

# Islamic Rites of Passage

## Learning Objective:

To understand the importance of the Hajj for a Muslim person.





What does  
HAJJ mean?

What  
does PILGRIMAGE  
mean?

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A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place. Pilgrims journey to these places to be closer to God.

Pilgrims leave their homes and families. They walk miles and miles to visit religious places with minimal belongings.



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# The Hajj is an Islamic Pilgrimage and is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

## Muslims journey to a place called Mecca and should do this once in their life.



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# The Hajj was believed to be established by the prophet Muhammad. Islamic tradition says the Hajj traces back to the time of Abraham.

It was believed that Abraham was forced to leave his wife (Hagar) and his son (Ishmael) alone in the desert. Hagar ran seven times between two hills, Safa and Marwah, to find water. She found none and returned to her son.

When she returned she found Ishmael scratching at the ground and underneath they found some water. Abraham then built the Kaaba (a monument) in this spot and invited people to make a pilgrimage there.



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Why  
do Muslim people  
make the Hajj  
journey?



They make the pilgrimage to be closer to God and because it is a Rite of Passage. The Hajj provides Muslims with an opportunity to focus on themselves and be more in touch with who they are. After the journey they become more positive and tolerant.

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Lets find out what happens when a Muslim person makes the Hajj pilgrimage. What kinds of rituals do they need to carry out?



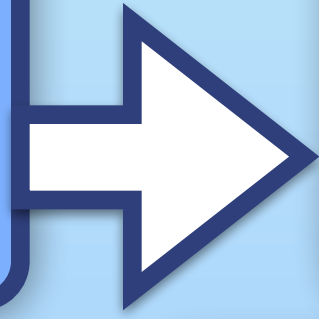
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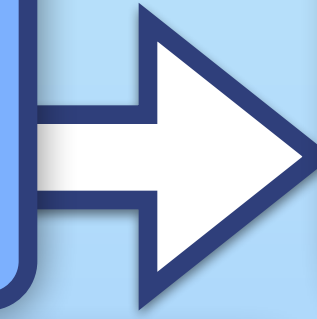
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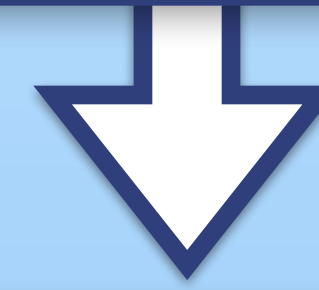
Umra is the first part of the Hajj, People go to a place just outside Mecca called Miqat.



At Miqat Muslims bathe, put on white clothes and recite the Talbiyah Du'a (prayer).



Then they go over to the Masjid al Haram and walk around the Kaaba seven times, repeating prayers.



Firstly, Muslims fly to Jeddah and journey to Mecca by bus.



After this Muslims drink Zam Zam water, which is from the original spring Ishmael found.



The last step is to go to the Safa and Marwah hills and walk between them seven times.

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Muslim people walk to a place called Mina and sleep there overnight.

In the morning they walk to the valley of Arafat and praise Allah in the open space.

After this Muslims walk to Muzdalifa and sleep there over-night. Here they collect 49 or 70 stones.

The Hajj journey happens after the Umra ritual.



In the morning they walk back to Mina and throw the stones at the Jamarat Pillar.

Once they have thrown all their stones they walk back to Mecca and perform the Umra again.

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# Wow, what a journey!



What would be hard about the Hajj?

What is the weather like in Mecca?

What would you take with you?

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Do you know  
anyone who has been on  
the Hajj?

Do you know anyone who has  
been on a different  
religious pilgrimage?



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# Plenary

"I  
have tolerance for  
the people around  
me."

"I  
now believe everyone  
must choose their own  
path."

"I  
appreciate the way  
God answers prayers."

"I feel I can make a  
fresh start and make peace  
with enemies."



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