

TIPS FOR HAJ

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Âyat of Haj

*For Haj are the months well known. If any one undertakes that duty therein, Let there be no obscenity, nor wickedness, nor wrangling in the Haj. And whatever good ye do, (be sure) Allah knows it. And take a provision (With you) for the journey, but the best of provisions is right conduct. So fear Me, o ye that are wise.
(Al Baqarah, 197)*

Encouraging love and humility amongst Hajîs
and preparation for the trip

State of Mind

- Never-underestimate the enthusiasm of the first time of Haj
- Prepare yourself mentally for the most spiritual, exhilarating experience of your life.
- Your trip will be what you make of it. The most difficult situation could be a memorable one with the correct mindset

Information

- Equip yourself with as much information as possible with regard to Haj
- Do not be too concerned with the laws but rather equip yourself more with the spiritual aspect of the Haj

Preparation for the Journey

- Travel as lightly as possible
- Opt to purchase Ihrâm, cloaks, kurtas in Madinah
- Always carry your money and documents on your person
- Don't be in a hurry to board or to get first on or off the plane/bus
- Assist the elderly and sick with their luggage and whatever needs they have

Stay in Madinah I

- Perform every fardh salâh as close as possible to the imâm. This will mean that you would be able to make Salâm towards the Rawdah after every Salâh
- Reading the Qur'ân 10 minutes before Adhân will enable you to complete a *khatam* during your stay
- Janatul Baqî is a stone's throw away from the Masjid Nabawî *Sallallâhu 'alayhi wasallam*, at least visit it once a day

Stay in Madinah II

- Take a walk to Masjid Quba
- Read as much *Durûd* as possible
- Try doing your shopping at night after the Haram closes
- Read the *talbiyya* loudly as soon as you don your *Ihrâm* and encourage others to do the same

Stay in Makkah I

- Make it your priority to make as much *tawâf* as possible whilst in Makkah.
- If one enters the Haram 10 minutes before *adhân*, you can make a *tawâf* before *Salâh*
- Perform your *Salâh* on the *matâf* and also make a *tawâf* after the *salâh* (males)
- Ladies should also be encouraged to make as *much tawâf* as possible.

Stay in Makkah II

- Assist others in what ever manner you can
- Draw out a schedule for yourself so as not to be caught up in the shopping and bazaars
- Try not to join a group of other hajîs. This will only complicate your stay and your *ibâdah*

The 5 Days of Haj

- Travel lightly as most things are available in Mina and Arafat
- Assist others during these five days
- Exercise patience during these five days
- Do not sit around with friends and waste away your time