

Hajj — the days in order

Five days with a fixed sequence. Miss the standing at ‘Arafah and there is no hajj that year — everything else has a remedy.



★ A duty on whoever can

وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا

“And due to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House — for whoever is able to find a way to it.”

Qur'an 3:97

★ 8 Dhul-Hijjah · Mina

Yawm at-Tarwiyah. Ihram for hajj is entered and the pilgrims move out to Mina, where Jabir's account has him ﷺ praying Zuhr, ‘Asr, Maghrib, ‘Isha’ and Fajr.

Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Hajj

★ 9 Dhul-Hijjah · ‘Arafah

الْحَجُّ عَرَفَةُ

“The hajj is ‘Arafah.” The standing there, from after midday until sunset, is the pillar nothing else can replace.

Sunan at-Tirmidhi 889 · sahih

★ That night · Muzdalifah

فَإِذَا أَفْضُتُمْ مِنْ عَرَفَاتٍ فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ عِنْدَ الْمَشْعَرِ الْحَرَامِ

“When you depart from ‘Arafat, remember Allah at al-Mash‘ar al-Haram.” He ﷺ prayed Maghrib and ‘Isha’ there together, slept, and stood again at dawn.

Qur'an 2:198 · Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Hajj

★ 10 Dhul-Hijjah · four acts

Asked at Mina that day about doing them out of order, he ﷺ answered each time: do it now, and there is no harm.

- Stone the great jamrah — seven pebbles
- Slaughter the sacrifice
- Shave or shorten the hair
- Tawaf al-ifadah at the House

Sahih al-Bukhari 1735 · Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Hajj

★ 11–13 · the days of Mina

وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَعْدُودَاتٍ

“And remember Allah during numbered days.” Three jamarat each afternoon — “whoever hastens in two days, no sin; and whoever delays, no sin.”

Qur'an 2:203

★ Learn it from him

Throwing the pebbles from his camel on the Day of Sacrifice he ﷺ said: “O people, learn your rites — I do not know whether I shall perform hajj after this year.”

Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Hajj · Sunan an-Nasa'i 3062 · sahih

★ Nothing coarse in it

فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ

“No sexual relations, no disobedience and no disputing during hajj.” The crowd is part of the test.

Qur'an 2:197

★ Home like a newborn

“Whoever performs hajj to this Ka'bah and neither approaches his wife nor commits a sin comes out as free of sin as a newborn child.”

Sahih al-Bukhari 1820