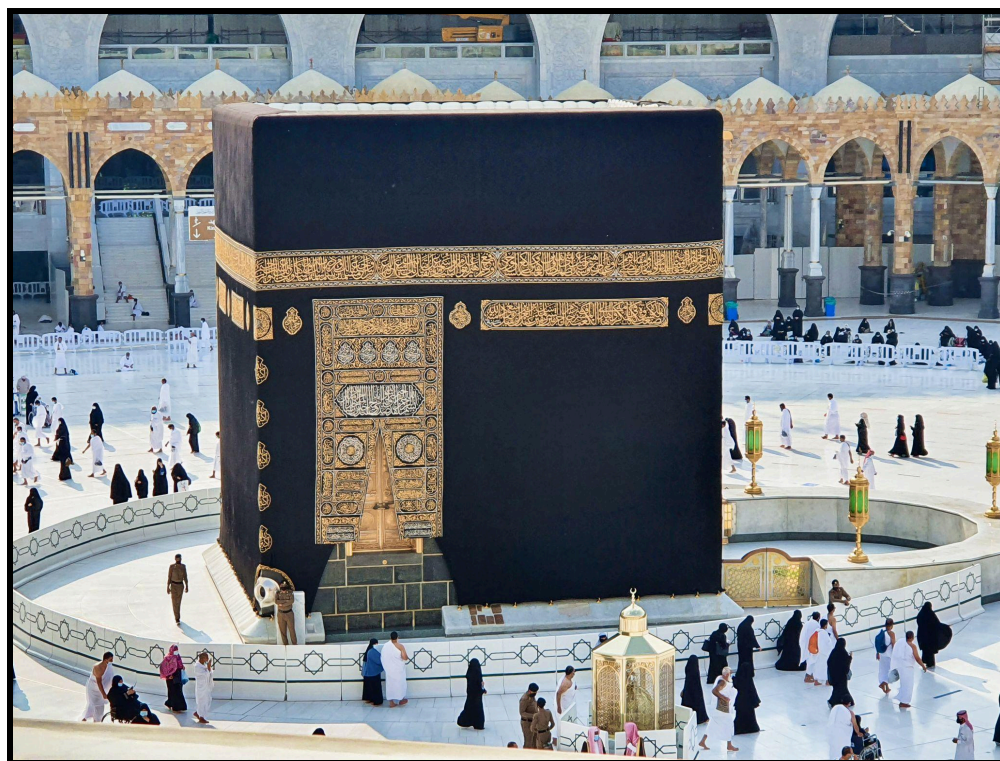


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Packing Recommendation for All Hujjaj

We strongly advise that you ***travel with one main suitcase only***. ***Large check-in luggage and carry-on suitcases are not suitable for Mina and will not be allowed***, so please plan accordingly.

A practical approach is to use ***nested luggage***:

- Travel with ***1 suitcase (with a smaller one placed inside it)***
- On your return, you may use ***both suitcases*** if needed

In addition, you may carry:

- ***1 carry-on bag*** (recommended ***35–40 liters***)

Traveling light will also make your ***transfers much easier*** — from the airport to the hotel, and between Makkah and Madinah. Managing less luggage will ***save time, reduce stress, and make movement smoother***. You can always use your ***nested suitcase later for shopping*** and packing from your final destination.

Mina Bag Recommendation:

Please prepare a ***small, lightweight bag (15–20 liters)*** for the days of Mina.

Suggested essentials:

- ***1 set of light clothing***
- ***Toilet roll***
- ***Tissues (pack flat)***
- ***Collapsible water bottle***
- ***1L water spray bottle***
- ***Medication***
- ***Spare ihram* (packed in a vacuum/compression bag)**
- ***1 small towel***
- ***Miswak / toothbrush & toothpaste***
- ***Unscented wipes / small toiletries***
- ***Basic snacks / energy bars***
- ***Small power bank* (*you may never use it*)**
- ***Spare flip-flops* (*lightweight, inexpensive, pack flat — you may never use them*)**

Keep this bag ***light and easy to carry*** — you will be moving frequently.

Please pack smart, keep essentials accessible, and avoid overpacking.

More guidance will follow, In shā' Allāh.

Quick Reminder for Sisters Regarding Footwear for Hajj

For the long walks during the days of Hajj, *comfortable sneakers/trainers are recommended* as they will provide the support needed.

At the same time, please make sure to bring *a simple pair of sandals or slip-ons*. These will be especially useful when going to the bathrooms or for wuḍū', as those areas can have excess water and it's not practical to use your main walking shoes there.

Additionally, it is recommended to have a *small shoe bag* to keep your sneakers inside the tent. This helps keep your main walking shoes clean and dry. You may keep *one pair of sandals/slip-ons outside the tent* specifically for going to the bathrooms and for wuḍū', so they are easy to access when needed.

Keeping this setup will make things much easier, cleaner, and more comfortable during the days of Hajj, in shā' Allāh.

Few Important Reminders for Everyone During Our Time in Mina (Read this message multiple times)

We **highly recommend** that you travel with your essential medications, including **antibiotics (if prescribed), allergy medication (due to dust), nasal spray to help clear passages, and pain relief**. Hopefully you won't need them, but it is best to be prepared.

If you begin to feel unwell, **do not delay**. Take your medication at the **first signs of symptoms**. Even a slight throat irritation should be addressed early — we recommend having **lozenges (e.g., Strepsils-type)** and using them regularly to keep the throat passages clear. If you experience **runny nose or watery eyes**, consider using an **antihistamine such as Claritin**.

Please make every effort to **keep your area clean and free from food and dirt**. This helps maintain a **clean, hygienic, and healthy environment** for all. Hujjāj are encouraged to **gently remind one another** regarding cleanliness within the tents.

Kindly note that **men and women will be in separate tents**.

For the brothers: please be **extremely careful** when trying to meet or call your family from the sisters' tents. Do **not open the tent flap**. The correct approach is to **ask someone to call your family** or coordinate via phone. Opening the tent can cause discomfort and complaints, which we want to avoid.

