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About Sara International Travel

WITH OVER 29 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE ISLAMIC TRAVEL INDUSTRY, SARA INTERNATIONAL IS ONE OF THE LEADING MUSLIM TOUR OPERATORS IN THE WORLD.

Founded in 1994 with the sole aspiration to serve and support the blessed guests of Allah during Hajj and Umrah– Sara International Travel is a fitting choice for aspiring pilgrims who have made the noble intention to traverse on the "Journey of a Lifetime," as well as for those who wish to bask in the legacy of the Islamic world.

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# As-salamu 'Alaykum DEAREST PILGRIM

Welcome to your complete Umrah travel tool-kit, where all the travel information you need is in one place. View your upcoming trip as a single itinerary with all your booking information in the palm of your hands- including flights, accommodation, ground transport, as well as our award winning VIP

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for choosing us as your Umrah facilitators, by Allah, there is nothing more important to us than to serve the guests of Allah, and to make their stay in the Haramain Sharifain as pleasant as possible.

hospitality experience that is inclusive with all Sara International Travel Umrah reservations.

God willing, we look forward to facilitating and enriching your visit to the blessed Harams, which will be led by qualified Islamic scholars, world-class Umrah facilitators, and cultured ground staff.

Our combined expertise will ensure that we help revive many long lost secrets and provide an invaluable insight into the wisdom of Umrah, the rank and virtue of visiting the final Messenger, as well as the virtue of Makkah and Madinah.

May Allah grant you the acceptance of this Umrah, and may He accept all your virtuous actions, and forgive us all!

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## **FLIGHTS &** TRANSPORT

I Outbound Flight | Thu, 19 Oct, 2023 | Economy

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#### SV020

JFK, New York Depart Date Thu 19 Oct Time 02:00pm



Arrive Date Time

Arrive

Time

JED, Jeddah Fri 20 Oct 08:40am

# SV1428

Depart Date Time

JED, Jeddah Fri 20 Oct 04:40pm



MED, Madinah Date Fri 20 Oct 05:45pm

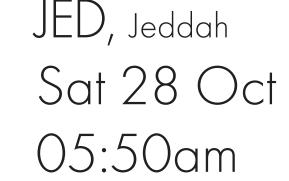
Inbound Flight | Sat, 28 Oct, 2023 | Economy

