



Gold Package Hajj Itinerary 2017

(Duration 28/29 Days)

Group: Gold & Silver

Departing: 10th /11TH August 2017

Returning: 6th /7th September 2017

Please note the dates in itinerary may change by a day in or out depending on the availability of flights and the bookings are made accordingly to the Islamic calendar and this would depend on the moon sighting.

Direct Flight with Saudi Airlines/British Airways

- Hajj Visa
- Hajj Draft
- Makkah Hotel: **Gold Package** Makkah Clock Tower, Fairmont, Silver package Zam Zam Towers
- Madinah Hotel: **Gold Package** Moven pick Anwar Al Medina, Silver package Hayyat International
- Azziziyah Standard (Basic) Accommodation – 4 to 6 people sharing (near Jamarat) with Full Board
- Transport : By Hajj Ministry and Private
- Visit to historical sites in Makkah and Madinah
- European tents in Mina with sofa bed, pillow, blanket / All meals with hot/cold drinks provided
- Free 5 litre Zam Zam water
- Accompanied by a dedicated and experienced Sunnah Tours team
- Complete Hajj and Umrah help and guidance all through the journey.
- Expert religious guides

Full day Pre-Hajj Seminar: A must for all to attend (for the preparation of the Journey, You can view our previous years pre Hajj seminars on You Tube, Free, shoe bags, luggage tags, pocket size Hajj & Umrah guides, I.D. badges and much more!!!

Prices

- Cost of an adult (per person) based on four people sharing: **5* Gold = £5,195** **5* Silver = £4,795**
- Cost of an adult (per person) based on three people sharing: **5* Gold = £5,495** **5* Silver = £5,095**
- Cost of an adult (per person) based on two people sharing: **5* Gold = £5,695** **5* Silver = £5,295**
- Cost of a child over..... £3,395 (without a bed)
- LIMITED SPACES
- **BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISSOPOINTNMNT**

Itinerary

Gold & Silver Hajj Packages 2017 Group Gold & Silver itinerary: Depending on departure 10/11th August 2017 (17/18 Dhul al Qidha 1438)

Day - 1: (10th/08/2017) (18 Dhul al Qidha 1438)- Meet at Heathrow Airport flight to Jeddah

Please make sure you have your travel documents (passports etc.) with you. Everyone is expected to arrive early and register with the Sunnah Tours team member after that everyone is to check in individually and make their way to the departure lounge and board on time.

Sunnah Tour's guides will accompany the pilgrims from Heathrow Airport until the return to the UK Insha'Allah.

Day - 2: (11th/08/2017) (19 Dhul al Qidha 1438)- Arrival at Jeddah Airport Transfer to Medina Hotel from Jeddah Airport Transfer to Medina check in to Hotel – Immigration at Jeddah airport can be up to 6 hours or more. It's quite stressful after a long journey from the UK having to waiting around at Jeddah airport not knowing how long it would be before we have the all clear to make our way to Medina, however being prepared and knowing what to expect builds up the patience level and helps cope with some of difficulties. The immigration and facilities at Jeddah Airport have improved a great deal over the past few years and is continually improving. So, it's not all that bad any more Masha 'Allah

Arriving at the hotel and checking in can also take a few of hours.

After resting, Prayers in Masjid al Nabvi and salaams at the Rodha. It is very busy in Riyadh Jannah area for the 2 rakkah prayers (between 10pm and 1am is the only time when it's slightly quite, praying in Riyadh-ul-Jannah could be done any time during your stay in Medina).

Please take care:

That the prayer areas for the males and females are segregated and have separate entrances. Female visits of the Rodha are organised by the female guides of the Our beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ Masjid who organise groups of females and provide a speaker of their language. (Please ask inside the Masjid for information on times of the visits to the Rodha. **In the females area they are quit strict with photography avoid taking pictures as you may lose your phone or camera and also end up in a bit of trouble).**

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Day - 3: (12/08/2017) (20 Dhul al Qidha 1438) - Rest day in Madinah. A much-needed rest day after a tiring journey from the UK, build up energy and praying in Our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ beautiful Masjid, while you're there explore around, can go up onto the roof, visit the library in the Masjid.