For everyone: please be **mindful of others' privacy** at all times.

For the sisters: although it is a sisters-only tent, please remember that **the moment the tent flap opens, visibility from outside is possible**. We are not in a fully private home setting. Please ensure you are **modestly dressed at all times**, even in the heat. Do not assume complete privacy from outside view.

Please also keep in mind:

- **Travel light into Mina** — large luggage will not be practical
- **Label your belongings clearly** to avoid mix-ups
- Keep **sandals/slippers organized**, as many may look similar
- **Rest etiquette is important** — please keep noise to a minimum, especially at night. **Lights should be turned off by 10:00 PM** to allow everyone to rest
- **Charging outlets are shared** — please practice good **phone charging etiquette and discipline**, avoid leaving devices plugged in longer than necessary
- **Tents are not private** — each person is responsible for their own valuables and belongings
- **Do not travel with your passport or bring it to Mina**
- **Do not carry all your cash** — approximately **2000 SAR maximum** is sufficient for the days of Mina (you will likely use much less)
- **Sunglasses/shades are recommended** for long walks
- Always carry a **water bottle** to stay hydrated

Additional guidance:

- You may **shower as often as needed during your stay in Mina**, even in iḥrām — maintaining cleanliness is important
- Try to **avoid using bathrooms during peak times** (especially around ṣalāh times and Fajr) — plan for off-peak times where possible

- A *handheld sprayer bottle* can be very useful to make wuḍū' *outside the tent area*, helping keep the tents dry and clean — we have used this successfully in previous years and highly recommend it

May Allāh make it easy and accept from all.

Five-Day Hajj Itinerary (subject to official moon sighting and on-ground logistics)

* 📅 7 Dhul-Hijjah – Sunday, May 24, 2026 *

After *Ṣalāt al-‘Ishā*, *nobody is to leave the hotel*. Everyone should prepare for departure to Mina.

- Put on *iḥrām* as instructed (we will notify you of the exact time)
- *iḥrām* will be entered with niyyah and talbiyah at the instructed time*
- It is recommended to *sleep in iḥrām* so you are ready
- Departure to Mina will be *anytime after midnight* until ~10:00 AM (next morning)
- We will wake you when buses arrive — *no waiting time once buses are called*
- If you miss the bus, take the next one and *message your guide* — you will be received at Mina

* 📅 8 Dhul-Hijjah – Monday, May 25, 2026 (Mina) *

Upon arrival in Mina:

- *Only place luggage on your assigned bed* — do NOT use others' beds
- *Do not skip beds* — fill in sequence to avoid confusion
- Front beds are reserved *for guides so they can lead the prayer from the front* — do not occupy

In Mina:

- All *ṣalāh* will be performed in the tents*
- *Food, snacks, drinks, tea, and water* will be available
- *This is a full day and night stay in Mina (Yawm al-Tarwiyah)*

* 📌 VERY IMPORTANT: *

- *Drop a Google Maps pin for your tent location*
- Know how to return from *Muzdalifah and Jamarāt*

* 📅 9 Dhul-Hijjah – Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (‘Arafah) *

- Do not leave tents before *Fajr* unless necessary
- Be ready early — *buses will not wait*
- Leave for *‘Arafah* after Fajr (based on assigned turn)

If you miss the bus:

- Take the next bus (*camp # = bus #*)
- Message your guide — you will be assisted at arrival

In ‘Arafah:

- Rest until *Ẓuhr*, then begin *‘ibādah and program*
- *Do not leave camp unnecessarily*
- Visiting *Masjid Namirah is NOT required* (if you go, go alone)

After Maghrib:

- Depart for *Muzdalifah* based on assigned turn (may be delayed)

In Muzdalifah:

- Rest outdoors wherever guided
- Stay overnight
- *Collect pebbles for Jamarāt (if not already arranged)*

* 📅 10 Dhul-Hijjah – Wednesday, May 27, 2026 (Eid / Jamarāt / Ṭawāf)*

After Fajr in Muzdalifah:

- Return to *Mina* → quick refresh → *immediate departure to Jamarāt*
- *Remain with your group strictly when moving to buses*

At Jamarāt:

- Pelt *Jamrat al-‘Aqabah (large Jamrah only)* using *7 pebbles*
- Stay with your group — *do not separate*

After Jamarāt:

- Transport based on *shifting / non-shifting* arrangements

At hotel (Jabal ‘Umar):

- Wait for *Qurbānī confirmation*
- Perform *ḥalq/taqṣīr* → partial exit from iḥrām
- *Intimacy is not permissible until after Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / Ziyārah*

* ⚠️ Sequence on the 10th (VERY IMPORTANT):*

Jamarāt → Qurbānī → Hair cut → Ṭawāf

- After this, proceed *individually or in small groups* for *Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / Ziyārah*
- *Perform Sa‘ee if it was not done previously*
- *Do not delay Ṭawāf unnecessarily* as crowds will increase

* 🔄 Returning to Mina (Night of 10th):*

- *Non-shifting packages:* Buses will run from *Jabal ‘Umar hotels back to Mina*, however *buses will be limited* — be on time and prepared. There will *not be a constant flow of buses*.
- *Shifting packages:* After completing Ṭawāf, follow your guide and proceed via *bus/taxi to the Quday Bus Station*, from where you will take the designated buses back to Mina.

