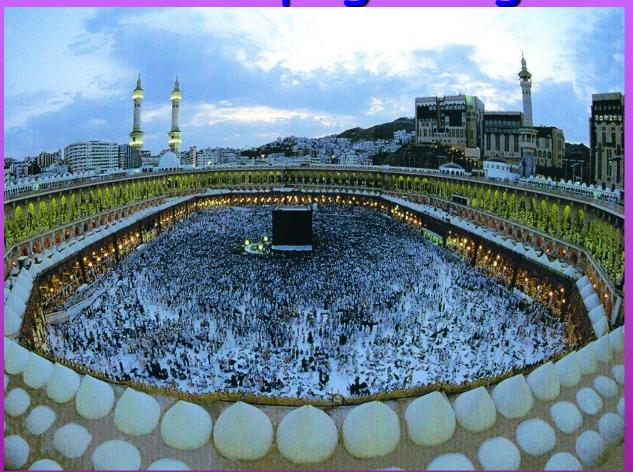


Can we remember the places of pilgrimages in Jerusalem?

Talk about it for one minute in twos or threes.



The Hajj is the most important Muslim pilgrimage.



However, Jerusalem is not the main pilgrimage place for Muslims.

The special pilgrimage takes place in Makkah, or Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

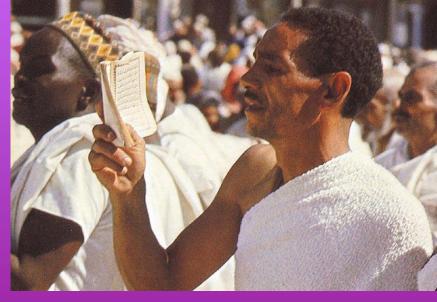


Join some Muslims as they go on the Hajj. The Hajj takes place near Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

First take a plane to Jeddah and a bus to Mecca.

When they arrive, Muslims get ready for the Hajj.





All Muslims put on 2 white cloths called ihrams. This is to show all people are equal before God. If you have an ihram in your school, try one on.

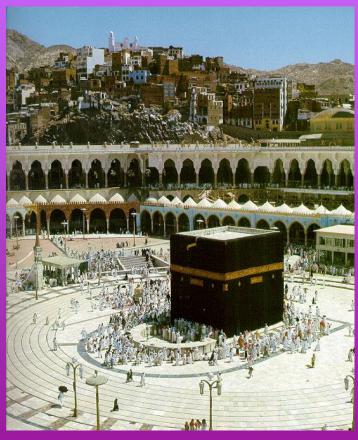
Find out what happens at the Hajj.



Pilgrims go to the Great Mosque, which houses the Kabah.

Here they pray with thousands of others.





The black cube is the Kabah (Ka'aba)



The Kabah, is thought to be the first place of worship and built by Adam (pbuh).



Ibraham (pbuh) is thought to have rebuilt the Kabah (Ka'aba).

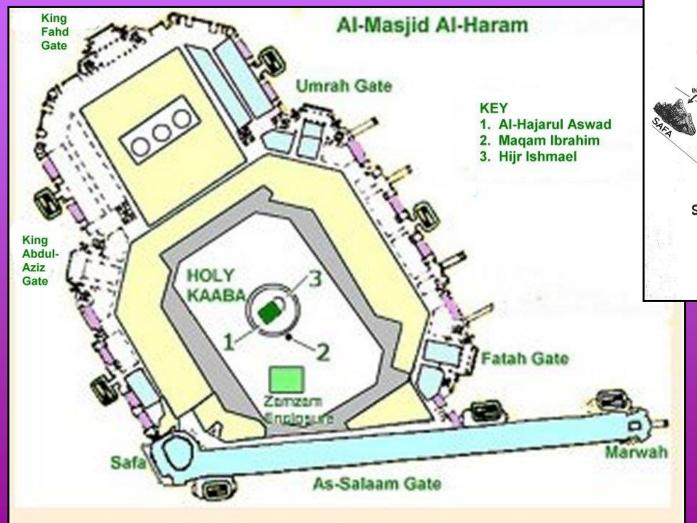


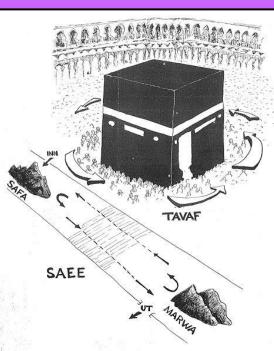
They walk anticlockwise around the Ka'aba seven times.





