

# كتاب الحج و العمرة

## The Hajj & Umrah Manual

Guide to Hajj & Umrah using the classical Hanafi text: *Nur al-Idah*



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## FOREWORD

### **In the Name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Kind**

*All praise is for Allah Almighty the One, the Only, the Lord of all the worlds, the Utmost Kind, the ever Merciful. Infinite peace and blessings of Allah upon His most noble Messenger ﷺ and slave, our master and the leader of all the worlds, the mercy to mankind, the seal of the Prophets, chief of the Messengers of Allah, the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and on his most purest family members and his chosen companions and disciples. In particular Sayyiduna Abu Bakr ؓ, the truthful; Sayyiduna Umar ؓ, the differentiator; Sayyiduna Usman ؓ, the generous and Sayyiduna Ali ؓ, the lion of Allah, and on all the righteous heirs, the people of knowledge and the friends of Allah, the people of remembrance. May Allah be pleased with them all.*

O Allah! If there are any errors or flaws in this guide they are due to my own shortcomings. I acknowledge any mistake in advance and ask for forgiveness. Please accept my repentance and guide me so that I may rectify myself.

It was merely Your blessing and favour that a sinful person like myself was able to put together a blessed Hajj and Umrah booklet. I beseech You through Your own Grace and through the waseela of Your beloved Prophet ﷺ.

Please accept this humble effort and purify my intentions. On the Day of Judgment please make this blessed guide a means of salvation and success for my Shaykh and liege lord, my honourable teachers, my parents, myself, my family, my fellow brothers and sisters walking the Shadhili Path, my friends, readers of this book and all the believers. *Ameen!*

# Hajj

## The Meaning of Hajj

Hajj means to intend something great, to visit a specified place to perform special actions in specific times.

Before departing for Hajj/Umrah it is best if one makes a will and also has the permission of his/her parents. Please note that your parents will need to have a valid reason before they can stop you from going.

*Prior to one setting off for the blessed Hajj trip one must do the following:*

1. Istighfar/Taubah: One should seek forgiveness from:
  - a. Allah Almighty – ask Allah for His forgiveness for all the sins you have committed.
  - b. Friends and Family – one should visit them and seek their forgiveness also.
2. Fulfil Outstanding Ibadah: Try to make up as much ibadah that are outstanding.
3. Be Ashamed: Make sincere dua that you will not return to the same sins and errors, show Allah your weak state and how much you need Him.

## Conditions That Render Hajj Obligatory

Hajj has been made obligatory once in your lifetime and needs to be done straight away if the conditions that render it obligatory are met:

1. Islam: One must be a Muslim.
2. Maturity: Hajj is not fard on a child.
3. Sanity: Hajj is not fard on the mentally ill.
4. Freedom: One must not be a slave.

5. Financially Sound Position: One must possess sufficient funds to spend upon oneself throughout the Hajj trip. There should also be funds left for family members during your absence, i.e. one must be able to maintain himself and his family during the trip.
6. Time: The time of Hajj must be right and apparent.
7. Rights of Transport: One needs to have the strength and the modes of transport to get to Hajj, e.g. airline tickets, car etc.
8. Knowledge of Hajj being obligatory: The time of Hajj must be right and apparent.

### **Conditions Required for Performing Hajj:**

1. Sound Health: One's body must be free from illnesses that would prevent ritual actions being performed, i.e. free from physical restriction.
2. The path to Makkah Shareef to be safe.
3. Women cannot be in their divorce period.
4. Women must be accompanied by a mahram: This is also a condition that renders Hajj obligatory for women.

### **Conditions That Validate Hajj:**

Performing the following will ensure your Hajj is correct and fulfilled:

1. State of Ihram: This is a combination between the intention of the rights of Hajj and reciting the Talbiyah.
2. Fulfil the two Pillars of Hajj: There are two pillars of Hajj which need to be fulfilled.

### **The Two Pillars of Hajj**

1. 1st Pillar: Standing at Arafah, even for a second. This begins when the sun declines (noon) on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah and

until dawn (Fajr beginning) the next day, the 10th of Dhul Hijjah.

2. 2nd Pillar: Perform Tawaf al-Ziyarah. This is the Tawaf that is performed after the standing in Arafah.

## The Wajib Requirements of Hajj:

The following are the necessities of Hajj:

1. To wear the Ihram before the Miqat (the stations/areas at where it becomes Wajib for pilgrims to wear their Ihrams).
2. To stand in Arafah until Maghrib.
3. To stand in Muzdalifah, even if it is for a second. This starts at the true dawn (Fajr beginning) on 10th Dhul Hijjah.
4. The stoning of the sites (Jamrahs) during the days of Nahr (10th Dhul Hijjah) and Tashriq (11, 12, 13th Dhul Hijjah)
5. To give Qurbani for Hajj Tamattu and Hajj Qiran.
6. To shave one's head within the Haram boundaries (includes Arafah) on 10th Dhul Hijjah. The Sunnah is to shave in Mina.
7. To give Qurbani within the Haram boundaries.
8. To stone the Jamara al Aqabah before shaving your head.
9. To do Tawaf-al-Ziyarah on the 10th, 11th or 12th Dhul Hijjah.
10. To do the Sae' of Tawaf-al-Ziyarah in the months of Hajj.
11. To do the Sae' of Tawaf al-Ziyarah after an intended Tawaf, the Sae' cannot be done alone.
12. To walk in the Sae' of Tawaf al-Ziyarah.
13. To start Sae' from Mount Safa.
14. To perform the Tawaf al-Wada, farewell Tawaf when leaving Makkah Shareef.
15. To start every Tawaf from the Hajre Aswad.
16. To start every action with your right foot.
17. To do tawafs in a purified state and to cover your aura.
19. To finish the Wajib circuits of Tawaf al-Ziyarah, the first 4 circuits are fard, the final 3 are Wajib.
20. Not to wear stitched clothes.

21. For males to keep the head and face uncovered whilst women should cover their heads but not their faces.
22. To refrain from bad actions such as openly sinning, arguing, causing trouble, hunting.

## **The Sunan of Hajj**

There are many sunan during the hajj:

1. To do Ghusl, even for women in the menstrual cycle. At a minimum to do wudu. This is before putting the ihram on.
2. To wear the Ihram, this should be white and brand new.
3. To wear attar before making the intention of Hajj.
4. To read 2 rakat nafl of Ihram.
5. To loudly recite (so the ears can hear) the Talbiyah (at all times once the intention is made). Women recite quietly.
6. To increase in reciting Durood Shareef.
7. To increase in dua, especially asking Allah Almighty for heaven and asking for the companionship of the pious in heaven.
8. To do Ghusl for entering Makkah Shareef.
9. To enter Makkah Shareef during the day.
10. To do takbir and tahlil when seeing the Ka'ba for the first time.
11. To do dua for whatever is close to your heart upon sighting the Ka'ba.
12. To perform Tawaf al-Qudum (the arrival Tawaf).
13. To uncover the right shoulder for Ijtiba (for the full 7 circuits)
14. To do rammal if you will perform Sa'ee after the Tawaf.
15. To run between the green stations during Sa'ee.
16. To walk normally during the rest of Sa'ee.
17. Whilst in Makkah Shareef, to do more Tawaf as it is a more virtuous act of Ibadah for the traveller.
18. To do a khutba after dhur prayer on the 7th Dhul Hijjah in Makkah Shareef. Only 1 khutba without the Imam sitting, advising people on the rituals of Hajj.