# NEW YORK





## 🛞 SV021 Depart Date





Arrive Date Time

JFK, New York Sat 28 Oct 11:50am

#### EA Ground Transport Included







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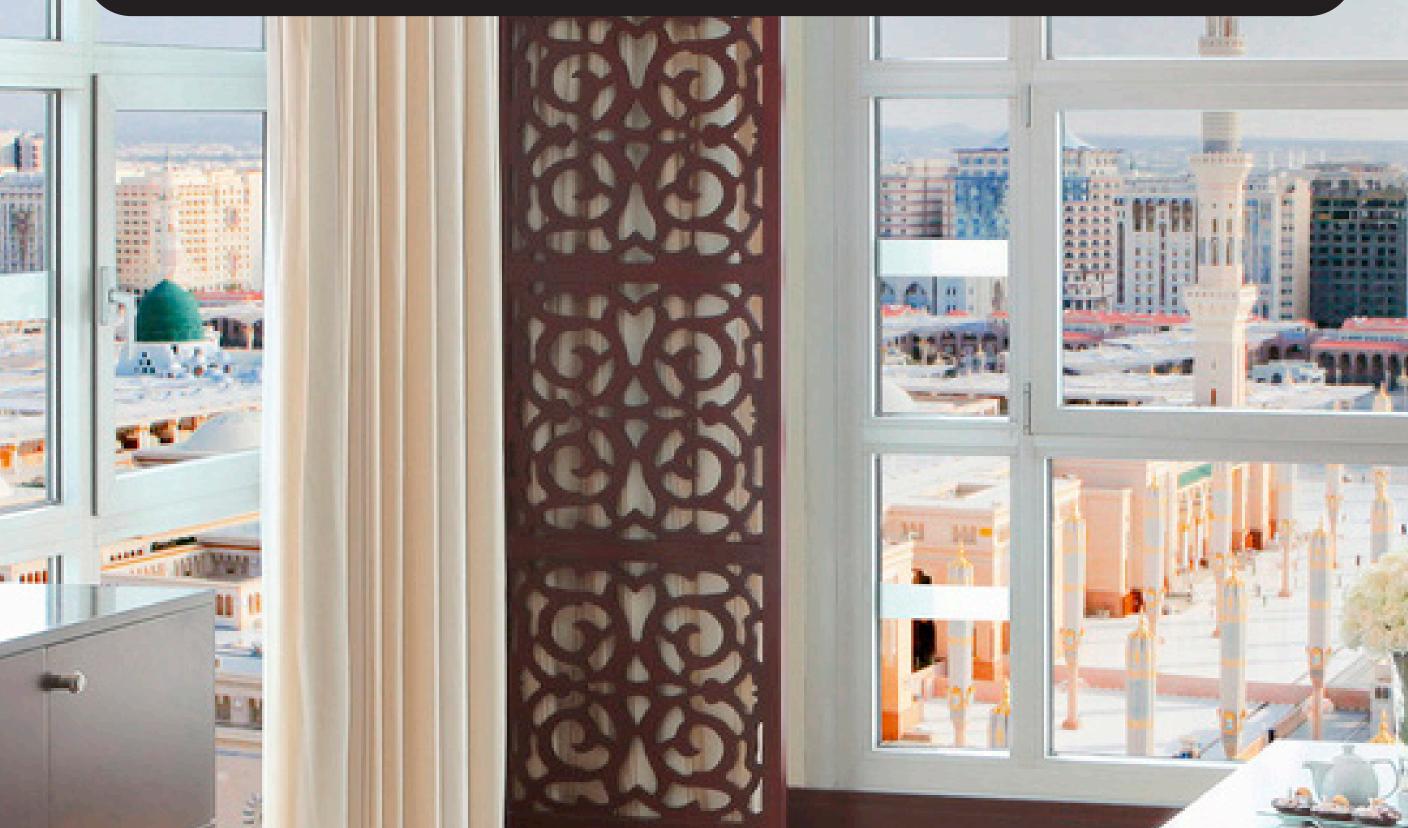


VIP UMRAH EXPERIENCE



# **Q** MOVENPICK ANWAR AL MADINAH

OMMODATION









Res. No: S Check-in: Fr Checkout: Tr Days: 4 Rooms\*\*: G Type: B

SIT-US-OCT Fri 20 Oct Tue 24 Oct 4 Double, Triple Quad City View Breakfast

\* \*Disclaimer: During peak seasons, hotel management may reconfigure rooms to accommodate the high influx of pilgrims. Double rooms maybe converted to triple & triple rooms maybe converted to quad by adding roll-away beds.







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200M / 1-2 MINUTES WALK FROM MASJID AL-HARAM

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# FIVE STAR ACCOMMOD TION

## JABAL OMAR HYATT REGENCY HOTEL







SIT-US-OCT Res. No: Check-in: Tue 24 Oct Check out: Fri 27 Oct Nights: 4

Rooms\*\*:

Type: Meal: Double, Triple Quad City View Breakfast

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VIP UMRAH **EXPERIENCE** 



# **UMRAH TRAVEL** ITINERARY

Day 1

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Please note that our Umrah itineraries are subject to potential change due to circumstances beyond our control; these include but are not limited to airline schedules, hotel arrangements, and the monthly Islamic calendar. In the unlikely event of any changes to this itinerary, we shall endeavour to give you as much notice as possible, terms and conditions apply.

Check-In at JFK-Terminal 1 at 11:00am

Depart from JFK by Saudi Arabian Airline SVO20 at 02:00pm (Non-stop Flight to Jeddah)



Day 2 FRI 20 OCT

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- Arrive at JED at 08:40am
- Perform Salatul Jummah in Jeddah, assisted by SIT pilgrim liaison team.
- Depart from JED by Saudi Arabian Airline SV1428 at 04:40pm
- Arrive at MED at 05:45pm Clear border control and collect

baggage.



Transfer to Movenpick Anwar Al Madinah supported by the SIT liaison team.



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Assisted check-in at the 5\* Movenpick Anwar al-Madinah.