Daily lectures: In Arabic, Urdu, English and many other languages take place in Masjid al-Nabvi after Salah tul Fajr and Maghrib highly recommended to attend and take great benefit.

Visiting Jannat-ul-Baqqi (which is adjacent to Our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ at the front of the Masjid towards the left) is open to individual visitors after Asr. Large organised group visits are unwelcome by the authorities. You may choose to pray Maghrib or Isha (it's usually a little cooler at these times) outside at the front of the Masjid on the left of the Imam and accompany the funeral for the burial (which is almost after every Salah). This is not only a Sunnah but is a heart softener and leaves an everlasting affect. You can do this as many times as you like during your stay in Madinah

"Khabbab reported that he asked "O 'Abdullah Ibn 'Umar! Did you hear what Abu Hurairah says? He says that he heard Our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ, saying. 'Whoever leaves his house to attend a funeral prayer, offers funeral prayer, and then follows the funeral procession until the body is buried will receive two kerats of reward, each of which is like the mountain of Uhud. And whoever offers the funeral prayer and then leaves for home (This proves that a person does not need permission of the family of the deceased to leave after attending the funeral) will get a reward like the mountain of Uhud" (Muslim). Ibn 'Umar sent Khabbab to 'Aisha asking her about the statement of Abu Hurairah. She said, "Abu Hurairah has told the truth." When Ibn 'Umar was informed about this he said, "We have indeed lost many a kerats."

Lecture: After Asr Etiquettes of visiting the city of Our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ (if pilgrims rested).

Please Note the dates for our lectures and our activities may change, however this is a guide to how your days will be planned during your journey Insha'Allah

Day - 4: (13/08/2017) (21 Dhul al Qidha 1438) – Prayers in the Masjid. You can also choose to visit Masjid Quba after making wudu from the hotel and earn the reward of an Umrah. Our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ said "Whoever purifies himself in his house, then comes to the Masjid of Quba' and prays there, he will have the reward of an 'Umrah." (Narrated by Ibn Maajah, 1412).

It costs about 20 to 30sr return for a taxi ride there and back (if you are good at bargaining if not then you could end up paying a lot more). After Fajr is a good time for the visit, (Masjid Quba is part of the ziyara trip also). **After Asr a lecture.**

Day - 5: 14/08/2017) (22 Dhul al Qidha 1438) – Have breakfast and around 7.30am leave for a guided tour of the historical sites in and around the city of Our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ we will return 11.30am/12.00pm. Please make sure you carry bottled drinking water with you as it gets quite hot at Uhud. This tour goes through most of the historical sites in a Medina stopping at some of the sites like Uhud, Masjid Quba, Qiblatain etc. and driving pass some of them like the Masjid built on certain sites. It's quite enjoyable and informative as we retrace the footsteps of The Messenger of Allah and some of the greatest men and women that were around Him. Also, it's a drive through and around the city Our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ **(Also there may be a lecture after Asr)**

Day - 6: (15/08/2017) (23 Dhul al Qidha 1438)– Normal day Prayers in the Masjid finish off shopping. Most of the pilgrims do most of their shopping in Medina for a few reasons. There is less to do in Medina, shops are located close by in the shopping plazas next to our hotel in Tayba centre and it's not as busy as it is Makkah. Any remaining shopping can be done in Makkah or the last-minute shopping in Azziziyah.

To exchange currency: Currency exchange **shop** is called a Saraf or Sarf and they are located near pedestrian walk ways leading up to the Masjid.

The Pakistani restaurants: are located at the rear of our hotel, you walk across the streets at the back of the hotel and cross over a construction site and the Pakistani restaurants are across the road from the construction site. They are called Pakistani hotel. The western fast food chains Kentucky chicken etc. is located in the last left street from the hotel leading up to the Masjid. Please ask a member of the Sunnah Tours staff for assistance if needed.