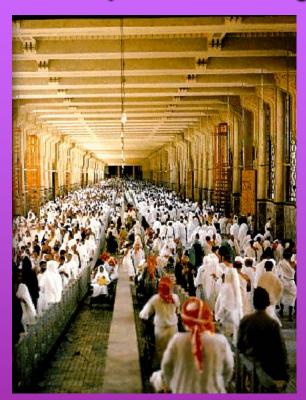
Next to the Ka'aba are 2 hills - Safa and Marwah







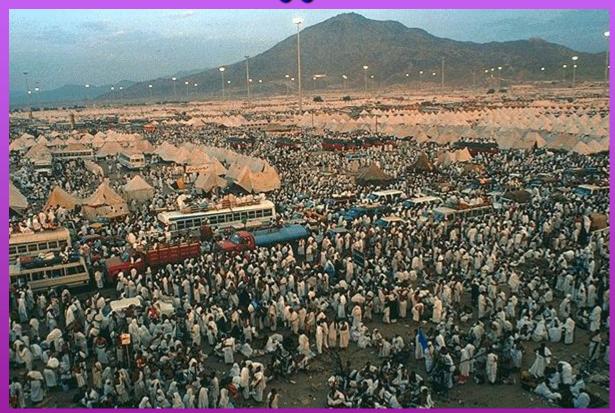
They then jog between 2 hills.





This is to remember the time when Allah produced water for Hagar, one of Ibraham's wives. She was in the desert looking for water for her son, Ishmael.

Day 1 The Pre-Hajj Preparations finished, the Hajj starts.

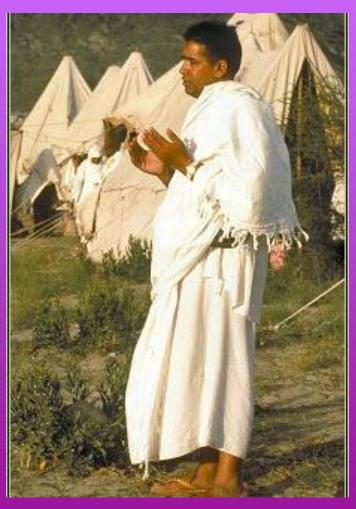


Everyone spends the day travelling to Mina, 3 miles from Mecca (Makkah).



At Mina they set up camp in tents.







Day 2 The pilgrims travel to Arafat and the Mount of Mercy





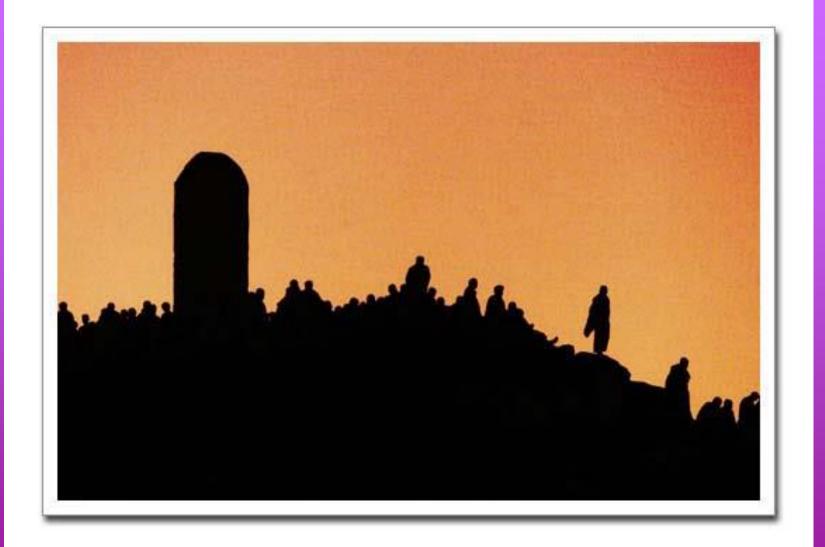
Arafat is about 9 miles from Mecca.



At Arafat they try to get near to the Mount of Mercy.

This day is called the Day of Standing





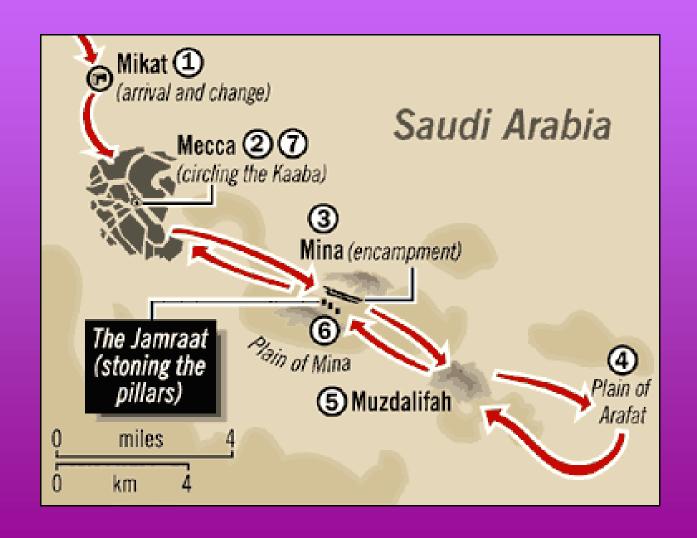


At the end of day 2 they go to Muzdalifah, to spend the night outside under the stars.





Muzdalifah is between Arafat and Mina.





Before going to sleep they must collect 70 pea-sized pebbles for the next day.





Day 3 Pilgrims travel back to Mina



This is the Day of Sacrifice and the First stoning at Jamarat.



They go to the Jamarat area of Mina.





Three stone pillars are here. This is thought to be the place where Ibraham was tempted by the devil.



The pilgrims throw their pebbles at the 3 stone pillars to symbolise throwing at the devil.