* 📅 11 Dhul-Hijjah – Thursday, May 28, 2026 (Mina / Jamarāt)*

- *No need to go to Jamarāt in the daytime heat*
- Timing for pelting is *after Zawāl until Fajr*

Our plan:

- We will go to *Jamarāt after Maghrib or after ‘Ishā*, in shā’ Allāh
- *Pelt all three Jamarāt (small, medium, large)* — *7 pebbles each*
- Return to Mina after completion

* 📅 12 Dhul-Hijjah – Friday, May 29, 2026 (Final Day Options)*

* ♦ Shifting Packages:*

- Go to *Jamarāt*
- *Pelt all three Jamarāt (small, medium, large)* — *7 pebbles each*
- Luggage will be transported to hotel
- After Jamarāt → *proceed directly to hotel*

* ♦ Non-Shifting Packages (2 Options):*

Option 1 (Recommended):

- Leave luggage (*no valuables inside*)
- Perform *Jamarāt (all three)*
- Take bus → *Marwah* → walk to hotel

Option 2:

- Perform *Jamarāt (all three)*
- Return to *Mina*
- Board bus from Mina → *hotel with luggage*

* ⚠ IMPORTANT NOTES:*

- *All luggage sent on buses must be properly tagged*
- *Do not expect others to bring your luggage or take responsibility for it*
- *No valuables in luggage* at any time
- Always *follow guide instructions*
- Stay with your group — crowds are heavy
- If you miss transport, *take the next one and inform us immediately*
- Bus locations and timing will be communicated via *WhatsApp and guide instructions* — please stay alert at all times
- Be prepared for *delays in transportation* — waiting for buses can take time, this is normal during Hajj
- Always *wait at designated pickup/drop-off points* and do not wander if separated — inform your guide immediately
- Stick with your *assigned group and guides* unless instructed otherwise
- Follow instructions exactly when buses are called — *there will be no waiting once movement begins*

This itinerary is approximate and subject to change, but provides a clear and practical overview.

May Allāh make it easy, safe, and accepted for all of you.

Majr Al Kabsh Itinerary – Key Differences

The *overall 5-day itinerary* for Majr Al Kabsh will be *identical* to the Muaisim itinerary shared previously, with the following *key differences*:

Transportation (Train-Based):

- Mina → Arafat: *Train*
- Arafat → Muzdalifah: *Train*
- Muzdalifah → Mina: *Train*

Important – Train Preparation:

- Be prepared for *queues and possible delays*
- Ensure you have *used the restroom beforehand* before boarding or waiting
- *Always carry a water bottle* with you

Ramy (Jamarat):

Upon return to Mina, after disembarking from the train, you will *proceed directly to perform Ramy* (stoning of the Jamarat) *on the way back toward your tents*.

You will then have the following options:

- Return to your camp, *freshen up*, have *breakfast*, and then proceed to Makkah
- Or *proceed directly from Jamarat to Makkah* without returning to the tents

If you choose to proceed directly, you may *pick up breakfast along the way or near the hotel*, as convenient.

Muzdalifah Stay:

You will be *camping in Muzdalifah near the train station area*.

Post-Return Flow:

You will proceed to *Makkah for Ṭawāf al-Ziyārah / Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah*, after which the *remaining itinerary* will follow the same structure as previously shared.

Please review and familiarize yourselves with these differences.

Departure from Madinah & First 'Umrah in Makkah

(Important Guidance for Shifting & Non-Shifting Groups)

 Shifting Groups:

- Shifting groups will *depart Madinah on the 6th of Dhul-Hijjah*, In shā' Allāh

- Upon arrival in Makkah, you will:

-  Check in at the *'Azīziyyah hotel*

After check-in:

 A *shuttle will be provided* to take you to the Haram for your first 'Umrah

*  Important Instructions for Shifting Groups:*

 *Drop a pin* for your hotel location

 Know your *return bus pickup point*

- Most groups complete 'Umrah early — you *do not need to wait for the shuttle* if delayed

 You may return by taxi or other transportation if needed, however:

 You must know *where to return from*

 Coordinate carefully with your guides

 Please ensure everyone in your group knows:

✓ Where to exit after Sa'ī *(Marwah area)*

✓ Where taxis are accessible *(many roads will be restricted during Hajj)*

✓ A clear *meeting point in case of separation*

*  Non-Shifting Groups:*

- Non-shifting groups will take an *early train on the morning of the 7th of Dhul-Hijjah* to Makkah

Upon arrival:

 Check in to hotel

 Proceed to the Haram for *Ṭawāf & Sa'ī*

 Return to hotel afterward

*  Hotel Check-In Protocol (ALL Groups)*

- Room assignments and key distribution may take time due to the large number of Hujjāj arriving together

- In many cases, if arrival times have been properly communicated, your guides/team will already be waiting with room keys prepared

 Keys are generally distributed in the following order:

 Families

👩 Women

👨 Men

➡ This is a standard group management process to ensure smooth and organized check-in for everyone

⚠ Please remain patient and cooperative throughout the process

🚫 Do NOT approach the hotel front desk individually

🏨 Hotel staff generally do not know the group rooming arrangements

👥 Please wait for your guides/team to call and distribute your keys

• If arriving independently or at unusual hours, keys may sometimes be left with the concierge and details will be sent to you via WhatsApp 📱

✂ After 'Umrah:

• Those performing *Tamattu':

✓ Complete *Ḥalq or trimming* after 'Umrah

• Those performing *Qirān* *(generally not recommended for first-time Hujjāj)*:

✓ Remain in Ihram and continue accordingly

🧳 Luggage Reminder:

🏷 All luggage must be properly tagged and labeled

👥 Coordinate with your guides for luggage collection timings

🔒 Ensure your passport, Nusuk card, and valuables remain on your person during transfers

🚫 Important Reminder:

🌙 Nobody should leave the hotel after *Ṣalāt al-ʿIshā on the 7th of Dhul-Ḥijjah* unless instructed otherwise by the guides.

🕌 Ihram & Train Instructions:

🚆 Since we will be traveling by *train*:

✓ All Hujjāj must wear *Ihram from the hotel*

👥 We recommend making the *niyyah (intention)* together as a group

⚠ The *Miqāt is only a few minutes after departure*, so *do not delay making your intention*.

📱 General Reminders:

🔋 Keep your phone fully charged

📶 Ensure WhatsApp/data is functioning

👥 Stay connected with your guides at all times

🕒 Be punctual and prepared

→ Delays affect the movement of the entire group.

This is the general *tartīb (sequence)* for our first 'Umrah for both shifting and non-shifting groups.

Please review carefully and coordinate closely with your guides throughout the process.