19. To go towards Mina on the 8th Dhul Hijjah after sunrise and spend the night there.
20. To go towards Arafah after sunrise on the 9th Dhul Hijjah.
21. To do a khutba in Arafah after noon and before the dhur/asr prayer. This will be 2 khutbas with one sitting. Here dhur and asr and only prayed together if read in congregation.
22. To strive hard to be shameful and to be tearful and full of remorse. Asking for forgiveness from Allah.
23. Make dua for both worlds and ask for forgiveness.
24. When moving from place to place, to move with serenity, patience and calmness.
25. To come to Muzdalifah from the side of Mount Jabl-e-Quzaa.
26. To spend the night of the 10th Dhul Hijjah in Mina with amenities. This also includes any other days in Mina. It is disliked to send luggage to Makkah to lessen your travelling burden.
27. To have Mina on your right and Makkah on your left when stoning the Jamrahs.
28. To ride and stone the big Jamrah (al-Akbar), if this isn't possible then walk fast.
29. To walk to the 1st Jamrah, to walk to the 2nd Jamrah.
30. To stone from the bottom of the valley.
31. To only stone the big Jamrah after sunrise (until noon) on the 10th Dhul Hijjah.
32. On the 11th and 12th Dhul Hijjah – stone all three Jamrahs between noon and sunset. It is disliked to stone during Fajr and Sunrise. Also disliked to stone during the night on all three days.
33. Mubah time of stoning on the 10th Dhul Hijjah is from noon till sunset, although it is best to do the Sunnah.
34. For the person doing the Hajj Ifrad only to give Qurbani, it is also Sunnah to eat from this Qurbani. Please note you cannot eat the Qurbani for damm (penalty).
35. To give a khutba (2 sittings) on the 10th of Dhul Hijjah, teaching the remaining rituals of Hajj before dhur. This is the 3rd and final khutba of Hajj.

36. On the 12th Dhul Hijjah to quickly leave after sunset from Mina and head towards Makkah.
37. It is disliked to stay in Mina on the 13th Dhul Hijjah. If you are in Mina on the 13th and Fajr starts, then it becomes Wajib to stone the 3 Jamrahs before you can leave.
38. When leaving Mina to pass through the valley of Muhassab.
39. To drink zam zam in Makkah, taking your fill and drinking whilst standing and facing the Ka'ba.
40. To pour zam zam water over your head and body.
41. Making dua when drinking zam zam.
42. To hold onto the multazam – between the black stone and the Ka'ba doors. Put your chest and face onto it.
43. To hold onto the cloth/drapes of the Ka'ba and make dua here.
44. To kiss the step of the Ka'ba.
45. To enter the Haram with respect.

# Umrah

Linguistically, Umrah means obedience. Its legally meaning is to visit the House of Allah (Al-Haram) to perform specific actions of ibadah.

## The Ruling of Umrah

Umrah is an established Sunnah according to the most evident view in the Hanafi Madhab. Though some scholars maintain the correct view that it is Wajib.

## Is There a Specific Time for Umrah?

Legally, there is no specified time to perform Umrah; therefore, it is permitted anytime throughout the year. Although, it is disliked to perform Umrah during five days (during Hajj):

1. The day Of Arafah;
2. The day of Nahr (10th of Dhul-Hijjah);
3. and the three days of Tashriq (11th, 12th, and 13th Dhul-Hijjah).

## The Fard of Umrah

1. Adopting the Ihram (which includes making the Niyah/ Intention of Umrah).
2. The performing of Tawaf (with Ramal) around the Holy House seven times (after making the Niyah of Umrah).

## The Wajibats of Umrah

1. The Sa'ee of Safa and Marwah.
2. Trimming parts of or shaving the entire hair of the head (for women trimming only).

## Hajj & Umrah

### Rules once in the spiritual state of Ihram

When you become a Muhrim, it is forbidden to:

1. Usage of any form of perfume or fragrant (includes soap etc.).
2. Cutting or plucking of one's hair, this includes excessive scratching which will cause hair to fall.
3. Cutting nails.
4. Wearing leather socks.
5. Touching scent intentionally (touching the black stone or the Ka'ba is exempt from this as long as your intention is to carry out recommended Sunnahs for the blessings and not to smell nice).
6. Wearing stitched cloths.
7. To kill.
8. To hunt.
9. To wear boots/shoes.
10. Covering the head (only for males includes not wearing a hat for namaz etc).
11. Covering the face (only females).
12. Sexual intercourse, 'love-play' or kissing.
13. Quarrelling, fighting, and the use of bad language and useless talk.
14. Also smoking is not recommended (as it omits a fragrance).

## Penalties / Offences

Violations are divided into two categories:

1. Violating the Ihram (as a Muhrim)
2. Violating the sanctity of the Haram

Violating the Ihram is split into four further categories:

1. When dam is Wajib (sheep or goat):
  - a. if someone puts on scent and it reaches the whole hand or any other whole body part.
  - b. Using hair dye or meyndi (Henna).
  - c. Using olive oil on the body .
  - d. Use of deodorant.
  - e. Wearing sewn clothes or covering your head for a full day.
  - f. Shaving one fourth of your head.
  - g. Shaving body hair where cupping will take place from.
  - h. If you cut nails of hands and/or feet in one sitting:
    - i. If cutting the nails of one full hand or one full foot.
  - i. Leaving a wajib action of hajj out.
  - j. Tawaaf in a jumbee state.
2. When sadaqah is Wajib:
  - a. when perfuming less than a body part.
  - b. wearing a hat or stitched clothes for less than a day.
  - c. shaving less than one fourth of your head.
  - d. cutting only one nail.
  - e. tawaaf qudoom or tawaf sadr without wudu.

- f. for each stone not thrown:
    - i. if the total amount of stones not thrown equates to 21 then dam is Wajib.
  - g. shaving someone else's hair
  - h. cutting someone else's nails.
3. When less than sadaqa is required:
    - a. if one kills a nit or any small insect. Here give what amount you wish.
  4. When one is required to pay value
    - a. if you kill an animal in ihram state or hunt on sacred land.
    - b. animal should be valued by 2 upright local men

## Places where duas are accepted

1. During tawaaf
2. At the multazam – between the doors of the Ka'ba and the black stone.
3. Mizhab e Rahmat – in the khateem
4. Inside the Ka'ba
5. Whilst drinking zam zam water
6. Standing behind maqaam-e-Ibrahim (2 nafls)
7. Safa
8. Marwa
9. Sa'ee
10. Arafat
11. Mina
12. Jamarats (10, 11 and 12th Dhul Hijjah)
13. When seeing the ka'ba for the first time
14. Haram-un-Nabi ﷺ

**Please could you kindly remember the following in your pious duas: my noble Shaykh and spiritual father, Sayyiduna Shaykh Muhammad al-Yaqoubi, my noble teachers, my parents, myself, my family, my fellow brothers and sisters walking the Shadhili Path, my friends, readers of this book and all the believers. Ameen!**

## Summary of Hajj & Umrah

1	Ihraam of Umrah	Fard
2	Tawaaf of Umrah with Ramal	Fard
3	Sa'ee of Umrah	Wajib
4	Head Shaving of Umrah	Wajib
5	Acquire Ihraam of Hajj on 8 <sup>th</sup> Zul Hijjah	Fard
6	Wuqoof of 'Arafah	Fard
7	Wuqoof of Muzdalifah	Wajib
8	Rami of Jamratul Uqbah	Wajib
9	Sacrificing Animal (Hajj Tamattu & Qi'ran)	Wajib
10	Head Shaving	Wajib
11	Tawaafuz Ziyaarah	Fard
12	Sa'ee	Wajib
13	Rami of Jamaar (All three)	Wajib
14	Tawaaful Wadaa'	Wajib

## Performing Hajj Tamattu

On this trip we will be performing Hajj Tamattu, which linguistically means comfort and luxury. This Hajj is when Umrah and Hajj performed separately but performed during the time of Hajj.

- Means to take benefit.
- When setting of you make the intention of Umrah only.
- On 8th Dhul Hijjah adopt the Ihram from the haram and then go out to mina – this is Sunnah.
- On the 10th it is Wajib to give qurbani.
- Should also do second qurbani – which is mustahab and then send sawab to the beloved ﷺ.

### Sa'ee of Tawaf-e-ziyarah before Hajj

To make things easy it is advised to do the sa'ee for Tawaf-e-ziyarah before Hajj begins. To do this:

- ⇒ Begin a nafly Tawaf with the intention of sa'ee for the Tawaf-e-ziyarah.
- ⇒ In this Tawaf you will be in your normal clothes but will need to do rammal during the first three circuits.
- ⇒ After the Tawaf read 2 nafls behind makaam-e-ibrahim and then drink zam zam.
- ⇒ Now head up to Safa and commence your sa'ee for your Tawaf-e-ziyarah.

