

Pilgrimage

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8. What is Ramy al Jamar?
9. What celebration marks the end of the Pilgrimage?

How did you find today's task? (✓)

I feel confident.	I still need some support.	I don't feel sure.

How might the task be improved? _____

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1. What is Hajj?

Hajj is a special journey which every Muslim tries to make at least once in their life if possible and if they can afford to do so.

2. Where do Muslims go for Hajj?

Mecca, Saudi Arabia

3. Is Hajj one of the 5 Pillars of Islam?

Yes

4. What is the name of the Holy Building around which the Pilgrims perform Tawaf?

(Holy Ka'aba)

5. What are the names of the two hills between which Pilgrims perform the Sa'yy?

Safa and Marwa

6. What is the name of the water spring Pilgrims often bring back home with them after Hajj?

ZamZam Water

7. What do Muslim men and women wear when performing Hajj?

Men wear two white seamless sheets (see the picture on the left).

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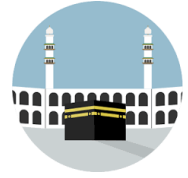
8. What is Ramy al Jamar?

This is a ceremony, which involves the pilgrims throwing stones at three pillars in a symbolic act of striking Satan. It takes place in the town of Mina.

9. What celebration marks the end of the Pilgrimage?

Eid -ul Adha

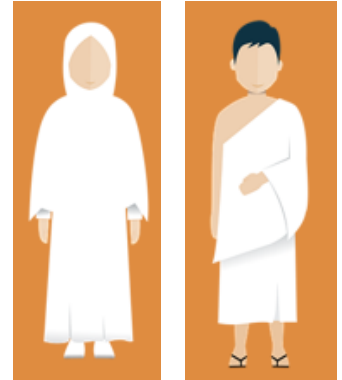
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Information Sheet -Part 1

The pilgrimage in Islam, known as Hajj, lasts for 12-13 days. It involves a number of different steps. Let's learn more about Hajj!

1. Before starting Hajj, the pilgrims must first enter into a sacred state of purity known as **ihram**.
2. Men wear two white seamless sheets (see the picture on the left).
3. Women wear traditional clothing and must cover their head but not their face (see the picture on the left).
4. These clothes symbolise the equality of all Muslims in front of Allah.
5. Pilgrims start Hajj by walking around the **Holy Ka'aba** 7 times in an anticlockwise direction. This is called a **Tawaf**.
6. After completing the Tawaf, the Pilgrims perform the **Sa'yy** which consists of moving in rapid strides between the two hills called **Safa** and **Marwa** located near the Holy Ka'aba.
7. This action relates to the story of **Hajirah** (may Allah be pleased with her), the wife of **Prophet Abraham** (peace be upon him), as she ran between the hills searching for water for her baby Ismail (peace be upon him), when the Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him) had to leave her there under Allah's instruction. In a sign of how Allah helps His people, there was a sudden gush of water from the newly appeared Zamzam spring near the crying infant.
8. This spring is still flowing today and many pilgrims drink the pure water, known as '**Zamzam**' water and also bring it back home with them after Hajj.
9. After performing the Sa'yy, the pilgrims move to **Mina**, a place about four miles from Makkah, spending the night there.
10. Next morning, the pilgrims leave for the **Plain of Arafat** located nine miles from Makkah. The pilgrims stay in the Plain of Arafat until sunset.



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Information Sheet -Part 2

11. After sunset the pilgrims leave Arafat and come to a place called **Muzdalifah**. In the Holy Quran, this place is referred to as al Mash'ar al Haram, the Sacred Monument.

12. In the morning, the pilgrims return to Mina once again. The pilgrims reach Mina on the tenth day of **Dhul Hijjah**. This is the busiest day of the pilgrimage. The first ceremony that is performed at Mina is the throwing of small stones or **Ramy Al Jimar**. In this ceremony the pilgrims throw stones at three pillars in a symbolic act of striking Satan.



13. To commemorate the story of Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him), on the tenth day of Dhul Hijjah, pilgrims sacrifice an animal (a sheep, a goat or a cow) and distribute the meat amongst the poor. This is the day that Muslims all over the world celebrate the festival of **Eid ul Adha** (festival of sacrifices).



14. During the last two or three days of Hajj, the pilgrims continue to perform the ceremony of Ramy Al Jimar or throwing of stones.

15. On the afternoon of the twelfth or thirteenth day of Dhul Hijjah the pilgrims return to Makkah for the last ceremony of the pilgrimage. This ceremony consists of the farewell tawaf of the Holy Ka'aba after which the entire pilgrimage is completed.

16. Many pilgrims carry on to the city of Medinah in Saudi Arabia about 200 miles from Makkah and visit 'Al Masjid an Nabawi' known as the Prophet's Mosque.