Group Leadership & Guide Structure

- *MJB* will be the *overall group lead*, overseeing *all guides and all groups*

B2500:

- *Mufti Ubaidullah Awal* – Guide

B2500 Camps:

- *Muasim Camp* – Guide assignments as above
- *Majr Al Kabsh Camp:*
- *Mufti Sheikh Sohel Mangera* – Guide (*subject to change*)

B2900:

- *Mufti Asif Iqbal* – Guide
- *Hafiz Farid Bhaiyat* – Guide

B2800:

- *Mufti Masihullah Bhaiyat* – Guide
- *Mufti Sheikh Sohel Mangera* – Guide

Women's Coordination (All Groups):

- *Alima Asma Bhaiyat* – *Women's Coordinator for all groups* (Mina & Hotels)

Important Note:

Your *guides will be in charge of you and your Hajj*, and will be *with you throughout the entire process*.

We strongly encourage everyone to:

- *Save your guide's contact details*

We have already *introduced the guides in our webinars*, and we encourage you to *reach out if you have any questions*.

As soon as we complete our logistical preparation, we will begin *directing all Hujjaj to their respective guides*.

Please *disregard any guide assignments shown on Nusuk*.

- For *specific or personal questions*, please *contact your guide directly*
- For *general logistical questions*, please *post in the main Q&A group*

Please ensure you are connected and prepared.

Clarification Regarding Qaṣr (Shortening of Prayers) During Hajj

For our groups, including the *Express (12-day) package* and even those whose overall stay may *exceed 15 days*, *Qaṣr will apply*, In shā' Allāh.

This is because:

- We are *continuously traveling* throughout the journey
- We begin in *Madinah*, then travel to *Makkah*
- We then move through *Mina, 'Arafāt, and Muzdalifah*
- After the 12th of Dhul-Hijjah, some will *depart immediately*, while others will *stay briefly before departure*

Since we are *not settled in one place continuously*, the ruling of *Qaṣr remains applicable*.

What does Qaṣr mean:

- *Dhuhr, 'Asr, and 'Ishā* → shortened from *4 to 2 rak'ah*
- *Maghrib remains 3*
- *Fajr remains 2*

This approach aligns with the general principles of the major schools of thought, and we will be following a *consistent and practical approach as a group*, In shā' Allāh.

Important:

If you plan to *remain in one location for an extended period after Hajj*, or have specific circumstances, we advise that you *consult your scholar or follow your personal madhhab accordingly*.

Of course, if we are *praying in the Haram behind the Imām*, then the prayer will be performed *in full*.

Please follow your *guides' instructions* regarding prayer arrangements throughout the journey.

Reflecting on the Hajj Journey

As we prepare for this *momentous journey* and get ready to answer the *sacred call to the House of Allah ﷻ*, it is important that we reflect on *what is truly being asked of us*.

We are not only preparing physically — we are preparing *spiritually and mentally*.

Allah ﷻ has asked us to enter into the state of *Iḥrām*. This is not just a change of clothing — it is a *change of state*.

It is a reminder that we must:

- *Leave behind our worldly identities*
- *Set aside our occupations, titles, and status*
- *Let go of pride, ego, and arrogance*

People are coming to Hajj from *all walks of life* — different backgrounds, professions, and levels of wealth. But before Allah ﷻ, *all of that is set aside*. We stand *equal*, in a state of *complete humility*.

This is the mindset we must carry:

- 👉 *Who is calling us?*
- 👉 *Whose invitation are we responding to?*
- 👉 *Why are we being asked to leave everything behind?*

Allah ﷻ is inviting us to *present ourselves as humble servants*, stripped of all worldly distinction — just as we will stand before Him on the *Day of Judgment*.

If we *prepare ourselves in this way*, our Hajj will become *more meaningful and more accepted*, In shā' Allāh.

If we instead hold on to expectations of *comfort or status*, it may make the journey more difficult for us.

We are honored guests — invited not by people, but by *Allah ﷻ Himself*.

So let us enter this journey with:

- *Humility*
- *Patience*
- *Gratitude*

And remind ourselves often:

We are here to answer His call.



Important Point About the Bus From Kudai Bus Station to Mina Camps

👉 The name on the bus (written in Arabic) that will take you from *Kudai Bus Station to your camps* is:
منى الشَّعْبَيْنِ (Mina Shabāyin)

Please *look carefully for this name* when boarding.

Important notes:

- This bus will take you *very close to our camps* (within a few hundred feet)
- The *same buses* from Mina will bring you *back to Kudai Bus Station*

From *Kudai to your hotels (Aziziyyah / Makkah)*:

- Travel will be by *taxi or local buses*

Please ensure you are *familiar with this name and route* to avoid confusion during movement.



DEPARTURE PROTOCOLS – IMPORTANT (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

As we begin departures, please follow the instructions below carefully to ensure smooth coordination for everyone:

1. Emirates Travelers

Those flying on *Emirates* — there is a high probability you will meet other Hujjāj in *Dubai*, and many of you may arrive together in *Madinah*. Please be aware and coordinate where possible.

2. Flight Responsibility (VERY IMPORTANT)

It is *your responsibility* to:

- Inform us immediately of any delays
- Inform us if you *miss your flight*
- Provide details of your *next confirmed flight*

3. If You Miss Your Flight

- Go directly to the airline counter *(Emirates / Saudi Airlines)*
- Request to be placed on the *next available flight*
- Be aware: *fees may apply*
- If flights are full, you may be placed on a later flight



You must inform your guide immediately with your updated itinerary.

4. Boarding Confirmation

From your *last point of departure*:

- Emirates → *Dubai*
- Saudi Airlines → *Washington (IAD)*

You must send a message confirming:

- ✓ You have boarded
- ✓ Flight is on time

If there are *any delays*, inform us immediately.

5. Airport Arrival Time

Arrive at the airport *at least 4 hours prior* to departure.