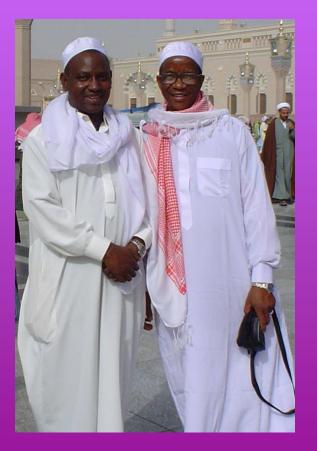




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Afterwards a sheep, cow or camel is sacrificed. The pilgrims celebrate and they are now called hajjis.





Hajj traditionally finishes and Eid Al-Adha starts.

The men shave their hair and women have their hair trimmed. They can put on their own clothes.



Day 4 and 5 Hajjis can return to throw more pebbles at the stone pillars.



They have taken off their ihrams, wearing their own clothes.

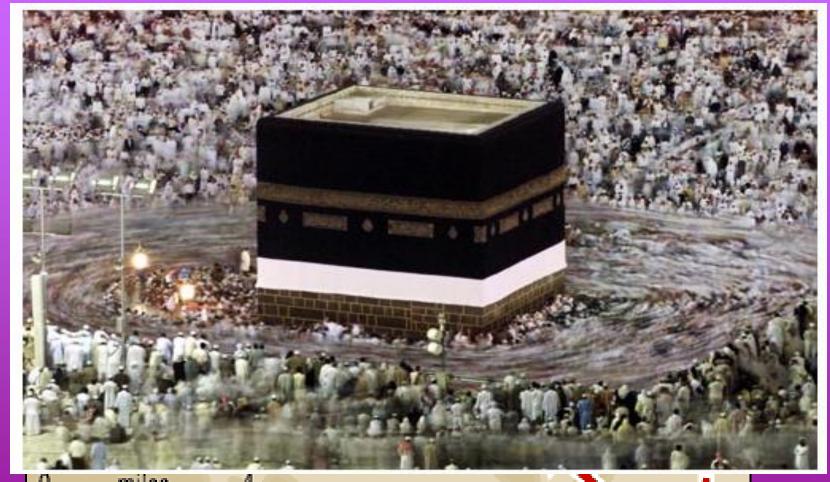


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Afterwards they return to Mecca.



Freat Mosque seven times again.

Pilgrims drink from the Zam Zam well, which started as a spring at Ishmael's feet.





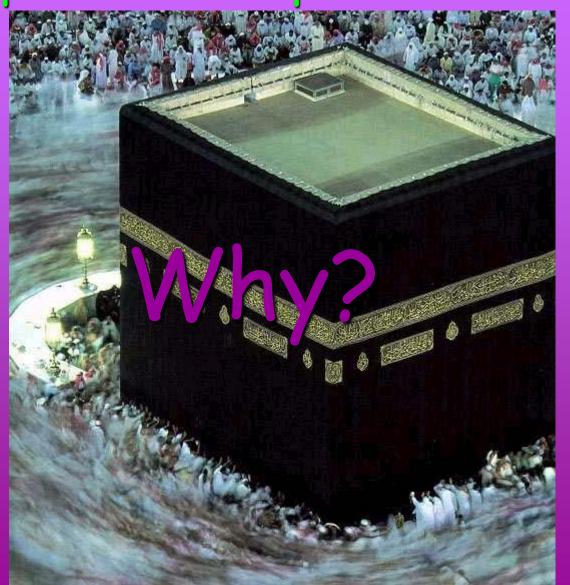
One last look at the Ka'aba and then they journey home.







Muslims believe Hajj pleases Allah.
These places are important to Muslims?

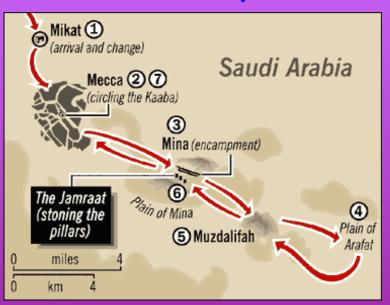




The small mountain, Mount of Mercy, in the plain of Arafat is thought to be where Adam and Eve were forgiven.

Muhammad also gave his last speech here.



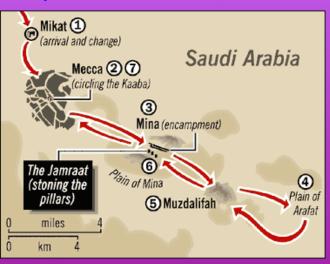


The time at the Mount of Mercy is very important for Muslims.

They ask forgiveness there.

The other important time is at Mina. It was the place that Ibrahim (pbuh - Abraham) was asked to sacrifice his son by Allah (God). The devil tried to prevent him from obeying. Allah knowing Ibrahim would do anything for him asked him to sacrifice a ram instead.





Muslims celebrate at the festival of Eid-Al-Adha (Eid of Sacrifice) by sacrificing an animal and throwing stones at the devil

Some go onto the second most important Muslim pilgrimage place- Prophet Muhammad's Mosque (pbuh) before returning home.





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