

PREPARING FOR THE DAYS OF HAJ

List of items to carry for the 5/6-day journey

- Travel lightly
- Water + snacks
- Small back pack
- Small pebble packet
- Dua kitaabs
- Non scented items
- Medication
- Small pillow
- Shoe bag
- Straw mat to sit

THE 5 DAYS OF HAJ IN BRIEF

DAY 1

8TH Zul Hijjah – After Sunrise

- 2 rakaats of salaatul Ihraam
- Niyat of Haj + Talbiyah
- Proceed to Minaa After sunrise
- Sunnah to perform 5 Salaah in Minaa (Zuhr until fajr of the next day (9th))
- Constant Labaik, Quraan, Zikr, and Dua for forgiveness
- Make salaam, feed people, speak politely

DAY 2

9TH Zul Hijjah – After Fajr

- Takbeer e Tashrik begins after fajr in Minaa
- A day to gain freedom from hell, and best dua is Kalima tauheed
- Sunnah to proceed to Arafah after sunrise reciting kalima tauheed
- Once settled in Arafah – perform Zuhr salaah, then stand facing qiblah in dua
- Combine the Zuhr & Asr salaah for Shafis, the Hanafis have 2 views on this – yes/no.
- Wuqoof (standing/being present) on day of Arafah begins at zawwal and ends at sunset
- Sunnah to make ghusal
- Depart from Arafah for Muzdalifah after sunset without performing maghrib.
- When reaching Muzdalifa – combine both maghrib and esha in esha time with one azaan and one iqamah (Hanafi) and one azaan and 2 iqamah (shafis)
- Collect pebbles – min. 49 and max 70
- Sleep the night here

DAY 3

10TH Zul Hijjah – The Day of Eid

- Wuqoof at Muzdalifah is wajib for hanafis for a moment between subuh sadiq up to sunrise
- Shafis can depart from Muzdalifah after midnight to Minaa
- Return to Minaa before sunrise
- It is wajib for hanafis to perform the following in sequence, whilst it is sunnah for shafis
 - a. Pelting the big Shaitaan – no dua after pelting
 - b. Slaughtering – damm e tamattu'
 - c. Shaving hair
 - d. Go to Makkah for tawaf e ziyaarah

Day 4

11TH Zul Hijjah – The days of Minaa

- Tawaaf Ziyaarah can also be done on this day
- Back to Minaa – Sunnah for Hanafis to spend the night in Minaa, whilst it is necessary for shafis
- Pelting all 3 jamaraats (shaitaans) from after zawaal (small, medium then big)
- Pelting begins after zawaal until sunset or subuh sadiq
- Dua can be made after pelting the small and medium jamaraat, facing Qilah
- No dua must be made after pelting the big jamarat

DAY 5

12th Zul Hijjah - In Minaa

- Pelting all 3 jamarats as per the previous day from after zawaal with same conditions
- Note: - The end time for tawaaf ziyaarah is on this day at sunset for hanafis, if one has not yet completed it. Shafis can make tawaaf e ziyaarah up to the time they depart from Minaa.

DAY 6

13th Zul Hijjah – The Optional Day in Minaa

- Pelting all 3 jamarats as per the previous day from after zawaal with same conditions, this is where the extra stones picked up in Muzdalifah will be required.
- Note: - Those who do not intend to pelt on this day, must leave Minaa before subuh Saadiq, otherwise it becomes necessary to completing the pelting on this day.

The tawaaf – e – widaa must be performed before departing Makkah and heading back home.

Faraaiz (compulsory acts) of Haj – If left out, then Haj is invalid

1. DON Ihraam
2. Wuqoof
3. Tawaaf Ziyarah
4. Additionally, the Sae and shaving hair is compulsory according to Shafi

What necessitates Damm (Penalties)

According to both Hanafi and Shafi – If you miss out the following, then will necessitate penalty of slaughtering a goat or sheep in that year -:

1. Pelting
2. Slaughter
3. Shaving
4. Sae
5. Wuquf in Muzdalifa
6. Tawaaf Widaa

Additionally, Shafis also say that not spending the nights of 11th, 12th, will necessitate the same penalty

Sunnah Method of Pelting

- Ensure we are in a state of Wudhu
- Use the right hand
- Pebble should be placed between index finger and thumb
- Recite takbeer before throwing
- Face the Jamaarah with Minaa on right shoulder and Makkah on left
- Ensure that the pebble hits the wall – otherwise not counted.
- No dua is permitted after pelting the big Jamarah on the 10th Zul Hijjah
- Dua is only permitted on the 11th and 12, but only after pelting the small and medium Jamaraat
- Pelting is only permitted from after Zawaal on the 11th, 12 or 13th of Zul Hijjah (Day 4,5 or6)

General Advice

- Seek forgiveness from family and friends
- Give out as much charity before departing and whilst on Hajj
- Free oneself from debt
- Make abundant istighfaar