Late arrival may result in *denied boarding or rebooking to later flights.*

6. Check-In (IMPORTANT)

- Online check-in *may NOT be available* for group bookings
- Please be prepared for *airport counter check-in*
- Allow extra time for processing

7. ID & Luggage (CRITICAL)

For those picking up IDs/tags at the airport:

- Meet your *guide*
- Tag your luggage properly

- Use your *luggage bands*
- Keep your *ID visible at all times*

This helps:

- ✓ Guides identify you easily
- ✓ Other guides (especially in Dubai) assist you
- ✓ Group coordination upon arrival

8. Arrival Coordination

- Recognize fellow Hujjāj through their IDs
- Stay together as a group
- Proceed together to the buses

If you board a bus *without a guide*:

- ➡ Send a message to your *guide* that you are on the way to the hotel
- ➡ Your guide will relay the update

9. Communication Protocol

- All communication should now be *through your assigned guide*
- Keep communication channels *open and responsive*

10. Group Chats

Before departure, *subgroups will be opened* so you can communicate within your assigned group, In shā' Allāh.

*** ⚠ Final Reminder: ***

Clear and timely communication is essential. This ensures your safety, proper coordination, and a smooth journey for everyone.

Airport Pickup with Guides (Subject to Final Confirmation)

The following flights may have *guide presence and airport pickup support*:

With Guide:

- *B2800 – JFK (EK204)* → Sheikh Sohel Mangera
- *B2800 – IAD (SV036)* → Mufti Masihullah Bhaiyat
- *B2900 – IAD (EK232)* → Mufti Asif Iqbal
- *B2500 – JFK (SV022)* → Mufti Ubaidullah Awal

Flights WITHOUT onboard guide:

- *B2500 – ORD (EK236)*
- *B2500 – LAX (EK216)*
- *B2800 – LAX (EK216)*
- *B2900 – ORD (EK236)*
- *B2900 – LAX (EK216)*
- *B2900 – JFK (EK202)*

Important:

- All Hujjaj will be *received and assisted upon arrival*.
- Lack of onboard guide does *not affect your arrangements*.
- Final confirmations will be shared once logistics are finalized.



ROOM ASSIGNMENT & CHECK-IN PROTOCOL

We want to set expectations regarding the *hotel check-in and room key distribution process*:

1. Arrival & Preparation

- In most cases, if your arrival time has been *communicated properly*, our team will already be at the hotel lobby *waiting with your room keys*
- Room assignments are *prepared in advance* prior to your arrival

2. Key Distribution Process

Please note that distributing keys for large groups *takes time*

Keys are distributed in the following order:

- Families first
- Then women
- Then men

➡ This is a *standard group management process* to ensure smooth and organized check-in for everyone

We kindly ask all Hujjāj to *respect this process and remain patient*

3. Important Reminder

- Every group goes through this process
- There is *no faster alternative* for managing large group check-ins
- *Everyone will receive a room and a bed* — there is no need to rush

4. Do NOT Approach the Front Desk Individually

- The hotel staff will *not know your room assignment*
- Rooming has been arranged *through our group system*
- Even if you have received your room number in advance, you must still *collect your key from our team*

➡ Please wait for your *guide/team to call you*

5. Independent / Custom Flight Arrivals

For those arriving separately:

- If you arrive during *normal hours* and have informed us, your *guide/team will be there to assist you*
- If you arrive at *late or unusual hours*:

* Your room key may be left with the *hotel concierge*

* You will receive a *WhatsApp message* with:

- ✓ Your room number
- ✓ Details of where your key has been left

6. Communication is Key

- Please ensure you *inform your guide of your arrival time*
- Stay connected on WhatsApp for updates

*** ⚠ Final Reminder: ***

Patience and cooperation will make this process smooth for everyone. Our team is working to ensure all Hujjāj are accommodated properly, In shā' Allāh.



ROOM SERVICE, HOTEL SAFETY & IMPORTANT TIPS

A few important tips regarding hotel rooms, housekeeping, safes, and personal belongings during your stay in Madinah and Makkah:

- The hotels are very large and the housekeeping staff are often extremely busy
- If you wish for your room to be cleaned regularly or would like additional amenities such as:
 - ✓ Extra towels
 - ✓ Additional toiletries
 - ✓ Additional bathroom supplies
 - ✓ More frequent room service

➡ Then it is very helpful to tip the housekeeping staff modestly (for example *10 SAR*) whenever they clean your room.

In many hotels, this greatly helps with service and responsiveness, and the staff are usually very appreciative and helpful afterward, In shā' Allāh.

🔒 Hotel Safe Reminder

If you are using the hotel safes, they are generally safe to use, Alḥamdulillāh.

- Families sharing rooms may also share the safe if they wish

⚠ However, if multiple people are sharing the safe:

- Make sure everyone sharing the safe knows the password
- Ensure everyone understands how to properly open and close the safe
- Always confirm the safe is fully locked before leaving the room

➡ We have had situations in the past where safes were not properly closed or locked, causing unnecessary issues and delays.

Please exercise care and responsibility when storing valuables.

🔒 Important Safety Reminder

Please make sure to keep the following items secured and locked away inside your suitcase or luggage when not in use:

- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Valuables
- ✓ Passports
- ✓ Personal documents
- ✓ Drink flasks and personal belongings

⚠ Please avoid leaving passports, valuables, or large amounts of cash openly visible inside the room.

⚠ However, when *moving between hotels*, please *DO NOT* place your passport, Nusuk card, or main identification documents inside your luggage.*

➡ These should remain *on your person at all times* during transfers and transportation between cities/hotels.

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👉 Final Reminder

Please treat hotel staff with kindness, patience, and respect. Good character and good treatment often result in better cooperation and service for everyone.