Welcome and Orientation (Room Assignment)



Salatul Isha Prayer in Masjid An-Nabawai

All daily Salah in Masjid An- Nabawi SAT 21 OCT Walking tour around Masjid An- Nabawi **Í**'N

Day 4 SUN 22 OCT

Day 3

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- Prayers at Masjid An-Nabawi
- Dhikr after Salatul Fajr\*\*\*

İŻ Ziyarah trip around Madinah\*\*\*: Visits to Masjid Quba, Masjid Al-Qiblatayn, The Seven Masaajids, Uhud etc

\*\*\*\* if permitted by the Ministry of Hajj & Umrah \*\*\* if permission granted by the hotel













# **UMRAH TRAVEL** ITINERARY



Day 5 MON 23 OCT

- **In** Prayers at Masjid An-Nabawi
- Dhikr after Salatul Fajr\*\*\*
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Day 6 TUE 24 OCT



Prayers at Masjid An-Nabawi

- Assisted check out of 5\* Movenpick Anwar al-Madinah at 1pm
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- Travel to Makkah via Harmain High-Speed Train
- Assisted check-in at the 5<sup>\*</sup> Jabal Omar H

Hyatt Regency Makkah Perform Umrah assisted by SIT pilgrim liaison team



Day 7 25 OCT





Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram Ziyarah trip around Makkah: Stations of Hajj, Jabal Al-Rahma Masjid Al-Jinn, &

Jannatul Ma'ala.



Day 8 THU 26 OCT

FRI 27 OCT

Day 9



Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram. Performance of Second Umrah (optional)

Perform Salatul Jummah at Masjid Al-Haram.

- Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram
- Send luggage to hotel lobby at 05:00pm
- Leave for Jeddah at 05:30pm
  - Drive around the Corniche and Jeddah city tour
- Farewell dinner at Al Riwaq al Omawi, the Syrian Restaurant overlooking the Red Sea, Jeddah
- E Arrive at Jeddah International airport and complete the check-in formalities for the return to New York.







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## **UMRAH TRAVEL** ITINERARY





Day 10 SAT 28 OCT Depart from Jeddah by Saudi Airlines SV 021 at 05:50am (Non-stop Flight from JED to JFK)

Arrive at JFK at 11:50am





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## **AWARD WINNING UMRAH EXPERIENCE**







Our pre-departure webinar will answer all your questions about your upcoming journey of a lifetime. This will help you prepare you for visiting the Prophet ﷺ, as well as performing Umrah, and unlock valuable logistical information.



## GROUND STAFF SUPPORT

Our multilingual, well cultured, and local Makkan and Madinan ground staff are available during the six most important days of your trip. This includes: being on-hand during airport transfers, and inter-city transfer between the haramain; assisting with hotel check-in and checkout; providing a pilgrim-fi st personal escorted Umrah; privately guided Ziyarah in Makkah and Madinah; and accompanied trips to shopping malls, markets, and date farms.







Includes an Ihram for men; a shoe bag; a copy of our best selling Hajj book; an exclusive Ottoman style Umrah certificate, a prayer mat, and a bottle of 5l Zamzam. Please note, items may vary due to seasonal availability.

Round the clock support is available from our UK and USA based staff, ensuring total peace of mind throughout your visit to the blessed lands.

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# PRE TRAVEL PACKING SUGESSTIONS



Have a photocopy of your passport, as well as your airline ticket and visa— in BOTH digital and paper form.



Credit cards are accepted at most merchants. Visa tends to be the preferred type of card. Your debit card can be used to withdraw money from an ATM machine if your cash runs out.



Take a sufficient amount of money to cover your expenditure. Draw up a budget before departure. Take a minimum of about 400 SAR (about \$100), which will help you with your immediate expenses upon arrival in Saudi Arabia, until you become familiar with getting your money exchanged locally.



Make a collection of supplications you'd like to make during your Umrah, in a notepad in your native language (especially for family and friends). Feel free to use the Dua guide book that will also be provided via WhatsApp.



Although copies of the Qur'an will be available in the mosque, it's more convenient to have your own.

Supplication Prayer Book

There are many pocket-sized books which contain supplications from the Qur'an and Sunnah which can be recited throughout your journey.



Keep your valuables such as money, documents, debit / credit cards and keys in a good quality waist pouch.