Day - 7: (16/08/2017) (24 Dhul al Qidha 1438)– **Finish off shopping pack up luggage** and prepare for the final lecture on the journey from Medina to Makkah and how to perform Umrah.

Day - 8:(17/08/2017) (25 Dhul al Qidha 1438)– Checkout of Medina hotel and proceed to Makkah. You may choose to change into your **ihram** from the hotel or change at the Meqaat (Dhul Hulayfah) however you can only pronounce the intention and talbiyah from the Meqaat and that's when and where you will be in the state of Ihram.

Luggage should have been packed overnight and around 8 am should be left outside your rooms for the porters to start bringing it down to the loading bay. Please ensure every single item including your hand bags etc. has a Sunnah Tours luggage tag on it for the entire luggage to stay together as it won't be just us but many other groups checking out at the same time and luggage can get lost and mixed up with other group's luggage. Sunnah Tours can be responsible for damaged or lost luggage. We don't need to leave our rooms until the hotel management ask us to check out.

The coach Journey to Makkah can take up to 8/10 hours, including the stop at the Meqaat and 1 or 2 other stops. The more times we stop the longer the journey becomes. Carry some food and cold drinks with you all the time.

- **Check into Makkah hotel, do Umrah (Arriving at the hotel and checking in can take a few hours).** Checking out of Medina hotel and travelling to Makkah and waiting to check in for a few hours can be quite stressful we advise everyone to be prepared and have patience.

Day - 9: (18/08/2017) (26 Dhul al Qidha 1438) – Prayers and Tawaf (optional).

- Lecture subject to permission of the hotel management.
- While you will be able to have breakfast in the hotel, there is a food court on the third floor **P3** down from the lifts from the hotel reception which offers all the major western fast food chains as well as Arabic and Asian food is also available

Sunnah Tours advice to pilgrims on performing optional Tawaf/s daily – As it gets busier by the hour in the Haram please take extra care for Tawafs you perform see how busy it is in the Mataf (ground floor around the Kaaba) if it's too crowded it's always a lot quieter and easier on the roof especially for the families. It is a longer circuit however it's very peaceful and there is almost no pushing and shoving on the roof and especially at night time it's nice and fresh as it's in the open-air Masha 'Allah. You may choose to sit and listen to an **Urdu lecture in the Haram given daily by Shaykh Wasiullah Abbas** after Salah tul Maghrib (to find out where he sits please ask any of the Sunnah Tour guides)

Day - 10: (19/08/2017) (27 Dhul al Qidha 1438)-Prayers and Tawaf (optional) Do explore the Haram in order to appreciate the history and the greatness of the place. Some of the greatest men and women were born, lived, and walked in around this place.

You may choose to sit and listen to an **Urdu lecture in the Haram given daily by Shaykh Wasiullah Abbas**

It also allows you to spend some quality time at the Haram and also gain knowledge at the same time.

Day - 11: (20/08/2017) (28 Dhul al Qidha 1438)– **Visit of the historical sites.** Have breakfast and around 7.30 am leave for a guided tour of the historical sites in and around Makkah (Arafat, Minna, Muzdhalifah etc.) This usually takes about 4 hours we kindly advise everyone to stick to the times allowed for the stoppages at some of the sites so that we can make it back for Dhur Salah in the Haram. The reward of which is equal to 100,000.

Prayers and Tawaf (optional)

Lectures in Makkah Hotels are subject to the permission of hotel management

Day - 12: (21/08/2017) (29 Dhul al Qidha 1438)- Prayers and Tawaf (optional)

You may choose to sit and listen to an **Urdu lecture in the Haram given daily by Shaykh Wasiullah Abbas**

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Day - 13:(22/08/2017) (30 Dhul al Qidha 1438)- Prayers and Tawaf (optional)

Lecture subject to permission of hotel management

You may choose to sit and listen to an **Urdu lecture in the Haram given daily by Shaykh Wasiullah Abbas**

Day - 14: (23/08/2017) (1 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) - Prayers and Tawaf (optional)

You may choose to sit and listen to an **Urdu lecture in the Haram given daily by Shaykh Wasiullah Abbas**

Day - 15: (24/08/2017) - (2 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) Prayers and Tawaf (optional)

Lecture subject to permission of hotel management

Day - 16: (25/08/2017) (3 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) - Prayers and Tawaf (optional) finish off, pack luggage and prepare to leave for Azziziyah

Day - 17: (26/08/2017) (4 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) –Check out of Makkah Hotel, Proceed to Azziziyah settle into apartments and rest (Basic but fully functional accommodation, village like pleasant atmosphere) All meals provided.