MADINAH ITINERARY & DAILY ROUTINE

Alḥamdulillāh, we look forward to welcoming everybody to *Madinah al-Munawwarah*, In shā' Allāh. Below is a general outline of our expected routine and schedule while in Madinah:

* Madinah Schedule*

- *20th May* → Arrival into Madinah for some groups depending on package and flight schedule
- *21st May* → Arrival into Madinah for remaining groups depending on package and flight schedule

B2800 Travelers:

- *Tentative Madinah Ziyārah after 'Ishā on 21st May*
-  We generally prefer the after 'Ishā ziyārah as the weather is cooler and more comfortable for the Hujjāj
- *22nd May* → *Tentative Madinah Ziyārah after 'Ishā for remaining groups*

B2800 Travelers:

- B2800 group will depart Madinah on *23rd May*
- B2800 luggage collection will take place on *22nd May after 'Ishā until approximately midnight*

- ✓ Bring luggage/suitcases down for collection
- ✓ All luggage *must be properly tagged and labeled*
- ✓ You may place an *AirTag or tracking device* inside your luggage if you wish

Please ensure luggage is fully packed and ready before collection time

- *23rd May* → After 'Ishā until approximately midnight for remaining groups:
- ✓ Bring luggage/suitcases down for collection
- ✓ All luggage *must be properly tagged and labeled*
- ✓ You may place an *AirTag or tracking device* inside your luggage if you wish

Please ensure luggage is fully packed and ready before collection time

- *24th May* → Departure to *Makkah al-Mukarramah* for remaining groups, In shā' Allāh

Important for Fajr on Departure Day:

- Nobody should leave the hotel for Fajr without clearance from the guides
- Even if permission is given, please pray close to the hotel and return immediately afterward
- This is to ensure proper coordination and departure logistics for all groups

* Main Focus in Madinah*

Our primary focus in Madinah is to maximize our time in *Masjid an-Nabawi* and benefit spiritually from our stay near the blessed Rawḍah and the resting place of our beloved Prophet ﷺ.

We strongly encourage everyone to:

- Pray *all 5 daily prayers* in the masjid
- Spend as much time as possible in worship, Qur'an, dhikr, du'ā, and reflection

- Reduce unnecessary distractions and excessive shopping trips

🕌 Early Morning Worship

We encourage Hujjāj to wake up early, around *2:00–3:00 AM*, and spend time in the masjid before Fajr.

This is usually one of the most peaceful and spiritually uplifting times in Madinah.

😴 Recommended Rest Schedule

To help maintain energy and benefit fully from the stay in Madinah, we generally recommend the following routine:

- After ‘Ishā:
 - ✓ Dinner
 - ✓ Light shopping or errands if needed
 - ✓ Return early and sleep
- After Ishrāq:
 - ✓ Return to the hotel and rest
 - ✓ Recommended sleep/rest until approximately *11:00 AM*

This schedule generally helps Hujjāj maintain strength and balance throughout the journey.

🍽️ Hotel Meal Plan

Please note that the hotel is generally *half-board*:

- ✓ Breakfast will be served
- ✓ Dinner will be served

Please follow the meal timings shared by your guides and hotel staff.

🌹 Sending Salām to the Prophet ﷺ

We encourage all Hujjāj to regularly visit and send salām upon the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ during their stay in Madinah.

- Men may generally access through *Bāb as-Salām*
- Women may enter the area designated for salām during the following timings:

Morning Visit

- Entry Doors: *Door 2, 21, or 32*
- Entry Time: *After Fajr until approximately 9:00 AM*
- Allowed to Stay Until: *11:30 AM*
- *Fridays: Not available*

Evening Visit

- Entry Doors: *Door 2, 21, or 32*
- Entry Time: *After ‘Ishā until approximately 10:00 PM*
- Allowed to Stay Until: *11:30 PM*

- *Fridays: Not available*

⚠ Please follow the guidance of the masjid staff and your guides regarding crowd flow, entrances, and timing adjustments, as procedures may occasionally change depending on crowd conditions.

* 🌹 Rawḍah Visit*

All Hujjāh should already have arranged/booked their *Rawḍah permits* through Nusuk, In shā' Allāh.

Please understand:

- Rawḍah access is controlled through permits
- Timings are assigned by the system
- Please carefully review your assigned timing and permit details in the Nusuk app

Your guides will also assist in coordinating and advising regarding entry timings and logistics where possible.

We kindly ask everyone to remain patient and cooperative throughout this process.

* 🛍 Shopping & Purchasing Dates*

There will be time allocated for:

- Shopping
- Purchasing dates and gifts
- Personal errands

We advise everyone to organize these matters gradually and avoid leaving everything until the final day.

* 🙏 Final Reminder*

Madinah is a place of peace, mercy, and spiritual rejuvenation. We encourage everyone to make the most of every moment and maintain patience, cooperation, and good companionship throughout the journey.

May Allāh grant everyone an accepted journey and allow us to benefit fully from our stay in Madinah.

Entering into Ihram – Basic Method

Before beginning any of the three types of Hajj, the pilgrim should enter into *Ihram* properly.

* Recommended Steps Before Ihram*

- ✓ Trim nails if needed
- ✓ Remove unwanted hair if needed
- ✓ Perform ghusl/shower
- ✓ Apply perfume *before* entering Ihram *(men only — not on Ihram garments themselves)*
- ✓ Wear Ihram garments

* Men's Ihram*

- Two unstitched cloths are worn:
 - ✓ One wrapped around the waist *(Izār)*
 - ✓ One over the upper body *(Ridāʿ)*

➡ White garments are recommended, but Ihram is not restricted to white only.

- Sandals/slippers should leave the ankles and top of foot area exposed according to fiqh guidelines.

* Women's Ihram*

- Women remain in normal modest Islamic clothing
- Clothing should be:
 - ✓ Loose
 - ✓ Modest
 - ✓ Non-perfumed

⚠ Women do NOT wear niqāb or gloves while in Ihram.

➡ However, women who wish to cover the face following the practice narrated from ʿĀʾishah رضي الله عنها may use:

- ✓ A visor/hat/cap structure
- ✓ With a cloth lowered over it

so that the cloth does not directly touch the face.

* Ṣalāh Before Ihram*

If possible, perform:

- ✓ Two rakʿahs before making intention

(Some scholars classify this as recommended when convenient.)

