

# International Travel



PILGRIM'S TRAVEL BROCHURE



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# 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.

As experts in Hajj, Umrah, Islamic heritage tours, and flights, we are an award-winning travel agency that delivers exceptional service in planning, booking, and the trip itself.

Visiting the blessed lands of Makkah, Madinah, Jerusalem and beyond inevitably instills a deeper faith and stronger Islamic commitments for those who undertake these sacred expeditions. This is why all of our packages are tailored to ready our pilgrims for a "higher state of consciousness."

Through great care and personal attention—our industry expertise helps us deliver hassle-free trips that focus on making you as comfortable as possible; all without compromising on your fulfillment of the rites of the esteemed sacred lands, your personal worship, and the general travel experience.

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

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.

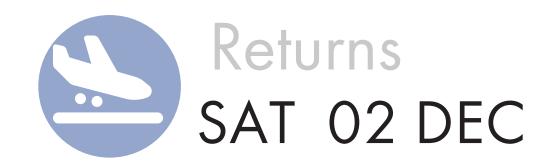
God willing, we look forward to facilitating and enriching your visit to the blessed Harams, which will be led by qualified Islamic scholars, world-class Umrah facilitators, and cultured ground staff.

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 | Wed, 15 Nov, 2023 | Economy

# WASHINGTON DC to TEL AVIV





**P** TK 8

IAD, Washington DC Depart

Wed 15 Nov

09:40pm

Arrive

Date

Time

IST, Istanbul

Thu 16 Nov

03:40pm

**L** TK 788

IST, Istanbul

Thu 16 Nov

06:20pm

Arrive

TLV, Tel Aviv

Thu 16 Nov

07:25pm



Outbound Flight | Mon, 20 Nov, 2023 | Economy

# TEL AVIV to ISTANBUL







Depart

Mon 20 Nov

TLV, Tel Aviv

06:00pm

Arrive

ISI, Istanbul

Mon 20 Nov

09:30pm

Ground Transport Included









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### FLIGHTS & TRANSPORT



2 | Outbound Flight | Wed, 22 Nov, 2023 | Economy

# ISTANBUL to MADINAH







**TK 136** 

Depart IST, Istanbul
Date Wed 22 Nov

09:05pm



Arrive

Time

MED, Madinah

Date Thu 23 Nov

12:30am



Inbound Flight | Sat, 02 Dec, 2023 | Economy

## JEDDAH to WASHINGTON DC

JED, Jeddah







Depart

Sat 02 Dec

02:25am



Arrive

Date

Time

IST, Istanbul

Sat 02 Dec

06:30am



Depart

Sat 02 Dec

09:40am

ISI, Istanbul

Arrive

IAD, Washington DC

Sat 02 Dec

12:55pm

Ground Transport Included









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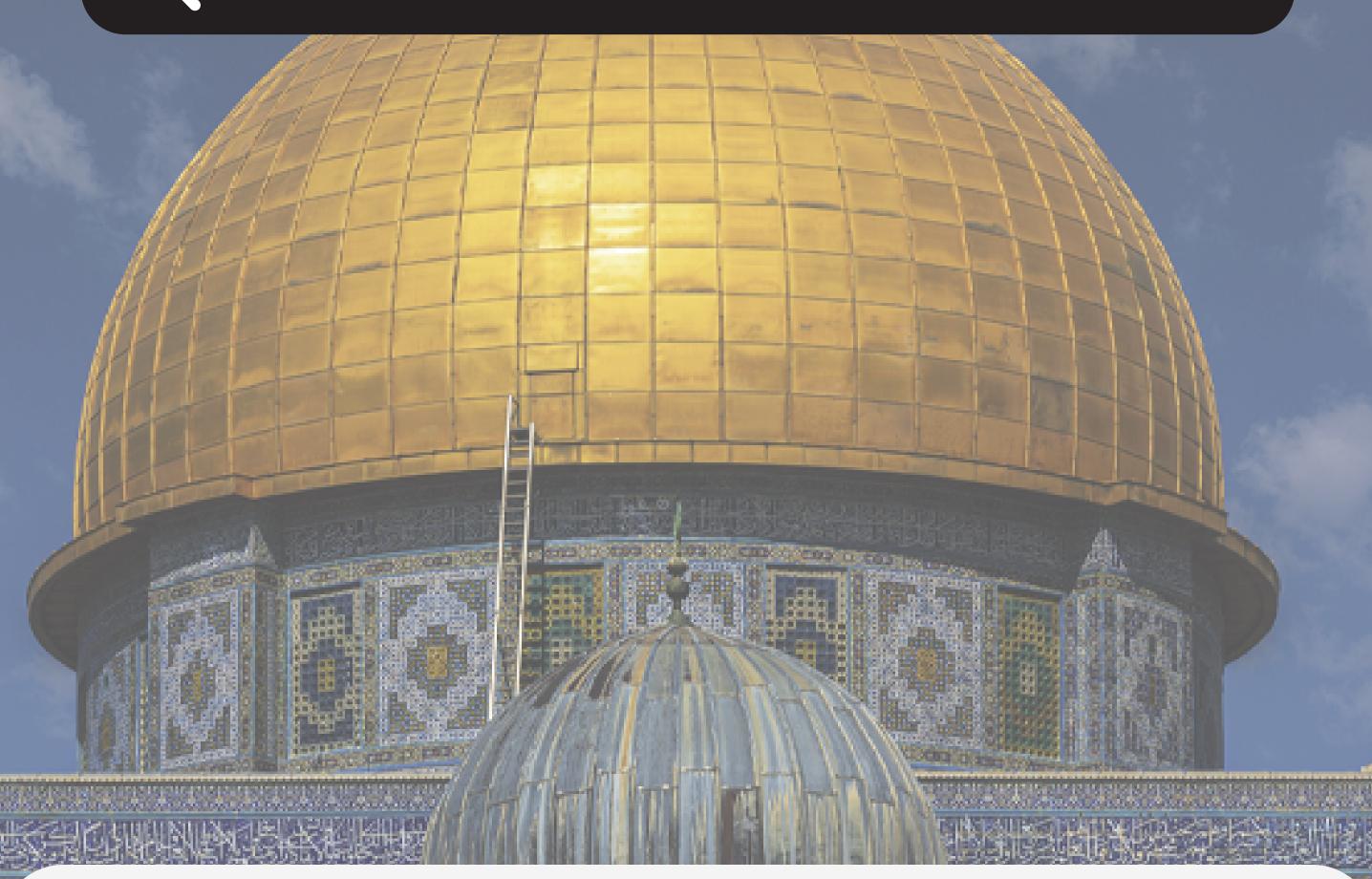