*We will now put everything we have previously learnt and demonstrate how to perform Hajj Tamattu*

## Preparation Before Departure

1. Make intention that you will be performing Hajj solely for the sake of Allah and to fulfil the obligations of Hajj.
2. Seek forgiveness from neighbours, friends and relatives request them to make Du'a for you.
3. If your parents are alive, then it is advisable to acquire their permission. If they are your dependents (as far as taking their care is concerned) then to leave without their permission is Mak-rooh.
4. If you are keeping things that belong to others and which have been entrusted with you, then return those things to the respective owners.
5. Make a will and leave it with a just and trustworthy person.
6. Make Tawbah. The way to do this is to first make Ghusl, if you can not do so then just make Wudoo and then offer two Raka'ah Nafil Salaatut Taubah. After finishing, recite Durood Shareef and make Istighfaar.

## Departure

*“Did you pledge that you would give up sins when you left your home for Hajj?”*

*[Imam Junaid Baghdadi ؓ]*

When leaving your home try to offer two Raka'ah Nafil Salaah at your local masjid. After Salaah make Du'a for ease and ask for the help of Allah Almighty during the journey. When leaving your house recite:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ ۗ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ أَضِلَّ أَوْ أُضَلَّ أَوْ أَزِلَّ أَوْ أُزِلَّ أَوْ أَظْلِمَ أَوْ أُظْلَمَ أَوْ  
أَجْهَلَ أَوْ يُجْهَلَ عَلَيَّ ۗ

*In the name of Allah. I repose my trust in Allah, and there is neither power nor any might except with Allah. O Allah, I seek refuge with You from leading others astray, causing others to slip or being caused to slip by others, doing wrong or being wronged by others, or behaving foolishly or being treated foolishly by others*

Also when travelling also recite the following dua:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا  
لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ۝

*Glory is to Him Who subdued for us this [means of travel] as we were not ourselves powerful enough to use it as a mount, and we are going to return to our Lord.*

## **Wearing the Ihram**

Wearing the Ihram does not constitute you being in the spiritual state of Ihram. You are only in a spiritual state of Ihram once you make the Niyah/Intention, which ONLY occurs after you meet ALL the following requirements:

1. You have worn your Ihram;
2. You have read your Salatul Ihram;
3. You have made your Niyah for Umrah and read your Talbiyah.

ONLY and ONLY when all three of the above are done will you be in a spiritual state of Ihram.

## **When to wear the Ihram**

There are several prohibitions during the spiritual state of Ihram, therefore there are certain factors and issues to consider before you become a Muhrim. It is recommended you adopt one of the following approaches:

Islamic Chartered Airplanes: if you are flying with an Islamic company such as Saudi Airways, there will be facilities for prayer and changing whilst in flight. It is therefore strongly recommended to delay wearing

your Ihram until you are advised by the captain that the Miqat is approaching. At this point you should put on your Ihram and read your Salatul Ihram. Then read your Niyah for Umrah and finally read your Talbiyah.

Non-Islamic Chartered Airplanes: if you are flying with a non-Islamic company such as British Airways, there will be no facilities for prayers or getting changed. Therefore it is advised to wear the Ihram at the airport you are departing from. Please check in first. Once checked in find the designated prayer room (all major airports such as Manchester and Heathrow have them). Take it in turns to get changed. Once changed into the Ihram read your Salatul Ihram. Then read your Niyah for Umrah and finally read your Talbiyah. You are now in the spiritual state of Ihram. Please be very careful at this stage, as you will have approximately 12-16 hours worth of travelling to do.

## How to wear the Ihram

*“When you put on the Ihram garments, and discarded your ordinary dress, make up your mind to abandon your evil ways and attitudes in life as well, otherwise you did not even don the Ihram garments”*

*[Imam Junaid Baghdadi ﷺ]*

The recommended method for the bottom part (izar) of your Ihram is:

1. Stand with your legs astride, shoulder width apart. This is to ensure that once it is tied you have enough leg room to walk properly. Maintain this position until the bottom is tied securely using the following procedure:
2. Wrap one length around the waist; if the piece is long enough wrap two lengths around the waist and so forth.
3. Once you have successfully wrapped all the Ihram around your waist, start to roll and tuck in from the top of the Ihram. Fold in increments of about 10cms. Three increments should be enough to hold the Ihram securely. You can also use a money belt, string or pin to hold the ihram in place.

4. Position the Ihram so the top part is at the navel. The length of the Ihram has be below the knees
5. Throw the top part over the shoulders and cover the top half of the body – like a shawl. Your navel to your knees has to be covered.

Please note you at this point, you should only be wearing your ihram. All other items of clothing such as underwear, vests and socks should be removed. Your head should also be free of any hats.

## Salatul Ihram

When you are best ready to read Salatul Ihram (remember this has to be done before reaching one of the Miqats), perform two rakats Salatul Ihram. As you not in the spiritual state of Ihram yet, you can use the top sheet of the Ihram (covering your upper torso) to cover your head. It is Sunnah to read Surah Kafiroon in the first rakat and to read Surah Ikhlāas in the second rakat. Once finished remove the sheet from your head and the make the Niyah of Umrah:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ الْعُمْرَةَ فَيَسِّرْهَا لِي وَتَقَبَّلْهَا مِنِّي

*O Allah! I am intending to make Umrah, so make it easy for me and accept my Umrah from me*

And now recite the Talbiyah thrice, loudly. If you are a female you should read it softly:

لَبَّيْكَ ۚ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ ۚ لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ ۚ  
 إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ ۚ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ ۚ

*O Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am.  
Verily all praise and blessings are Yours, and all sovereignty, You have no  
partner*

After the Talbiyah recite the following dua (and any other dua):

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ رِضَاكَ وَالْجَنَّةَ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ وَالنَّارِ

*O Allah! I seek Your Pleasure and Jannah and I seek Protection in You from  
your Anger and the Fire*

You are now a Muhrim – a person in the spiritual state of Ihram. Be very careful of your actions and of your gaze. You are now under the obligations mentioned before. Also note that becoming a Muhrim is only achieved after completing the Salatul Ihram and reading your Niyah.

On your journey, males should remember to keep their heads clear, and not to wear hats or anything else that will cover the head. Also be careful about products that have a scent (soap, washing things etc).

Also on your journey it is the best practice if you continue to recite the Talbiyah (loudly for males and softly for females). It is mustahab to continue reciting the Talbiyah until you reach Baab-e-Salaam.

*“Whilst on the sacred journey and making halts at places during the nights,  
think of attaining nearness to Allah otherwise you did not at all travel to the  
Ka’bah, nor did ever visit it.” [Imam Junaid Baghdadi ؒ]*

## Arriving in Makkah

When on the outskirts of Makkah Shareef recite the following dua:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا حَرَمُكَ وَحَرَمُ رَسُولِكَ فَحَرِّمِ لِحْمِي وَدَرِي وَعَظْمِي  
عَلَى النَّارِ اللَّهُمَّ أُمَّيِّ مِنْ عَذَابِكَ يَوْمَ تَبْعَثُ عِبَادَكَ ۖ وَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ  
أَوْلِيَاءِكَ وَأَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ وَتُبَّ عَلَيَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ۝

*O Allah! Surely this is Your sacred place and the sacred place of your Prophet ﷺ. So forbid the fire upon my flesh, blood, bones and skin. O Allah! Grant me protection from Your punishment on the Day on which Your servants will be raised.*

When you reach Makkah, first find your accommodation and get settled. If you want to shower (perform Ghusl as this is Sunnah) you can, but note you are still in the state of Ihram, and you cannot rub, nor can you use any scented products. Be very careful if you do.

Once settled you are now ready to enter the Haraam. En route to the Haraam continue to recite the Talbiyah (loudly for males and softly for females). When you reach the gates of the Holy Masjid, if possible enter from Babus Salaam, this is the Sunnah. If not possible then any door is viable. Keep your gaze to the ground and show yourself to be weak and also take the rank of the Haram into consideration. Do not look up until you are at the steps just before the Kabah. At this point look up and recite takbir, tahlil, Durood Shareef and duas in abundance. Be sincere in your thoughts and prayers as this is the point where duas are accepted.