* Making the Intention (Niyyah)*

The intention is made according to the type of Hajj being performed:

Tamattu‘

→ Intend ‘Umrah only initially

Qirān

→ Intend ‘Umrah + Hajj together

Ifrād

→ Intend Hajj only

🗣️ Talbiyah

After making intention, begin reciting the Talbiyah:

> *Labbayka Allāhumma Labbayk,*
> *Labbayka lā sharīka laka labbayk,*
> *Innal-ḥamda wan-ni‘mata laka wal-mulk,*
> *Lā sharīka lak.*

- Men should recite the Talbiyah aloud
- Women should also recite the Talbiyah, but quietly

⚠️ It is important to note that merely intending Ihram is not sufficient according to many fuqahā’.

→ The Talbiyah (or another form of dhikr/praise of Allāh ﷻ in its place) must be recited for a person to properly enter into the state of Ihram.

⚠️ Important Reminder

Once intention and Talbiyah are made:

→ The state of Ihram begins.

All Ihram restrictions now apply.

The 3 Types of Hajj – Basic Procedures

1 Hajj al-Tamattu' (التمتع)

📌 Procedure:

1. Enter Ihram with intention for *‘Umrah only*

2. Perform:

- ✓ Ṭawāf for ‘Umrah
- ✓ Sa‘ī for ‘Umrah

3. Cut/trim hair

4. Exit Ihram completely

➡ Remain out of Ihram until the 8th of Dhul-Ḥijjah

5. On the 8th of Dhul-Ḥijjah:

- ✓ Enter Ihram again for Hajj
- ✓ Proceed with Hajj rites

6. During Hajj:

- ✓ Perform Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / az-Ziyārah
- ✓ Perform Sa‘ī for Hajj afterward

7. Offer Hady/Qurbani

2 Hajj al-Qirān (القران)

📌 Procedure:

1. Enter Ihram with intention for:

- ✓ ‘Umrah + Hajj together

2. Upon arrival in Makkah:

- ✓ Perform Ṭawāf
- ✓ Perform Sa‘ī

3. Then perform *Sunnah Ṭawāf.*

4. After the Sunnah Ṭawāf, you have the option to perform the Sa‘ī for Hajj, **OR** you may perform the Sa‘ī for Hajj AFTER Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / az-Ziyārah.

➡ If Sa‘ī for Hajj is performed here, then no additional Sa‘ī is required after Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / az-Ziyārah.

5. Remain continuously in Ihram until the Day of Sacrifice

6. On the 10th of Dhul-Ḥijjah:

- ✓ Offer Hady/Qurbani
- ✓ Shave/trim hair

7. During Hajj:

- ✓ Perform Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / az-Ziyārah

﴿٣﴾ Hajj al-Ifrād (الإفراد)*

📌 Procedure:

1. Enter Ihram with intention for *Hajj only*

2. Upon arrival in Makkah:

- ✓ Perform *Sunnah Ṭawāf.*

3. After the Sunnah Ṭawāf, you have the option to perform the Sa‘ī for Hajj, **OR** you may perform the Sa‘ī for Hajj AFTER Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / az-Ziyārah.

➡ If Sa‘ī for Hajj is performed here, then no additional Sa‘ī is required after Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / az-Ziyārah.

4. Remain in Ihram until the Day of Sacrifice.

5. On the 10th of Dhul-Ḥijjah:

- ✓ Shave/trim hair

6. During Hajj:

- ✓ Perform Ṭawāf al-Ifāḍah / az-Ziyārah

GUIDE RESPONSIBILITIES, ETIQUETTE & EXPECTATIONS

As we get closer to departure, we would also like everyone to understand the role of the guides, what they are responsible for, and what falls under the responsibility of each individual Hājj.

This understanding helps create:

- ✓ Better communication
- ✓ Better organization
- ✓ Less confusion
- ✓ Smoother group movement
- ✓ A more spiritually beneficial Hajj experience for everyone

* What Guides Are Responsible For*

Your guides are responsible for assisting with:

- ✓ Group coordination and movement
- ✓ Airport and transportation logistics
- ✓ Hotel check-ins/check-outs
- ✓ Leading and organizing major rites/logistics
- ✓ General guidance regarding Hajj rituals
- ✓ Emergency coordination where possible
- ✓ Group communication and announcements
- ✓ Helping coordinate lost/separated members where possible
- ✓ Assisting with schedules and meeting points

 Guides are there to help facilitate and organize the group to the best of their ability under extremely demanding Hajj conditions.

* What Guides Are NOT Responsible For*

Guides are NOT responsible for:

- ✗ Personally carrying or managing your luggage
- ✗ Holding your passport, cash, or valuables
- ✗ Individually escorting every Hājj everywhere
- ✗ Personal shopping arrangements
- ✗ Managing personal disputes between roommates
- ✗ Waking individual Hujjāj for every event/prayer
- ✗ Delays caused by individuals not following instructions
- ✗ Missed buses/flights due to personal lateness or lack of communication
- ✗ Personal spending, purchases, or financial matters
- ✗ Managing individual medications or medical conditions
- ✗ Childcare supervision
- ✗ Guaranteeing roommate/language preferences
- ✗ Guaranteeing bus placement with specific friends/family outside assigned logistics
- ✗ Immigration/customs decisions made by Saudi authorities

➡ Every Hājj still carries personal responsibility throughout the journey.

* 📱 Communication Etiquette*

- ✓ Please communicate primarily through your assigned guide/group structure
- ✓ Keep phones charged and WhatsApp active
- ✓ Respond promptly when guides request information
- ✓ Inform guides immediately of:
 - Delays
 - Illness
 - Separation from group
 - Flight issues
 - Missing luggage
 - Emergencies

⚠ Please avoid excessive late-night calls/messages except in emergencies.

⚠ If a guide does not immediately respond, please continue following the most recent instructions already provided unless instructed otherwise.

⚠ Delayed communication creates major operational difficulties for the entire group.

