



Bismillaahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem

SALAMA TRAVEL HAJJ 2018

As-Salaamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuhu,

We pray that you receive this whilst in strength of eemaan and health. Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank you for deciding to join us on our package. We ask Allaah to accept it from us and you.

Narrated Aboo Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him): Allaah's Messenger (salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said, "(The performance of) `Umrah is an expiation for the sins committed between it and the previous ones. And the reward for Hajj Mabroor (pilgrimage accepted by Allah) is nothing but Paradise." (Saheeh al-Bukhaaree, Vol. 3, Book 27, Hadith no. 1)

WE ADVISE YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POINTS:

1. Knowledge. Please learn the rites of Hajj & 'Umrah before embarking upon this journey. This includes the conditions of ihraam and its regulations – Remember for **men**: No socks, no hats and no underwear! Since we will be going to Makkah first, we will be performing Umrah first so please make sure you carry your ihram garments in your hand luggage as you will need to enter the state of ihram before landing at Jeddah airport! **Women**: Normal clothing but no gloves or tied niqaab, although it is permissible to hang a face cover from the jilbaab over the face. Menstruating or women in post-natal bleeding should enter the state of ihraam as normal but avoid making tawaaf until their condition finishes.

2. Requirements. Please make sure that you have all the documentation you need for your journey: Passport, vaccination certificate etc. Please keep them safe at all times. We are not responsible for your valuables or documentation. Likewise, if by the time you receive this, you haven't told us of any special requirements such as disabilities, wheelchair usage etc. please do so immediately.

3. Money. Please take with you enough money and clothing to last you throughout the journey. We advise you not carry large amounts of money on your person in case of loss or theft – if you need more money whilst you are in Makkah or Madeenah, there are plenty of ATM Cash Machines. If you are traveling as a group (family/friends), spread the cash amongst the adults.

4. Hotel. Once we have checked in, please ensure that you keep a note of your room number and the hotel's business card, in case you get lost. If you are travelling with children, please make sure that you supervise them all the times and try to make sure that they have the hotel's business card on them too. There are a number of cheap laundrettes that are within reach of the hotels, so you don't need to carry loads of clothes!

5. Baggage. Weight restrictions vary in accordance with the airline you are travelling on. These will be sent separately, in shaa' Allaah. Due to new rules, only 5 litres of Zamzam water is allowed per person. Please do not exceed the airline policy as they charge heavily for overweight. For further information please visit the link below for Heathrow security and baggage: <http://www.heathrowairport.com/heathrow-airport-guide/heathrow-security>

6. Health. It is very hot in Saudi throughout the year. You may need to consider the following: sun-block creams, sunglasses, moisturizing lotions etc. Please keep yourself hydrated by drinking plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty – zamzam is available freely in Makkah and Madeenah, so make the most of it! If you take medicine regularly, make sure you take a sufficient supply with you. Get fit! You will be required to walk for long periods during Umrah and Hajj so start preparing now! Also carry light snacks during long journeys since the cost of food at airports can be very expensive!

7. Punctuality. Please be 'on-time' throughout the whole trip. Any flights or coaches you miss due to lateness or absence are completely your own responsibility and we cannot be held responsible nor can we compensate you for any loss incurred. Please refer to our Terms & Conditions for further details: <http://www.salamatravel.co.uk/terms/>

8. Cooperation. This tour has been arranged to the best of our ability. Nevertheless, it is possible, as with every human being, that we can fall short. We ask, in advance, that you forgive our shortcomings, aid us and co-operate with your fellow travelling companions, as much as you are able. You will find that, as we have found time and again, by taking this approach, it leads to much greater and fulfilling experience, in shaa' Allaah.

9. Travel Protection. Salama Travel Ltd. is working with Travel Express, ATOL no. 9382, who are registered with the Saudi Hajj Ministry. As for travel insurance, it is not included in our packages, thus it is your own responsibility to purchase it, should you deem it necessary to do so. PS. The Saudi Government currently covers emergency hospital costs (but not all medication) for those travelling for the purposes of Hajj & Umrah, may Allaah reward them.

10. Madeenah. Know that visiting Madeenah is *not* a part of the Hajj. Nor is it allowed to prepare for a journey to visit any grave. Rather, going to Madeenah should be to pray at the masjid there. **Narrated Aboo Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him): The Prophet (salallaahu 'alaihi was-sallam) said, "Do not set out on a journey except for three masjids: Al-Masjid al-Haraam, the Masjid of Allaah's Messenger (salallaahu 'alaihi was-sallam) and Masjid al-Aqsaa (Jerusalem)"** (Saheeh al-Bukhaaree, Vol. 2, Book 21, Hadith no. 281). We make the journey to pray in the Prophet's masjid for the reward. **Narrated Aboo Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him): Allaah's Messenger (salallaahu 'alaihi was-sallam) said, "One Prayer in my Masjid is better than one thousand prayers in any other masjid, except al-Masjid al-Haraam."**, (where the reward is 100,000!) (Saheeh al-Bukhaaree, Vol. 2, Book 21, Hadith no. 282)

11. Questions? Should you have any questions about the above or anything else, please do not hesitate to ask, we are here to help. We also request that you give us your feedback after the trip, as this will help us improve future trips, in shaa' Allaah.

Your tour guides for this trip are Mus'ab (English & Urdu) and Muhammad (Somaali, Arabic & Dutch), who will be available during the packages to help, guide and deal with your queries, in shaa' Allaah. Additionally, if you have any zakat/sadaqah which you would like to distribute, please let Mus'ab know as he can distribute it to the poor of Makkah or Madeenah.

JazaakAllaahu khairan

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