It's a good time to start contemplating and preparing spiritually/mentally for Hajj as it's only few days away.

Day - 18: (27/08/2017) (5 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) -After Asr a **guided tour** of the Jamarat, location of Jamarat, how to do the stoning correctly and safely (takes up to 2 hours due to a lot of stops)

Day - 19: (28/08/2017) (6 Dhul al Hijjah 1438)- Rest day at the Azziziyah, Lecture and advice on Hajj
On the 6th Dhul Hijjah Rest day at the Azziziyah. Reading, preparing mentally/spiritually and physically.

Day - 20: (29/08/2017) (7 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) – Light pack essentials (Toiletries, couple of pairs of clothes, towel etc.) and prepare to leave for Minna. It's a pleasant and enjoyable (highly recommended) walk after Isha to the Minna tents (most of the group walked over the last years) other option would be to wait for the transport. Lecture on Hajj (if preparation allows Insha'Allah)

Day - 21: (30/08/2017) – (8 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) First day in Minna. Prayers and reminders on Hajj Rites. All meals are provided with the comfort of sofa beds, a pillow and a blanket, hot and cold drinks

Day - 22: (31/08/2017) (9 Dhul al Hijjah 1438)-THE DAY OF ARAFAH (HAJJ) Pray Fajr and prepare to be transported to ARAFAAH for Hajj. In Arafat pray Dhur and Asr and spend the rest of the day supplicating, hand raised, standing, sitting, asking Allah for forgiveness and guidance for your selves and all the Ummah. The Day of Arafat is the Day that we all make this journey for.

On this Day: Allah frees slaves from the fire on Arafat more than any other day

Likewise, the Prophet (sallallahu'alayhiwasallam) said, 'There is no day on which Allah frees people from the Fire more so than on the day of Arafat. He comes close to those (people standing on 'Arafat), and then He revels before His Angels saying, 'What are these people seeking.' [Jaami'ut-Tirmidhee (3/377)]

On this Day: Forgiveness of the Sins even if they are like the foam on the Sea

As for you staying till the evening in Arafat, then Allah descends to the sky of the Duniya and He boasts about you to the Angels, and says: 'My slaves have come to Me, looking rough, from every deep valley hoping for My mercy, so if your sins were equivalent to the amount of sand or the drops of rain or like the foam on the sea I will forgive them. So go forth my slaves! Having forgiveness and for what or who you have interceded for.' [Reported by at-Tabarani in his book "al-Kabeer" and by al-Bazaar.

On This Day: It is the day on which the religion was perfected and Allah's Favour was completed.

In Al-Saheehayn it was reported from 'Umar ibn al-Khattaab (may Allah be pleased with him) that a Jewish man said to him, "O Ameer al-Mu'mineen, there is an ayah in your Book which you recite; if it had come to us Jews, we would have taken that day as an 'Eid (festival)." 'Umar said, "Which ayah?" He said: "This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." [al-Maa'idah 5:3 – interpretation of the meaning]. 'Umar said, "We know on which day and in which place that was revealed to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). It was when he was standing in 'Arafat on a Friday."

On This Day: Allah expresses His pride to His angels

It was reported from Ibn ‘Umar that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Allah expresses His pride to His angels at the time of ‘Isha’ on the Day of ‘Arafat, about the people of Arafat. He says, ‘Look at My slaves who have come unkempt and dusty.’” Narrated by Ahmad

The standing on ‘Arafat is the Hajj.

