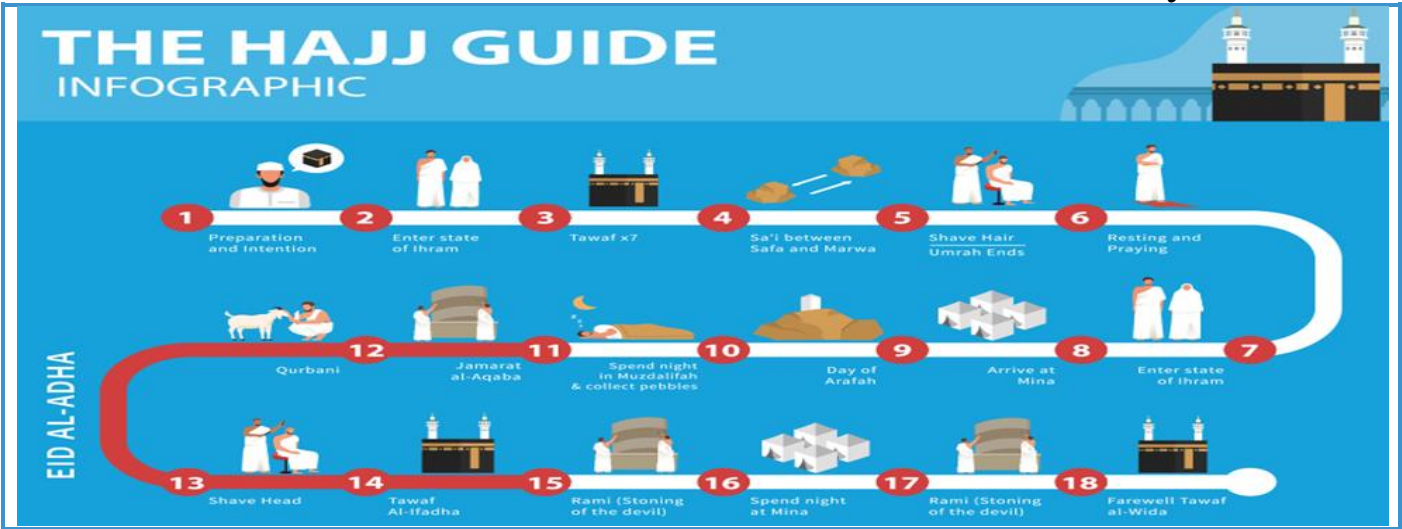


# Newsletter

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**READ THE HOLY QURAN DAILY**

**Read, Listen, and Study Tafsirs and Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed**

**Dhul Hijjah is the twelfth month of the Islamic (Hijri) Calendar**  
 (Infographic: worldhajj.com)

**Hajj in The Quran and Hadith**

There are Surahs and Hadiths regarding the obligation of Hajj.

Regarding the Hajj: “In it are clear signs [such as] the standing place of Abraham. And whoever enters it shall be safe. And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House – for whoever is able to find a way. But whoever disbelieves – then indeed, Allah is free from the need of the worlds.” Surah Al ‘Imran, 3:97

Abu Huraira narrates:  
 Allah’s Messenger ﷺ addressed us and said:  
 ‘O people, Allah has made Hajj obligatory for you, so perform Hajj.’

Abu Huraira reports:  
 The Prophet ﷺ was asked:  
 ‘What is the best deed?’ He replied:  
 ‘To have faith in Allah and His Messenger.’

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**Excerpts From "Fitrah-The Religion of The Original Nature" Imam W. Deen Mohammed**

...Islam is called the religion of the original nature, of Deen al Fitrah. It is the religion of the original nature; the pattern upon which G-d patterned all civilized societies. They didn't lose their civilized standards until they left that pattern.

And that brings us back to prayer, where it is said, no people have fallen until they left off their devotion to prayer; abandoned their devotion to prayer. Now how is it that prayer is going to preserve my original life pattern? The blueprint for me being successful as a human being, as a human people. How is prayer going to help that?