* 🤝 Etiquette Towards Guides & Fellow Hujjāj*

Please remember:

- ✓ Guides are also Hujjāj
- ✓ Many guides sleep very little during Hajj
- ✓ Conditions during Hajj are extremely difficult for everyone
- ✓ Some guides may simultaneously oversee multiple buses/groups/logistical operations

We kindly ask everyone for:

- ✓ Patience
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Cooperation
- ✓ Husn al-khuluq (good character)
- ✓ Understanding during stressful situations

➡ Sometimes circumstances may be outside everyone's control due to:

- Crowd conditions
- Nusuk systems
- Traffic restrictions
- Government regulations
- Weather
- Transportation delays
- Hotel operations

⚠ During major Hajj movement days, guides may sometimes need to prioritize group safety and emergency coordination over individual convenience requests.

⚠ In extremely crowded or changing conditions, instructions and meeting points may sometimes need to change rapidly.

* 🏠 Personal Responsibility During Hajj*

Every Hājj should strive to:

- ✓ Learn the rituals
- ✓ Follow announcements carefully
- ✓ Be punctual
- ✓ Stay with the group where instructed
- ✓ Know meeting points
- ✓ Keep identification visible
- ✓ Monitor personal belongings
- ✓ Help fellow Hujjāj where possible

➡ Hajj works best when everyone cooperates together.

* 📖 Final Reminder*

The more informed and organized each Hājj becomes, the smoother the experience becomes for the entire group.

Alḥamdulillāh, many of the logistics and operational reminders shared throughout these messages are the result of years of Hajj experience and real situations encountered on the ground.

If everyone studies and follows these instructions carefully, In shā' Allāh, the journey will become significantly easier and more organized for all.

DEPARTURE PROTOCOLS

As Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa Raḥmatullāhi wa Barakātuh,

As we prepare for departure and airport transfers, please carefully review the following important protocols and reminders.

* Departure Timeline*

 Departure procedures generally begin approximately *12 hours prior to departure*.

• During this period, nobody should leave the hotel unless instructed otherwise by the guides/team.

➡ This is necessary to ensure proper coordination of:

- ✓ Luggage
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Passport/document checks
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Final group logistics

* Ṭawāf al-Widā‘ (Farewell Tawaf)*

• Ṭawāf al-Widā‘ should be completed *before departure from Makkah*.

➡ Ṭawāf al-Widā‘ may be performed anytime after:

- ✓ Ṭawāf az-Ziyārah / al-Ifāḍah

* Intention (Niyyah)*

- ✓ Intend *Ṭawāf al-Widā‘ (Farewell Tawaf)* in the heart.

* Method*

- ✓ Perform *7 circuits* around the Ka‘bah
- ✓ Keep the Ka‘bah to your left
- ✓ No Sa‘ī is required afterward

➡ After completion:

- ✓ Pray 2 rak‘ahs
- ✓ Drink Zamzam
- ✓ Make du‘ā

 After completing Ṭawāf al-Widā‘, avoid unnecessary delays, shopping trips, or lengthy outings unless required for departure logistics.

* Luggage Instructions*

 ALL luggage must be properly tagged and labeled.

- In many cases, luggage will be transported separately from the Hujjāj during departure operations.

➡ Please ensure:

- ✓ Your tags are secure and clearly visible
- ✓ Your passport, Nusuk card, medications, valuables, and important documents remain on your person
- ✓ Essential items are NOT placed inside checked luggage
- ✓ Keep one change of clothes and important essentials inside your carry-on luggage

⚠ Power banks should NOT be packed inside checked luggage. Keep them in your carry-on bags.

⚠ Departure days are among the most common times for luggage to become misplaced.

🚌 Transportation Arrangements*

Group Departures

- ✓ Group departures will generally proceed by *bus transportation* arranged by the group.

Custom Flights

- ✓ Travelers on custom/independent flights will generally use *ABG-arranged transportation* where applicable.

⚠ Group departures may sometimes require waiting for full bus manifests and coordination of all passengers. We kindly ask everyone for patience and cooperation.

✈️ Early Airport Transfers*

⚠ Due to:

- ✓ Hajj traffic restrictions
- ✓ Road closures
- ✓ Security checkpoints
- ✓ Airport congestion
- ✓ Unpredictable delays

➡ Transportation to the airport may depart significantly earlier than your actual flight time.

If you are uncomfortable leaving early for the airport, you may arrange your own private transportation at your own discretion and responsibility.

However:

- ✓ Please still coordinate with your guides/team
- ✓ Ensure proper luggage handling
- ✓ Ensure arrival at the correct airport terminal on time

⚠ Airport terminals and airline procedures may occasionally change, so please continue monitoring guide instructions and airline updates carefully.

💧 Zamzam Reminder*

✓ Zamzam may generally be purchased at the airport prior to departure, subject to airport availability and airline regulations.

* 📱 Final Reminders*

- ✓ Keep your passport and Nusuk card on your person at all times
- ✓ Keep phones charged and WhatsApp active
- ✓ Remain reachable by your guides/team
- ✓ Be patient and cooperative throughout departure operations

➡ Delays affect the movement of the entire group.

* 📖 Final Note*

Alḥamdulillāh, this generally completes the main Hajj logistics guidance and operational reminders that we intended to share with everyone.

➡ If there is anything important that you feel has not been covered, please let us know.

Otherwise, if you carefully study and review all the information that has been shared throughout these updates, In shā' Allāh, you will become masters of Hajj logistics — almost as knowledgeable as the guides themselves



How to Drop a Pin in Google Maps

Mobile App (Android/iPhone)

1. Open Google Maps: Find the location on the map.
2. Long Press: Tap and hold your finger on the screen where you want the pin.
3. Drop Pin: A red pin will appear, and "Dropped pin" will appear at the bottom of the screen.
4. Actions: Tap the address at the bottom to save, share, or get directions.

Tips for Dropping Pins

- Remove a Pin: Tap the "X" on the search bar or tap elsewhere on the map.
- Save a Pin: Select the "Save" option on the bottom menu to save to a list.
- Label a Pin: Use the "Label" feature to give the pin a custom name (e.g., "Parking Spot").
- Accuracy: Zoom in closely for higher precision in placing the pin.