The standing on ‘Arafat is the hajj. The crowds should remind you of the Day of Resurrection. Humble yourself to Allah, manifest your ‘uboodiyyah’ to Him Alone through du’a’ sincere intention and strong determination to free yourself from the sins of the past and to build up a commitment to rush for doing what is good. Think of becoming a better person when you return. Rid yourself of false pride and showing off because it may ruin what you gain on this day.

The Almighty Swears by these 10 Days:

Allah, the Almighty, swears by these days.

- By the dawn
- By the ten nights (i.e. the first ten days of the month of Dhul-Hijja)
- And by the even and the odd (of all the creations of Allah). (Al-Fajr 1-3)

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, ' **The ten are the ten days of Dhul-Hijja and the odd is the Day of Arafat and the even is the Eid** (Ahmed 3/ 327 and Bazzar 2286) Ibn Rajab graded the isnad of this hadeeth as being Hasan.

(Source: Taken from Laytaif al Ma’rif and Tafseer ibn Katheer, Translated and compiled by Abu Aaliyah Abdullah ibn Dwight Battle).

Wuqf e Arafah (The standing at Arafat): The standing at Arafat praying and seeking forgiveness is of paramount significance. The standing huge crowds remind us of the Day of Resurrection, of how we will all stand equal before Allah on the Day of Judgment.

Muzdhalifa:

After Maghrib all the pilgrims will be transported from Arafat to Muzdhalifah where Maghrib and Isha will be prayed and everyone should rest as the Messenger of Allah rested.

Day- 23: (01/09/2017) (10 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) (This is Eid for the none pilgrims)

Perform the rites of Hajj. Stoning The Jamarat tul kubra, sacrifice, shaving or cutting the hair, Tawaf al Ifadha and return to Mina.

Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him) said in Zaad al-Ma’aad (1/54): The best of days before Allah is the Day of Sacrifice, which is the greatest day of Hajj as it says in Sunan Abi Dawood (1765), where it is narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “The greatest of days before Allah is the Day of Sacrifice.”

It is the greatest day of Hajj.

It was narrated that Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stood between the Jamarat on the Day of Sacrifice during his Hajj and said, "This is the greatest day of Hajj." Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1742.

That is because the greatest actions of Hajj take place on this day, when the pilgrims do the following:

- (i) Stoning Jamarat al- 'Aqabah**
- (ii) Offering the sacrifice**
- (iii) Shaving the head or cutting the hair**
- (iv) Tawaf (circumambulation of the Ka 'bah)**
- (v) Saa'i (between al-Safa and al-Marwah)**

It is the Eid day of the Muslims

Day- 24: (02/09/2017) (11 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) Stoning all the Jamarat. After that reminders and then spending the night in Minna.

Day- 25: (03/09/2017) (12 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) Stoning all the Jamarat, and permitted to leave Mina or you may choose to stay for the final day.

Day- 26: (04/09/2017) (13 Dhul al Hijjah 1438) Stone all the Jamarat leave Mina and move back into the apartments in Azziziyah. Rest and build up energy. Pack and prepare for the journey back to the UK.

Day- 27: (05/09/2017). (14 Dhul al Hijjah 1438)

REST DAY

Day- 28/29: (06th/07th/09/2017) (15th/16th Dhul al Hijjah 1438)

Tawaf al Widah and prepare for the journey back to the UK Insha'Allah

Please note

- All packages are subject to availability and subject to Airline schedules
- We recommend everyone to be fit and healthy for this Journey as it requires a lot of walking for Umrah and in the days Of Hajj.
- Sacrifice is not included in this package. Cost of sacrifice will be known on arrival in Medina (approx. £115/135) You have an option of slaughtering yourself, use the sacrifice banks, or making it through Sunnah Tours (payments for sacrifice will be collected on arrival in Medina)
- In Makkah hotel, some rooms may have one or two sofa beds

Please be aware that hotel check in times is after 4pm, and check out times is before 1pm. Changes can occur without prior notice, but should they; we shall endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. *Also, note the dates in itinerary may change by a day in or out depending on the availability of flights and the bookings are made accordingly to the Islamic calendar and this would depend on the moon sighting.*

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