## Jurisprudence of Tawaf

Requirement	To do Tawaaf yourself
Condition	To be a muslim
Condition	To make intention
Condition	Hajj only: Proper time
Wajib	Tahaarah from Hadth Akbar and Asghar
Wajib	Covering of Satar
Wajib	To do Tawaaf on foot if capable
Wajib	To do Tawaaf from right i.e. counterclockwise
Wajib	To do Tawaaf including Hateem with Ka'bah
Wajib	Start Tawaaf from Hajarul Aswad
Wajib	To complete Tawaaf i.e. 7 rounds
Wajib	To offer 2 Raka'ah salaah after Tawaaf
Sunnah	Istilaam of Hajarul Aswad
Sunnah	Idtiba'
Sunnah	Ramal in first three Shawts
Sunnah	Not to do Ramal in the remaining 4 Shawts
Sunnah	Istilaam of Hajarul Aswad before Sa'ee
Sunnah	To raise Hands in front of Hajarul Aswad at start of Tawaff
Sunnah	To start Tawaaf from Hajarul Aswad
Sunnah	To face Hajarul Aswad at beginning of Tawaaf
Sunnah	To do all rounds continuously
Sunnah	To keep body free from all apparent impurities
Forbidden	To make Tawaaf in state if impurity such as Janaabah, Haidh, Nifaas.
Forbidden	To do Tawaaf riding on something without valid excuse
Forbidden	To pass between the Hateem and Ka'bah
Forbidden	To start Tawaaf from a place other than Hajarul Aswad
Forbidden	To face Ka'bah during Tawaaf except in the beginning to kiss Hajarul Aswad etc.

## The Tawaf of Umrah (Tawaf ul Qudoom)

Before you begin your Tawaf the male pilgrim passes the top sheet of his ihram under the right armpit and letting it hang from the left shoulder. This is called Idtiba. Idtiba should be done during all rounds of your Tawaf of Umrah only (Tawaf ul Qudoom).

In the first three rounds the male will perform rammal, it is Sunnah for men to walk hastily, lifting their legs forcefully and keeping the chest out, and moving the shoulders simultaneously like a challenger in an arena. After the first three rounds of Tawaf of Umrah are complete, he no longer needs to be doing rammal and can continue the remaining 4 circuits with a normal pace. Please note if you are stopped during rammal (congestion) do not walk, you should stop and wait for a gap before continuing with the rammal, as this is Wajib when doing Tawaf with Sae'e, if you walk you will need to pay a penalty.

## The Essentials of Tawaf (during Umrah)

*“Tell me, did you happen to catch glimpses of Divine Beauty when you moved round the House of Allah? If not then you did not move around the ka'ba” [Imam Junaid Baghdadi ؓ]*

Like any other act of worship, Tawaf also starts with the intention (niyyah) to perform this act for the sake of Allah only. Ask Allah to accept the Tawaf and to make it easy for you:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ طَوَافَ بَيْتِكَ الْحَرَمِ فَيَسِّرْهُ لِي وَتَقَبَّلْهُ مِنِّي سَبْعَةَ  
أَشْوَاطٍ لِلَّهِ تَعَالَى عَزَّ وَجَلَّ ۝

*O Allah! I intend performing the Tawaf of Your Sacred House, so make my Tawaf easy for me and accept it from me. Seven rounds for Allah Most High.*

Each circuit, starts from Hajar ul Aswad. In order for you to recognise this point of initiation of the Tawaf, look to the floor of the Masjid ul Haram as it has a strip of brown-black marble radiating from the Black stone out to the wall of the Masjid ul Haram. At night, there is a green light on the same wall to identify this location.

At this point, if one is able to, he should touch the black stone with his two hands and kiss it (without hurting or troubling anyone). If you cannot get to do this then you should greet the Hajar ul Aswad from a distance. This should be done as follows:

- ⇒ Stretch you hands (like you would when starting salah) with the palm facing the Hajar ul Aswad and then say:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ۖ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَبِاللَّهِ الْحَمْدُ ۖ

*In the name of Allah, Allah is the Greatest. There is none worthy of worship besides Allah and all praise is belongs to Allah*

- ⇒ Now kiss the back of your right hand without making a kissing noise. This is called Istilam (where you kiss the black stone or substitute using the method above). Recite takbeer, tahlil and make dua.

*Please note to kiss Hajar ul Aswad is Sunnah and of great reward, but to cause inconvenience and harm to others in doing so is forbidden.*

- ⇒ Now begin your first circuit.
- ⇒ You will be reciting prayers and supplications during Tawaf. However, there are no specific prayers to be recited during Tawaf. You may pray in any way and in any language you prefer, but the prayers most often recited by pilgrims are given separately. You will find them very moving and meaningful and may want to use them.

- ⇒ It is recommended that in every circuit one should touch the Yemeni corner, if this isn't possible then one can signal this action (no kissing is required) use your left hand only (Sunnah).
- ⇒ Each circuit ends at Hajar ul Aswad with its Istilam. The pilgrim will begin a new circuit after Istilam as before from the black stone, however if you are unable to kiss the stone, you will greet from afar. The method to do this to keep the Kabah on your left (not moving the chest) and moving the arms and head to greet the black stone. **DO NOT** turn towards the Ka'bah, just show the palms of your hands towards the Hajarul Aswad and recite the previous du'a.
- ⇒ Each circuit is performed in the counter clockwise direction with the Ka'ba always to your left.
- ⇒ Idtiba will only be performed during the first three circuits. The remaining four are done at normal pace
- ⇒ Women are not required to perform Idtiba.
- ⇒ Tawaf is to be completed with no interruptions. However, if "azan" (the call to prayers) is recited during the Tawaf, you should stop to join the prayers wherever you may be at that point in time, and resume the Tawaf from there after when the prayer is over. It is not necessary to restart the interrupted circuit afresh from Hajar ul Aswad. The same rule applies if you need to do wudu again.
- ⇒ After you have completed the seven circuits finish off with an 8th Istilam.
- ⇒ Now if it is not makruh time, offer two rakahs of salat of Tawaaf, preferably with the Maqaam-e-Ibrahim between you and the Ka'ba. If that is not possible, prayer offered anywhere in the Masjid ul Haram is acceptable. This is Wajib (obligatory) and the recommended surahs are Kafiroon and ikhlass in that order. Make dua here as it is one of the accepted stations of dua.
- ⇒ You have now completed the Tawaf of the Kabah, now go to drink alot of Zam Zam water, till you are full.

## Duas During Tawaf

The most recited dua by the Prophet ﷺ was:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ  
الْعَظِيمِ

*Glory be to Allah. All praise be to Allah. There is no one worthy of worship besides Allah. Allah is the Greatest. There is no power and might except from Allah, the Most High, the Great.*

اللَّهُمَّ فَتَّعِنِي بِمَا رَزَقْتَنِي وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ وَأَخْلِفْ عَلَى كُلِّ غَائِبَةٍ لِي بِخَيْرٍ

*O Allah! Make me content with that which You have given me and bless me in it and be my deputy in the welfare of all those who are away from me*

From Rukn Yamani to Hajre Aswad recite:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعُفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

*O Allah! I ask You for forgiveness and safety in the world and in the hereafter. Our Lord, grant us good in the world and in the hereafter ad save us from the punishment of the fire.*

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ وَالْعُفْوَ عِنْدَ الْحِسَابِ

*O Allah! I ask You for comfort at the time of death and forgiveness at the time of accounting*

## Drinking Zamzam

Recently, the Al-Haram Tawaf area has been extended to cover the entrance to the well of zamzam and it is no more accessible to pilgrims. Instead, cold Zamzam water fountains and dispensing containers are now placed at the periphery of Tawaf area. Go to this area and drink your fill of zamzam whilst standing and facing the Ka'ba. Make dua here as it is accepted. Whatever your intentions are when drinking zam zam these will be fulfilled:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا وَرِزْقًا وَاسِعًا وَشِفَاءً مِنْ كُلِّ دَاءٍ ۝

*O Allah I am asking You for the beneficial knowledge and an extensive sustenance and a cure from all ills*

If it isn't busy then go to the wall between the Hajarul Aswad and the Door of Ka'bah. This area is known as Multazam. It is Sunnah to press the chest and cheek against it and make Du'a. It is one of those places where Du'a is accepted.

Now you are ready to perform Sa'ee.