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**Difference Between Umrah and Hajj**

While comparing both Hajj and Umrah there is one big issue that is in accordance with the Islamic obligation. Hajj is one of the five basic tenets of Islam and is prescribed obligatory worship on every physically and financially capable Muslim once in a lifetime. Hajj is therefore of higher value because it meets a basic tenet of the Islamic faith. On the other hand, Umrah is an optional trip that any Muslim can take any time of the year. Umrah is not obligatory and it is a great favor that the Muslims reap many rewards as they get to wash their sins and rejuvenate their beliefs without the constraint of having to fulfill the duties of Hajj.

Hajj must be performed only once a year, in the 12th and the last month of the Islamic calendar, Dhu al-Hijjah. It ranges from several days; usually, it lasts between five and six days and is linked solely with the eighth through

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The enquirer asked: ‘What next?’ The Prophet ﷺ said: ‘To strive in the cause of Allah.’ He was then asked: ‘What is the next best thing?’ He replied: ‘To perform Hajj Mabruur.’

Aisha reports that she once said: ‘O Prophet of Allah! Jihad (striving or fighting for the cause of Allah) is the best deed. Should we (women) then not actively participate in it?’ The Prophet ﷺ replied: ‘The best Jihad for you is Hajj Mabruur.’

Abdullah ibn Abbas narrates: A woman from the tribe of Khath’am came in the year (of Hajjat al-Wada of the Prophet ﷺ) and said: ‘O Allah’s Messenger ﷺ! My father has come under Allah’s obligation of performing Hajj, but he is a very old man and cannot sit properly on his mount. Will the obligation be fulfilled if I perform Hajj on his behalf?’ The Prophet ﷺ replied in the affirmative.

This narration not only emphasizes the obligation of Hajj but also stresses that if an individual is unable to perform the Hajj himself, he must appoint someone to perform it on his behalf.

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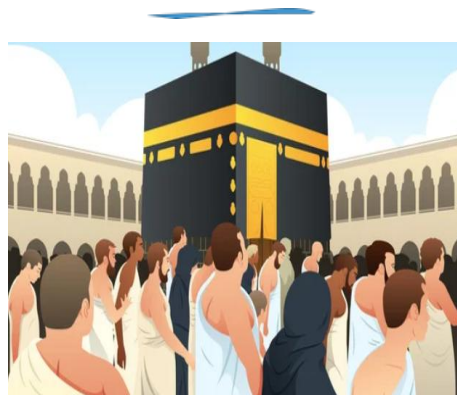


**"Fitrah-The Religion of The Original Nature"**

**Imam W. Deen Mohammed**

Prayer, when sincere, prayer when it's offered to the higher authority, not to a popular figure not to somebody because he's popular or to something because it excites my imagination—but to the one that I reason to be the creator of everything. The one to whom I owe my own good existence and my own good life and future. That's the one. When we find that one—just that connection alone, preserves the pattern for our life, our behavior, our future.

Source: The Mosque Cares.



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the thirteenth of Dhu al-Hijjah. Unlike the Hajj, there are no set times for the performance of Umrah.

The activities involved in hajj contrast sharply with those in Umrah. Hajj is much more extensive and includes specific ceremonies such as standing at the plain of Arafat, staying in Muzdalifah overnight, and throwing pebbles at the pillars symbolizing the devil in Mina. On the other hand, Umrah entails relatively few steps which are Tawaf, which is circling around Kaaba seven times, and Sa'i which is walking through the valley of Safa and Marwah twice. As much as these acts form part of the Hajj, they form part of a comparatively easier, less strenuous exercise when done separately for Umrah. As such, the rites in Hajj are about a more profound engagement, as opposed to Umrah, which centers on fundamental acts that can be accomplished in a shorter time, maybe even a few hours.

Hajj is generally more expensive than Umrah, which brings us to another question that is often asked: “Why is Hajj so expensive?” The main cost factors include the seasonal demand for travel, the cost of accommodation, and the intricacies of providing for millions of pilgrims in a short span of time.

The purpose of Umrah is to provide Muslims with a chance for purification, renewal, and seeking forgiveness, whereas Hajj serves a broader role as a unifying ritual for the Muslim community, underscoring equality, and devotion. Muslims may often wonder, “Which is better, Hajj or Umrah?” While both hold substantial rewards, Hajj is obligatory and therefore carries a higher spiritual significance. Umrah, while voluntary, allows Muslims to earn great merit and cleanse themselves spiritually.

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