### MEDICATION & TOILETRIES

Pack medications and toiletries such as – toothbrush, miswak, shampoo, soap, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, shaving equipment, deodorant, perfume, itr, sanitary pads, toiletries bag, current/regular medication, travel sickness tablets, moisturizing cream, throat lozenges and cough syrup, vaseline, anti-diarrhea medication, etc.

Please be mindful that while in a state of Ihram, scented products cannot be used - (non-scented products are permitted).



You can purchase an international package through T-Mobile, AT&T or Verizon– which may be a bit more convenient, however, if you would like, you may purchase a Saudi SIM card upon arrival.

(Please contact your mobile carrier to inquire about international packages).

# PRE TRAVEL PACKING SUGESSTIONS



A tasbih or digital counters are very convenient.



It can prove very useful during travel and can double up as a sun shield.



A good quality suitcase with a hard case and a built-in locking system is recommended.



One ihram will be provided to you complementary from Sara International Travel however, take an extra set on your own just in case of emergency need.





pack a lightweight backpack or travelling bag for your stay and journey that you can keep necessities in like medicine, phone chargers or power banks.



A safety / pin clip can be used to fasten the upper garment of the Ihram so it does not fall from the shoulders.



For men, the Saudi Thobe/Jubbah and the Indo-Pak Shalwar Qameez are ideal. For women, the Abaya is the best option. For men, whilst in you're in Ihram, your ankles and the top part of your foot (near shoelace area) need to remain uncovered. A pair of sandals is recommended.



It is recommended to travel with a universal travel adapter, portable powerbank along with an extra phone charger.



Recommended apps for the Umrah trip: - Nusuk - Any VPN app of your choice

## **STAFF GRATUITY**



OUR MAKKAN AND MEDINAN GROUND STAFF ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR UMRAH EXPERIENCE, OFTEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO ENSURE OUR PILGRIMS HAVE A HASSLE-FREE JOURNEY TO THE BLESSED LANDS.

As a token of appreciation, we recommend a nominal tip of \$25 (100 SAR) per pilgrim to recognise exceptional service, hospitality, and the little extras that really helped turn your pilgrimage into the trip of a lifetime.

In Saudi Arabia, tourism from Umrah and Hajj has brought about significan economic change and helped impoverished communities to improve their situation.

So, think not of this gratuity as a tip, but rather a form of sadaqa (charity) that is bequeathed in the way of Allah.



Visa Entry Requirements for Umrah

## THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A TOURIST VISA FOR UMRAH

- It is recommended pilgrims are vaccinated against Covid-19.
- Pilgrims must have a passport valid for at least 7 months or more (from date of return)

A high-resolution PDF of your passport details page must be submitted to us.

Pilgrims must submit a high resolution, recent passport size colour digital photograph

This can be a scanned copy of an actual passport picture, or a "selfie" taken against a white or grey background.







## MAKE YOUR UMRAH 2023 **BOOKING TODAY**

Step 1 - Turn to Allah and make your intention for Umrah

Beseech Allah to accept your intentions.

### Step 2 - Speak to one of our expert Umrah facilitators

Whether you want to book with us, or if you need help or advice, you'll find our friendly USA based team on hand to support you every step of the way.

#### Step 3 - Secure your booking with a deposit payment

Once your requirements are finalised, secure your booking via the following simple steps:

>> Pay the deposit (cost of flights + service fee) >> Digitally sign the booking terms and conditions >> Review and approve your booking form

All deposit payments are non-refundable as airlines operate a no refund policy for passenger related cancellations. If you are booking within 45 days of departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. See our booking terms and conditions for further details.

### Step 4 - Start preparing for the journey of a lifetime

The road to Makkah has now begun. Learn what is required with our three-stage Umrah preparation plans.

# PAYMENT OPTIONS

#### Zelle

Send Zelle payments to: 5165829233 (Sara International Travel Inc).

#### Checks

Please make all checks payable to: Sara International Travel Inc. Also, scan and send copy of the check via email to info@sarainternationaltravel.com, or via WhatsApp to +1 (516) 582-9233.

#### **Bank Transfer**

Account Name: Sara International Travel Inc. Bank Routing Number: 021000021 Account Number: 608285166 Bank Name: JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA. Bank Address: 111-18, Liberty Ave, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419 Swift Code: CHASUS33XXX

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