## Jurisprudence of Sa'ee

Condition	To perform your Sa'ee yourself
Condition	To perform Sa'ee after performing full or most of the Tawaaf
Condition	To have assumed the state of Ihram before Sa'ee of Hajj and to be in the state of Ihram for post Umrah Sa'ee
Condition	To start at Safa and end at Marwah
Condition	Perform most of the seven laps i.e. at least four laps
Condition	Sa'ee of Hajj must be performed at its proper time
Wajib	Perform Sa'ee after Tawaaf that was performed with full purity
Wajib	To start at Safa and end at Marwah
Wajib	Perform Sa'ee on foot except if Ma'zoor
Wajib	Perform all seven laps
Wajib	To remain in the state of Ihram until the end of Sa'ee of Umrah
Wajib	To cover complete distance between Safa and Marwah

## Sa'ee

*“When you made Sa'i (running) between the Safa and the Marwa, did you realise the wisdom, significance and objective of your effort?”*

[Imam Junaid Baghdadi رحمته الله]

Sa'ee consists of 7 rounds of walking between As-Safa and Al-Marwah. One round is completed when you begin from As-Safa and end at Al-Marwah. You can read any duas you feel fit during Sae'e, there are no set duas or prayers. This is another station where duas are accepted.

### The Essentials of Sa'ee

- ⇒ Go to Mount Safa, this has now been covered by tiles, you will recognise it as it has a gradient to it, like a mountain slope. At this point face the Kabah so you can see it and recite takbeer, tahlil and Durood Shareef and then make dua in abundance. Descend from the slope and begin the sa'ee.
- ⇒ You will now head to Marwah.
- ⇒ During your circuit to Marwah you will encounter two sets of green lights indicating the Milain Akhdarain. Between these, the male Pilgrims are to run, as it is Sunnah. If a man is on a carriage, it should be borne at a fast pace between these two pillars.
- ⇒ When you reach Marwah, again you will see a gradient; climb the slope until you can see the Kabah. Then do the same as had done at Safa. One circuit has now been done.
- ⇒ Commence back to Safa remembering Milain Akhdarain rules apply: Between these, the male Pilgrims are to run, as it is Sunnah. If a man is on a carriage, it should be borne at a fast pace between these two pillars.
- ⇒ On reaching Safa, carry out the same duas as above.
- ⇒ You have now completed 2 circuits.

- ⇒ In this manner complete 7 circuits in total, you have to end up at Marwah.
- ⇒ After completing the 7 rounds of Sae'e you can return back to the area of the Haram. You can perform a further 2 rakaats salah (this is mustahab) if the time is not makruh.

## **Cutting your Hair**

Now you must cut your hair to complete your Umrah.

For men it is best if you shave the entire head as there is more reward and it is a superior act of worship. Find your nearest barber.

Alternatively males can trim their hair. All the hair must be trimmed to the length of the first joint of the forefinger or a bit more (roughly 1 inch/2.5cm). This is however not possible if all the hair isn't even, then it becomes Wajib to shave.

Women mustn't shave their head as it is forbidden. The best method is to trim the end of the hair equivalent to the first joint of the forefinger or a bit more (roughly 1 inch/2.5cm). Gather all the hair at the end and wrap once around the forefinger and cut that much.

A bald person simply passes a razor over his head.

You are now out of the spiritual state of Ihram and are free from all previously mentioned prohibitions. You can wear normal clothes.

Congratulations on your Umrah. Now you will be waiting for 8th of Dhul Hijjah.

## 7th Dhul Hijjah

- ⇒ Sunnah - Kutbah for Hajj after the Dhur Prayer, only one khutba with one sitting teaching the rules of Hajj.

## 8th Dhul Hijjah - Day 1

- ⇒ Put on your Ihraam within the limits of Haram. Your Hotel room is also within this limit. Make your intention for Hajj:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ الْحَجَّ فَيَسِّرْهُ لِي وَتَقَبَّلْهُ مِنِّي

*O Allah! I am intending to make Hajj, so make it easy for me and accept my Hajj from me*

- ⇒ After sunrise, go to Mina. You should try to arrive at dhur time.
- ⇒ Now stay in Mina for the full day and a portion of the 9th Dhul Hijjah. It is Mustahab to offer Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha of the 8th Zul Hijjah and Fajr of 9th Zul Hihjah in Mina.
- ⇒ It is Mustahab to stay near Masjid Kheef in Mina. Spend your time in Excessive Ibaadah, Zikrullah and teaching and learning about various relevant aspects of Hajj and Deen in general.
- ⇒ You will read fajr as soon as it enters here, it is desirable to pray it in the dark. After sunrise now move to Arafat.

## 9th Dhul Hijjah - Day 2

*“When you stood in the Plain of Arafat and were imploring Allah Almighty, did you have the feeling that you were standing in Divine Presence and having a vision of Him?” [Imam Junaid Baghdadi ﷺ]*

- ⇒ After noon it is Sunnah to make ghusl, before standing in Arafat.
- ⇒ Head to Masjid Nimrah, Sunnah – 2 khutbas with a sitting after noon and before dhur prayer. If in jamaat and the imam is present one is to pray dhur and asr together in dhurs time with one adhan. During the khutba the imam instructs people about the station of Arafah and Muzdalifah, about throwing the stones, the qurbani and shaving the head as well as Tawaf e ziyarah. If you cannot be in the masjid then offer dhur and asr in their respected times (no combined prayers).

- ⇒ Now stand close to Jiblay Rahmat and face the Qibla. Recite takbir, tahlil and talbiyah.
- ⇒ Now make dua and stretch your hands as if you are begging for food.
- ⇒ Make sincere dua – duas are accepted.
- ⇒ Make sure you cry or strive to cry (fake cry or make a face like you are crying).
- ⇒ If you do cry, know that your duas have been accepted.
- ⇒ Exaggerate your duas and as for as much and whatever you can.
- ⇒ Don't hold back at this point, know that there is a great chance of duas being accepted. Don't fall into laziness or tiredness. Seize the moment. You might never return.
- ⇒ Standing is better than sitting and more afzal. It is Mustahab to Stand while performing Wuqoof in Arafat however sitting and lying down is permissible.
- ⇒ It is now Sunnah to leave Arafat after Maghrib enters, **DON'T PRAY MAGHRIB**, make your way out of Arafat and make your way to Muzdalifah with haste.
- ⇒ Stay away from harming people as you leave, don't cause a rush or panic as this is haraam.
- ⇒ It is Sunnah to enter Muzdalifah through Mount Quzaa.

*“When you came to Muzdalifah, did you promise that you would give up vain desires of the flesh?” [Imam Junaid Baghdadi ﷺ]*

- ⇒ When in Muzdalifah read Maghrib and Isha together with one adhaan and one ikamat. You cannot read maghrib on the way to Muzdalifah and if you do you will have to repeat it. You will not read these in congregation as the time for Maghrib will have expired.
- ⇒ It is Sunnah to stay the night in Muzdalifah and pick up the stones needed for the next following days.
- ⇒ Total stones needed are 49.
- ⇒ Take extra stones just in case (total of 100 will be safe option).

- ⇒ Wash the stones.
- ⇒ Again you will read Fajr in the dark, as soon it enters.
- ⇒ It is Mustahab to stay awake in the night making 'Ibaadah and Du'a etc. After Fajr Salaah, make Wuqoof i.e. make Du'a in the similar manner as you did in Arafaat.
- ⇒ Now stand in Muzdalifah (even if for a second) and face the Qiblah. Again standing in Muzdalifah is better than sitting. Make dua in Muzdalifah - duas are accepted, beg for forgiveness.
- ⇒ Just before sunrise you will head towards Mina.

## 10th Dhul Hijjah - Day 3

*“Then when you cast stones at the Jamarahs, did you make a resolve to get rid of your evil companions and friends and desires?”*

*[Imam Junaid Baghdadi رحمته الله]*

- ⇒ Stone the big jamarat (Jamrah al-Aqabah) with 7 stones (rami).
- ⇒ It is Makruuh Tenzehi to use previously used stones.
- ⇒ It is also Makruuh to stone from the top of the valley.
- ⇒ Stones should be washed, dirty stones are makruuh.
- ⇒ Stop reciting the talbiyah with the first throw.
- ⇒ The Sunnah time to stone is sunrise (until noon). The Mubah time of stoning on the 10th Dhul Hijjah is from noon till sunset, although it is best to do the Sunnah.
- ⇒ Another Sunnah is to give a khutba (2 sittings) on the 10th of Dhul Hijjah, teaching the remaining rituals of Hajj before dhur. This is the 3rd and final khutba of Hajj.
- ⇒ You will stop reciting the talbiyah with the first throw.
- ⇒ **Method of throwing:**
  - Hold the stone with the thumb and index finger – this is most degrading way when stoning the shaytaan.
  - Stone with the right hand
  - There should be a distance of 5m between you and the jamarat.

