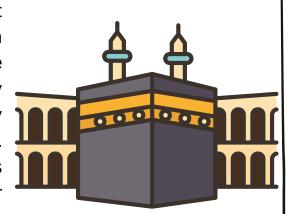


# The Journey of a Lifetime

Hajj is a very special journey that Muslims make to the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia. It is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, which means it is a very important act of worship that every Muslim should do if they are able to. Let's learn more about what Hajj is, its history, and why it is so important for Muslims all over the world.



## What is Hajj?

Hajj is a pilgrimage, or a big trip, that Muslims take once in their lifetime if they are healthy and can afford to go. It happens every year during the Islamic month of Dhul-Hijjah, and millions of Muslims from all over the world gather in Makkah to complete this act of worship.

During Hajj, Muslims perform special rituals like walking around the Kaaba, which is a big black cube in Makkah that is the holiest place in Islam. They also pray, ask Allah for forgiveness, and remember important stories from Islamic history.





## Why is Hajj Important?

Hajj is not just a trip; it is a journey that brings Muslims closer to Allah. It reminds them that all Muslims are equal, no matter where they come from or what they look like. Everyone wears simple white clothes, called ihram, to show that they are all the same in front of Allah.

Hajj also helps Muslims think about their lives, ask for forgiveness, and promise to be better people. It is a time for worship, peace, and togetherness.

#### The Story Behind Hajj

Α long time ago, Prophet Ibrahim was told by Allah to take his wife, Hajar, and their baby son, Ismail, to a desert. When they ran out of water, Hajar ran back and forth between two hills, Safa and Marwa, looking for help. Then, Allah made water spring out of the ground beneath baby Ismail's feet. This special spring is called Zamzam water, and it still flows in Makkah today!

Later, Prophet Ibrahim and Ismail built the Kaaba as a house of worship for Allah. Muslims visit the Kaaba during Hajj to honor their faith and follow the example of Prophet Ibrahim's devotion to Allah.

#### The Virtues of Hajj

Hajj is very special because it helps Muslims feel closer to Allah and purifies their hearts. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said that when a person performs Hajj correctly, all their past sins are forgiven, and they return as pure as a newborn baby.

Hajj also teaches patience, kindness, and the importance of helping others. It is a time when Muslims from all over the world come together, showing that Islam is a religion of peace and unity.

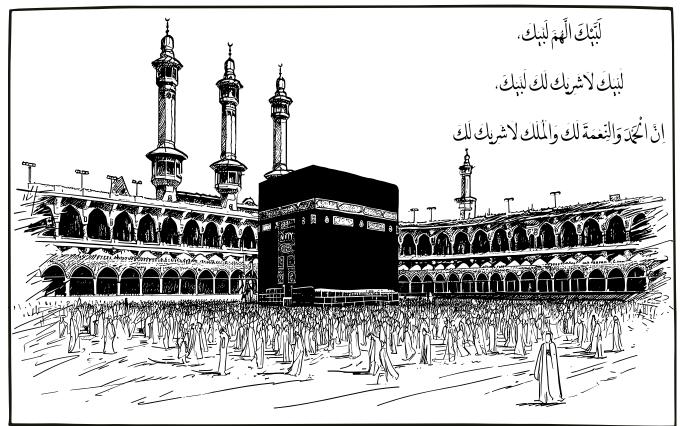




## Conclusion

Hajj is an incredible journey that reminds Muslims of their faith, history, and the blessings of Allah. It teaches important lessons about equality, devotion, and kindness. Even if you are too young to go on Hajj now, learning about it can help you understand how Muslims connect with Allah and each other through this amazing act of worship.

Doesn't it sound beautiful to see millions of people coming together, worshiping Allah, and sharing their faith? One day, you may get the chance to experience Hajj too!







#### Choose the Correct Answer

- 1- What does the word Hajj mean?
- a) A holiday

c) A prayer

- b) A pilgrimage
- d) A festival
- 2- Who built the Kaaba with Prophet Ibrahim?
- a) Prophet Ismail

b) Prophet Muhammad

c) Prophet Musa

- d) Prophet Isa
- 3- Why do Muslims walk between Safa and Marwa?
- a) To remember Hajar's search for water b) To celebrate a festival

c) To greet each other

- d) To find Zamzam water
- 4- What is the name of the special spring of water in Makkah?
- a) Safa Water

b) Zamzam Water

c) Hajj Water

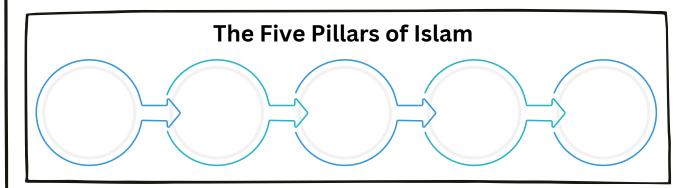
- d) Ibrahim Water
- 5- What does performing Hajj teach Muslims?
- a) Patience and devotion

b) How to cook food

- c) How to build houses
- d) The names of different countries

#### True or False

- 1. Hajj takes place in the city of Madinah.
- 2. The Kaaba is shaped like a cube.
- 3. Muslims wear fancy clothes during Hajj.
- 4. Zamzam water came from the ground when Ismail prayed for help.
- 5. Hajj is only for people who live in Saudi Arabia.





### Answer the Following Questions

- 1- What is Hajj, and where do Muslims go to perform it?
- 2- What is the Kaaba, and why is it important in Hajj?
- 3- During which month does Hajj take place?
- 4- Who are the main people in the story behind Hajj?
- 5- Why did Hajar run between the hills of Safa and Marwa?
- 6- What happened when baby Ismail was crying in the desert?
- 7- Who helped Prophet Ibrahim build the Kaaba?
- 8- What is the name of the special water that Allah provided for Hajar and Ismail?

#### Hajj

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