- If a stone falls short and you can spot it, then go and pick it up and throw again.
  - If the stone falls close but doesn't hit the jamaraat then it will suffice as a hit.
  - With each stone say takbeer.
- ⇒ Now you should give Qurbani, in our Hajj Tamattu this is wajib.

*“When you slaughtered an animal at the place of sacrifice, did you sacrifice your selfish desires as well in the way of Allah?” [Imam Junaid Baghdadi ﷺ]*

- ⇒ When you hear the news of Qurbani being complete shave your head. You are now out of the Ihram state but sexual intercourse is still forbidden.
- ⇒ You can now do the tawaf-e-ziyarah on the 10th, 11th, 12th or 13th (the 13th is only when you have exceeded the stay in mina and dam will need to be given). After this tawaf sexual intercourse is allowed.
- ⇒ It is best to do the tawaf-e-ziyarah on the 10th, after you shave your head.
- ⇒ There is no need to do rammal in this tawaaf as you will have already done the sa'ee for this Tawaf-e-ziyarah earlier. If you didn't do this please note you will need to do a sa'ee with your tawaf-e-ziyarah.
- ⇒ After you complete the tawaf, return to Mina, this is wajib.

## 11th Dhul Hijjah - Day 4

- ⇒ Sunnah is to stone all three Jamrahs between noon and sunset. It is disliked to stone during Fajr and Sunrise. Also disliked to stone during the night on all three days.
- ⇒ Start with the smallest Jamraat, stone it 7 times saying takbeer with each throw.
- ⇒ Now walk to the second smallest Jamraat, make dua as you walk towards it and in between the two stations. Stone the second jamaraat 7 times saying takbeer with each throw.

- ⇒ Now go to the final jamaraat and walk quickly, stone the final jamaat 7 times saying takbeer with each throw. Now leave hastily and go back to Mina.

## **12th Dhul Hijjah - Day 5**

- ⇒ You will repeat the same procedure as you followed on Day 4, the 11th Dhul Hijjah.
- ⇒ After ramee (throwing stones) you will now leave Mina before sunrise and head back to Makkah.
- ⇒ Don't stay without reason in Mina after Maghrib. If fajr enters and you are still in mina you will have to pay compensation and stay and do a set of stoning on the 13th Dhul Hajj. This is because it is makruuh to spend the night in Mina other than on the 10th, 11th or 12th Dhul Hajj.

## **Tawaf al Wada**

When leaving Makkah it is Wajib to carry out a Tawaf-al-wada. This is the last actions of hajj. It is a farewell tawaaf. It should be the last actions you carry out in Makkah Shareef. When leaving the haram do not turn your back on the Ka'ba, ensure you walk backwards until you cannot see the Ka'ba. Once the Ka'ba is out of sight now you can walk normally.

## Visiting the Messenger of Allah ﷺ

If hajj is fard on you then it is Sunnah to do Hajj and then visit the Prophet ﷺ, this is preferred.

When visiting Madinah Shareef make the intention of visiting the Masjid of the Prophet ﷺ and more specifically visiting the grave of the Prophet ﷺ. The latter is the better intention. Therefore make the intention of visiting the Prophet ﷺ, so much so that Imam ibn al-Humam says that one must not intend to visit the Masjid Sharif.

After you complete Hajj, clear all your intentions. Your only need now is one, to visit the Prophet ﷺ if you can maintain this intention then you will be victorious, fight your nafs to maintain this intention.

Visiting the rawda is of great benefit. The intercession of the Prophet ﷺ becomes wajib – the scholars say this intercession occurs when you see the blessed dome. Close your eyes with coolness and walk to Madinah Shareef. When you see the blessed dome, close your eyes as your shafa'ah is done.

Please note Imam Shurunbulali states the Prophet ﷺ is still alive and he ﷺ takes benefit from all types of pleasure and ibadats. Be assured that the life of our dear Prophet ﷺ is real, physical and he ﷺ is alive just as he was before his ﷺ demise. His ﷺ demise, along with all Prophets, is just to fulfil the divine command and it is for one moment. Their demise is just being veiled from the public.

The example of the physical passing of Prophet ﷺ is like a candle in a locked room which is hidden from those outside it. Know this, the candle still burns: its flames are in fact more luminous and radiant. And this is why the marriage of the blessed wives of the Prophet ﷺ is prohibited and the laws of inheritance were not implemented; both

are from the commands of the dead!

Once you have made your intention for ziyarah then increase in your durood shareef, because the Prophet ﷺ hears it and the angels also relay this message to him ﷺ. What a blessing to have your name presented to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.

## Greeting the Final Messenger of Allah ﷺ

- ⇒ When you enter Madinah Shareef's city limits and you see the walls of Madinah then make dua, in this day and age this will be the hotels and buildings of the city. When you reach the blessed city, become encapsulated in the remembrance of the beauty of the beloved ﷺ.
- ⇒ Before going to the Masjid, anything that will cause your attention to be divided must be catered for immediately. Apart from his ﷺ remembrance, do not indulge yourself in any useless talk. Perform ablution and siwaak without delay and making ghusl is better. Don clean, white clothes and new clothes are better. Now make ghusl before you go to visit the rawda shareef.
- ⇒ Now head towards the blessed Masjid walking. Be humble with tranquillity with utmost humility [khushu'] and concentration [khuzu']. Realise the rank of the blessed place you are in. be full of respect and adab. When the blessed sanctuary comes into vision, it is better to be on foot. Cry, bow your head, lower your gaze and if possible, walk bare footed.
- ⇒ When you see the lightsome dome, increase salutations upon him ﷺ.
- ⇒ When you arrive at the door of the Masjid, offer salutations and Salam [greetings] and wait for a while as if to ask permission from the Master ﷺ to visit him ﷺ. Say Bismillah and enter with your right foot first showing respect at all times. Recite dua before entering the masjid.

- ⇒ Every Muslim knows the adab [respect] that is Fard [obligatory] at this moment. Your eyes, ears, tongue, hands, feet and heart must be free from any other thoughts [apart from the Messenger ﷺ]. Do not look at the beauty of the Masjid.
- ⇒ If someone comes before you with whom you must converse, try to avoid it, otherwise, do not prolong it beyond necessary. Even then, your heart must be towards the Master ﷺ.
- ⇒ Never, never say a loud word in the holy Masjid.
- ⇒ Now, if the congregation [for Salah] is ready, then partake in it as your Tahiyyat al-Masjid will also be included in it. Otherwise, if there is excessive yearning and it is not the disliked time for Salah, then offer two rak'ahs of Tahiyyat al-Masjid to give thanks to Allah for this visitation. Recite a minimal recitation at the place where RasulAllah ﷺ used to pray (riyadul jannah ) which is now the centre of the Masjid where the Mihrab is situated. If you cannot get a space there, pray wherever you can as close to this place as possible. Then fall into a prostration of thankfulness and pray to Allah that: "Lord! Grant me the respect of your beloved ﷺ and accept me and make me acceptable to the beloved ﷺ Ameen!".
- ⇒ Now pray another 2 rakats of shukr thanking Allah for letting you come. Now make dua, this is a place of acceptance.
- ⇒ Whilst maintaining yourself at the pinnacle of respect, lower your head and your eyes, become ashamed of your sins so much so that you sweat and you begin shaking. Remain confident of gaining the pardon and benevolence of the Messenger ﷺ . Enter into the court of Prophet ﷺ from the eastern side which is the side where the Final Messenger ﷺ is facing the Qibla which will mean that the blessed, munificent vision of Messenger ﷺ . This is enough for you in both worlds.
- ⇒ Take into consideration the blessed eyes are upon you and he ﷺ hears and responds to your salaam. Any dua you say he ﷺ will say ameen to. Any praise you say he ﷺ will hear. What immense blessings.

- ⇒ With the greatest reverence, with fear and aspiration, stand at least four hand-spans away from the lantern that is situated on the southern wall of the blessed shrine opposite the blessed countenance. With your back to the Qibla and facing towards the blessed shrine, stand with your arms folded as you would do in Salah.
- ⇒ Beware not to kiss or touch the blessed gates as this is against proper respect. You should stand at least four hand-spans away. Is his ﷺ mercy not enough that he called you to his shrine and granted a space there? Even though his ﷺ merciful glance was towards you everywhere, it is now with you especially with this physical nearness.

*“Indeed RasulAllah ﷺ knows about your visit, your standing, your greetings, your actions, your states and all your positions”.*

*“There is no difference in the life and demise of RasulAllah ﷺ in that he is seeing his Ummah, he knows their state, their intentions, their plans, the thoughts of their hearts. These things are so apparent to RasulAllah ﷺ that there is no veil in between”.*

- ⇒ Alhamdulillah, along with your heart, your face is now also towards the pure gates that are the resting place of the beloved of Allah ﷻ. With paramount esteem and a mournful voice; with a sorrowful expression, a shameful heart and a torn liver; in a medium tone, neither loud or harsh [as raising ones voice in his presence causes ones actions to be useless] nor too soft [as this is against the Sunnah even though he ﷺ even knows what it in your heart ] beseech the final Messenger ﷺ.
- ⇒ Make dua. Testify to the truth of the Prophet ﷺ.
- ⇒ The Messenger of Allah ﷺ understands the language of those who cant talk.
- ⇒ The rawda shareef is the most blessed place on earth because the Prophet ﷺ blessed body is there.

- ⇒ Seek intercession through the Prophet ﷺ and ask for his forgiveness and through him ﷺ you will be forgiven.
- ⇒ Our mistakes and sins have broken our backs and the weight of these are growing heavy. So ask the Prophet ﷺ to intercede on your behalf as his ﷺ intercession is the one who's intercession is accepted.
- ⇒ Make dua similar to and including:
- ⇒ **We have come to you in the state which we have transgressed ourselves with ourselves, so O Final Messenger ﷺ intercede and help us.**
- ⇒ **We ask you to permit us to die on your Sunnah and that you are pleased with us**
- ⇒ **Resurrect us with you, O Messenger of Allah ﷺ**
- ⇒ **Allow us to drink from your pool**
- ⇒ **Allow us to be with you O Messenger of Allah ﷺ and let us not be ashamed or embarrassed on that day.**
- ⇒ **Let us be successful in your shaf'ah.**
- ⇒ **Forgive us and accept our tawba and forgive our brothers and sisters who went before us.**
- ⇒ **Indeed you are the most merciful, save us from ourselves.**
- ⇒ **Intercede for us.**
- ⇒ **Thank the noble Prophet ﷺ**
- ⇒ **Allow us to be your slave O Messenger of Allah**

Please could you kindly remember the following in your pious duas: my noble Shaykh and spiritual father, Sayyiduna Shaykh Muhammad al-Yaqoubi, my noble teachers, my parents, myself, my family, my fellow brothers and sisters walking the Shadhili Path, my friends, readers of this book and all the believers. *Ameen!*

- ⇒ Through the Prophet ﷺ you will find Allah most merciful and forgiving. Now seek forgiveness of your sins through the Prophet ﷺ. The Quran teaches you Iman and Iman teaches and tells you to respect and love the final Messenger ﷺ.
- ⇒ Recite as much peace and blessings upon him ﷺ as possible. Seek his intercession for yourself, your parents, your Shaykh, your teachers, your children, your friends and all Muslims.
- ⇒ After your dua give the salaam of everyone who asked you to give salaam, fulfil their desire. This is binding upon you in the Shari'ah. This should be done by name – this is the best adaab. For those reading this guide please could you convey my salaam (at least thrice) to the greatest of creation ﷺ : “Mohammed Naveed Hameed son of Abdul Hameed sends his salaam to you O Messenger of Allah ﷺ and he seeks your intercession.”
- ⇒ Please could you also send the following salaam, also thrice. As it is the humble request of the Mujaddid of his time, Sayyiduna Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (may Allah be pleased with him):

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى الْإِثْمَانِ وَدُرِّيَّتِكَ فِي كُلِّ أَنْ وَلِحِظَةِ عَدَدِ  
كُلِّ ذَرَّةٍ أَلْفَ أَلْفٍ مَرَّةٍ مِنْ عُبَيْدِكَ أَحْمَدُ رِضَا ابْنِ نَقِيٍّ عَلِيٍّ يَسْأَلُكَ الشَّفَاعَةَ  
فَاشْفَعْ لَهُ وَلِلْمُسْلِمِينَ ۞

- ⇒ After this make dua again and ask for anything you like.
- ⇒ Then move one step to the right by an arms length so that you are in line with the luminous face of Sayyiduna Siddiq al-Akbar, Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ. Now say:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَلِيفَةَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ۞ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَاحِبَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ  
فِي الْعَارِ أَبَا بَكْرٍ الصِّدِّيقَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ ۞  
جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ عَنْ أُمَّةٍ مُحَمَّدٍ خَيْرًا ۞

*Peace be upon you O depute of Rasulullah ﷺ, peace be upon you O companion of Rasulullah ﷺ in the cave Abu Bakr Siddiq ﷺ. May Allah reward you well on behalf of the ummah of Muhammad ﷺ*

- ⇒ Praise him and thank him. Make dua and make waseela through the noble caliph ﷺ.
- ⇒ Then move the same direction again so that you are face to face with Sayyiduna Farouk, Hazrat Umar ﷺ. Now say:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عِزَّ الْإِسْلَامِ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ  
عُمَرَ بْنَ الْخَطَّابِ الْقَارُونَ وَرَحْمَةَ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ ۖ  
جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ عَنْ أُمَّةٍ مُحَمَّدٍ خَيْرًا ۖ

*Peace be upon you O leader of the faithful, peace be upon you O pride of Islam and the Muslims Umar bin Khattab al-Farouk ﷺ. May Allah reward you well on behalf of the ummah of Muhammad ﷺ*

- ⇒ Praise him and thank him. Make dua and make waseela through the noble caliph ﷺ.
- ⇒ Then move a hand-span to your left so that you are in between Sayyiduna Abu Bakr ﷺ and Sayyiduna Umar ﷺ. Now say:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمَا يَا ضَجِيئِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَرَفِيقِيهِ وَوَزِيرِيهِ وَجَزَا كُمَا اللَّهُ أَحْسَنَ  
الْجَزَاءِ ۖ

*Peace be upon you O resters beside Rasulullah ﷺ, his two companions and ministers. May Allah reward the two of you an excellent reward*

- ⇒ Make dua to both and praise both. Thank them. Seek waseela and means to ask the Prophet ﷺ ask the noble companions to ask the Prophet ﷺ to intercede for us, and to accept our good actions and make more dua, everything and anything you can think of.
- ⇒ Now move a hand-span to your left so that your are facing the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and make dua again.
- ⇒ All these presences are times of acceptance. Be sincere in your supplications and make them fully. It is best to spend more time in reciting Salawat.
- ⇒ Now go to Sayyiduna Abu Labaaba's ﷺ pillar in riyazul jannah and read nafl here. Make dua and do tawba and astagfar. Increase you tasbih, tahlil, sana and do dhikr.
- ⇒ Now go to the Prophet ﷺ mimbar and put your hands on the blessed mimbar. Seek blessings. This is where the beloved ﷺ used to stand. Send durood shareef and make dua.
- ⇒ No go to the crying stump and make dua.
- ⇒ Similarly, offer Salah at every pillar of the Masjid as these are places of acceptance and some are especially beneficial.
- ⇒ Now go visit Sayyiduna Usman ؓ. This is very important to do in order. Visit the rest of the sahaba in jannatul baki. Make dua and waseela through the Sahaba Ikram.
- ⇒ Go to uhud and meet Sayyiduna Hamza ؓ first. Go to uhud every Thursday and make dua. This is afzal. Recite ayatul qursi and surah ikhlas 11 times, surah yasin, plenty of durood shareef and send e-sale sawab.
- ⇒ Musathab to go masjid Quba on Saturdays after fajr.
- ⇒ As long as your are in radiant Madinah, do not waste even one breath. Apart from the two necessities, stay as much as you can in the blessed Masjid whilst in the state of ablution. Spend your time in Salah, Qur'anic recitation and Salawat. Worldly talk is not allowed in any Masjid, especially this one.
- ⇒ Make the intention of I'tikaf every time you enter the Masjid.

- ⇒ If you can fast in Madinah, especially in the heat, then this is beneficial as there is promise of intercession for the one who fasts.
- ⇒ Every good deed here counts as 50,000, hence, strive to perform worship and do eat less.
- ⇒ Finish at least one full recitation of the Qur'an here and at the Ka'ba.
- ⇒ Even glancing at the blessed shrine is worship just like looking at the Ka'ba or the Qur'an. Hence, look at it in abundance, with respect, and recite plentiful Salawat.
- ⇒ The nights in Madinah should be kept alive, don't go to sleep, seek the full blessings.
- ⇒ Present yourself at the blessed shrine five times a day or at least at morning and night to offer your Salam. Visit the rawda at all times and treat it with respect and love. Don't take it for granted.
- ⇒ In or out of the city, if your glimpse falls upon the blessed dome, then immediately face towards it, fold your arms and present Salawat. Do not pass without doing this as this is against proper adab.
- ⇒ Missing the congregational prayer is a sin at all places and if done habitually, it is a major sin and Haram. Here, apart from being a sin, it is also extreme deprivation. In a Sahih Hadith the Holy Prophet ﷺ says: "Whoever prays forty prayers in my Masjid, freedom the hell and hypocrisy will be written for him".
- ⇒ Never have your back towards the sanctified grave. Even in Salah, try not to have your back towards it. Rather, attempt to pray in a place where the blessed grave is not behind you.
- ⇒ Do not perform circumambulation, nor prostration, nor bow so much that it is the same as ru'ku. The respect for RasulAllah ﷺ is in his ﷺ obedience.

- ⇒ To visit Baqi', Uhud and Quba is Sunnah. The reward of offering two rak'ah in Quba is equal to one 'umrah. If you wish, just stay at the blessed shrine. Sayyidi ibn Abi Hamza quddassa sirrahu would stand the whole eight days in this presence. One day he thought of visiting Baqi' and other places but then he said that the door of Allah for the beggars is open, why should I leave it and go elsewhere?
- ⇒ When leaving, present yourself at the blessed shrine - keep in mind all the manners previously mentioned - and incessantly pray with sincerity for benevolence thus:

*“Oh Allah! Grant me death in the state of Iman and according to the Sunnah in the city of Madina and let me be buried in Baqi’.”*

## The Secrets of Hajj

*(NB: These notes have not been reviewed or affirmed by Shaykh Muhammad al-Yaqoubi or any person, persons or agency representing Shaykh Muhammad al-Yaqoubi. These are my own notes taken during the speech. Any mistakes are from me and me alone, any good is from Allah Most High alone and his guidance to the Shaykh.)*

- ⇒ The moment you know the station of the Prophet ﷺ your life will change, you are now a son of him ﷺ and he is your spiritual father.
- ⇒ Hajj is being reborn, you will return as clean as the day your mother delivered you – as long you did your Hajj correctly and in the right manner.
- ⇒ Allah Subhan-watallah made Hajj fard, so perform it.
- ⇒ Allah Subhan-watallah dislikes three things:
  1. Gossips;
  2. Asking unnecessary questions;
  3. Wasting your wealth.
- ⇒ Originally Hajj was a tough and arduous journey. The hujjage would travel week to week, city to city. Working hard and earning basics for food and rations.
- ⇒ There is a difference in the Hajj when you use money that you have earned from hard work and sweat rather than money that is gifted to you. Loans should NOT be taken.
- ⇒ **Secret 1:** if you lose somebody or you want to find somebody read surah Doha with the intention of finding them and in shaa Allah you will find them.
- ⇒ People used to sacrifice everything for Hajj. But remember to leave enough provisions for your family at home before you go.
- ⇒ Go on Hajj with a clear mind, be prepared – understand wisdom and light behind it.

- ⇒ **Secret 2:** Hajj is like the day of resurrection, you have two pieces of ihram similar to the three you will have on the Day of Judgment. There are no luxuries as the dunya is behind you, remember the dunya has failed you.
- ⇒ Clear your mind. Look at how our minds are clear when we fast as we aren't full. We are focused and spiritually uplifted.
- ⇒ **Secret 3:** This is similar to Hajj. Take on the Baraka and light. Be like an angel and all you do is dhikr.
- ⇒ Hajj is like you are coming to be an angel in one way or another.
- ⇒ State of Ihram is the state of heart, soul and the mind.
- ⇒ Labaik is an invocation to Allah, O Allah I am coming to You.
- ⇒ The Prophet ﷺ shouted at every valley and whenever he met some one during Hajj - "LABAIK...."
- ⇒ Show that you are rushing to the call of Allah.
- ⇒ **Secret 4:** During Hajj become an angel and show your identity through dhikr and Labaik.
- ⇒ After your Ihram you come to the House of Allah, where there is great wisdom and significance. Zam-Zam is from Heaven.
- ⇒ All the places in the Haram bring awareness of Allah. Be careful if your hotel overlooks the Kabah. Draw your curtains when getting changed.
- ⇒ Be careful as these are true signs, there is no where else in the world where you can do Hajj,
- ⇒ Kissing the blessed stone is attached to the Ibadah of doing Tawaf and the Tawaf is the only Ibadah that can be done in Makah.
- ⇒ **Secret 5:** there is great significance about the number 7. 7 Tawaf, 7 in sae, 7 in stone throwing, 7 heavens, 7 layers of the earth, 7 days and nights. This highlights importance of the Tawaf.
- ⇒ With 7 the unit in Arabic is full. 7 in the world perfects the world.
- ⇒ The 7 Tawaf are like that of the atom and circumambulation of proton and neutrons. The rhythm is the same 1-7.

- ⇒ **Secret 6:** We do Tawaf from the left hand side because the left side has the heart and this is closer to Allah during Tawaf. Also which right is better, yours or the Kabahs!
- ⇒ Remember for believers that stones of the Kabah are nothing, it is only the fact Allah made them sacred for us.
- ⇒ During Sa'ee remember the bounty given to the wife of Prophet Ibraheem عليه السلام. Here your hopes in Allah should never stop.
- ⇒ Realise your rizq will never stop.
- ⇒ A sa'ee for us is an indication that we have to effort to earn our rizq. Look at the wisdom
- ⇒ **Secret 7:** At Arafat all the believers are together in one place like on the Day of Judgment.
- ⇒ Here show Allah that you are in need, make dua here as it is accepted.
- ⇒ You will be tired and hot and hungry. Don't get busy with these needs, leave the dunya, be in dire need of Allah – this is the most important pillar in Arafat.
- ⇒ Gushing out of Arafat at Maghrib is like rushing out off the bridge on the Day of Judgement.
- ⇒ Hajj teaches us patience, we don't ask about what we expected.
- ⇒ **Secret 8:** Be a servant there for others, don't let people become angry, see to them before they do, look after them. Don't swear.
- ⇒ You have to learn to serve people in Hajj. We are irresponsible so instead of quarrelling be with people and support them.
- ⇒ Khidma is an important quality. Hajj is a school and you will learn a lot.
- ⇒ In Muzdalifah peoples sins will be forgiven because of the Prophet ﷺ, the break in Muzdalifah is Sunnah.
- ⇒ Stand up after Fajr as it is Wajib as a Hanafi. Face the Kabah.
- ⇒ Allah here will repay your debts (for backbiting, gossiping, doing bad to others etc) to others with His bounties. Except your rights to others, e.g. debt to others.
- ⇒ **Secret 9:** In Minah the meaning here is to get to know each other, exchanging business here is ibadah.

- ⇒ Signify challenge against the devil. We are controlling our lives and not letting the devil influence us.
- ⇒ Do what Allah ordered us. First stoning is done early so that you can do the rest your fard and Sunnah.
- ⇒ You will end Hajj in a distinguished manner by shaving your head. This will show everyone you are newly born and free from bad habits.
- ⇒ Give some sadaqa here.
- ⇒ There are a lot of pleasures of going to Hajj. Maintain the memories and don't go back to perceived normalities.
- ⇒ Start again you are now reborn. Get rid of all bad habits; remember your sins have been forgiven.
- ⇒ Sow the seeds for a new life.