# ACCOMMODATION



# Q ST GEORGE HOTEL JERUSALEM



Travellers' Choice



Res. No: SIT-US-NOV

Check-in: Thu 16 Nov

Checkout: Mon 20 Nov

Days: 4

Rooms\*\*: Double

Type: City View Meal: Breakfast

& Dinner







St George Hotel Jerusalem

\*\*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.













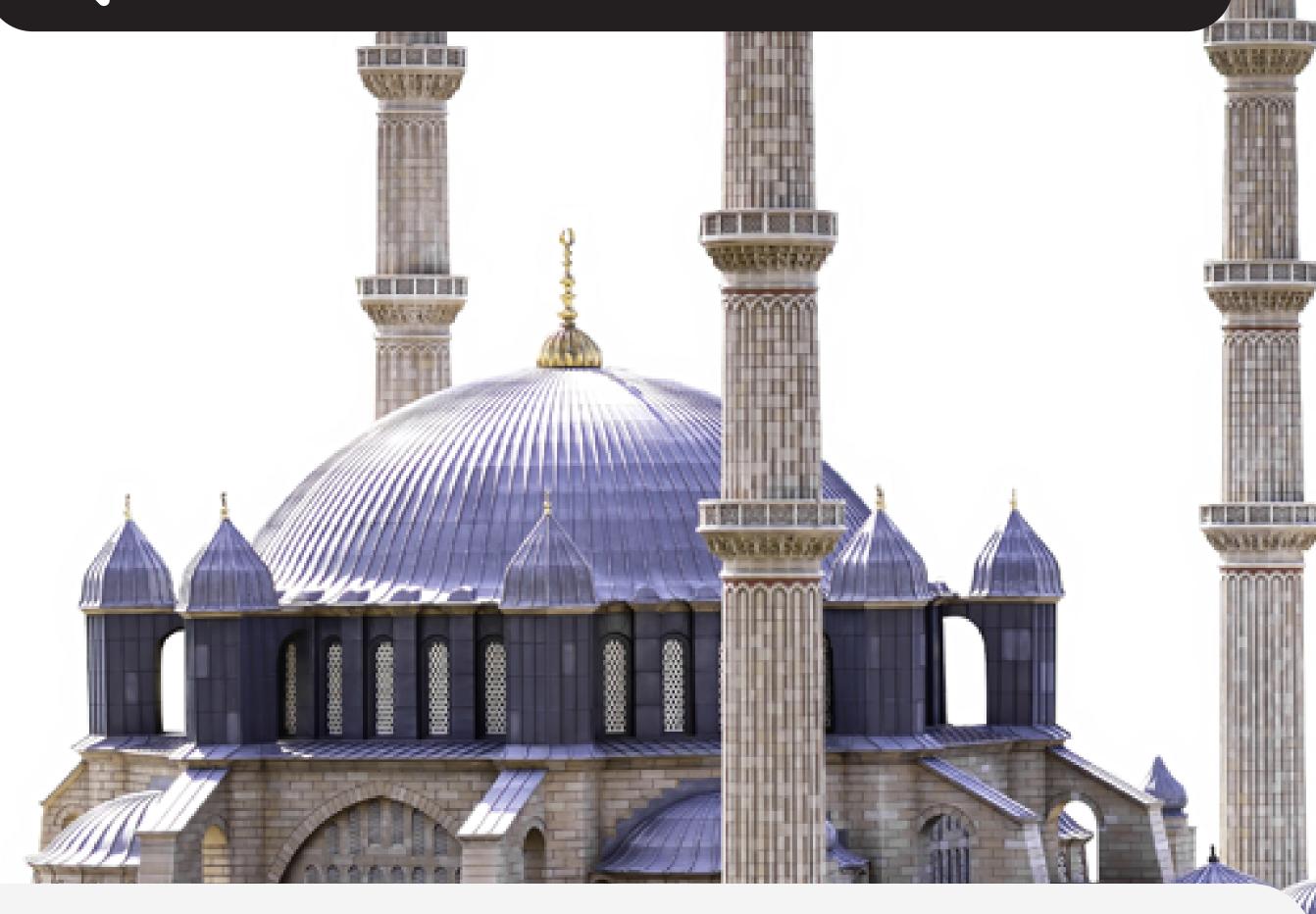
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# Q LEGACY OTTOMAN HOTEL



Travellers' Choice<sup>™</sup>





Res. No: SIT-US-NOV

Check-in: Mon 20 Nov

Checkout: Wed 22 Nov

Nights: 2

Rooms\*\*: Double

Type: City View

Meal: Breakfast





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ÖVENPICK



SIT-US-NOV Res. No:

Check-in: Thu 23 Nov

Checkout: Mon 27 Nov

Days:

Double, Triple Rooms\*\*:

Quad

City View Type:

Breakfast Meal:







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

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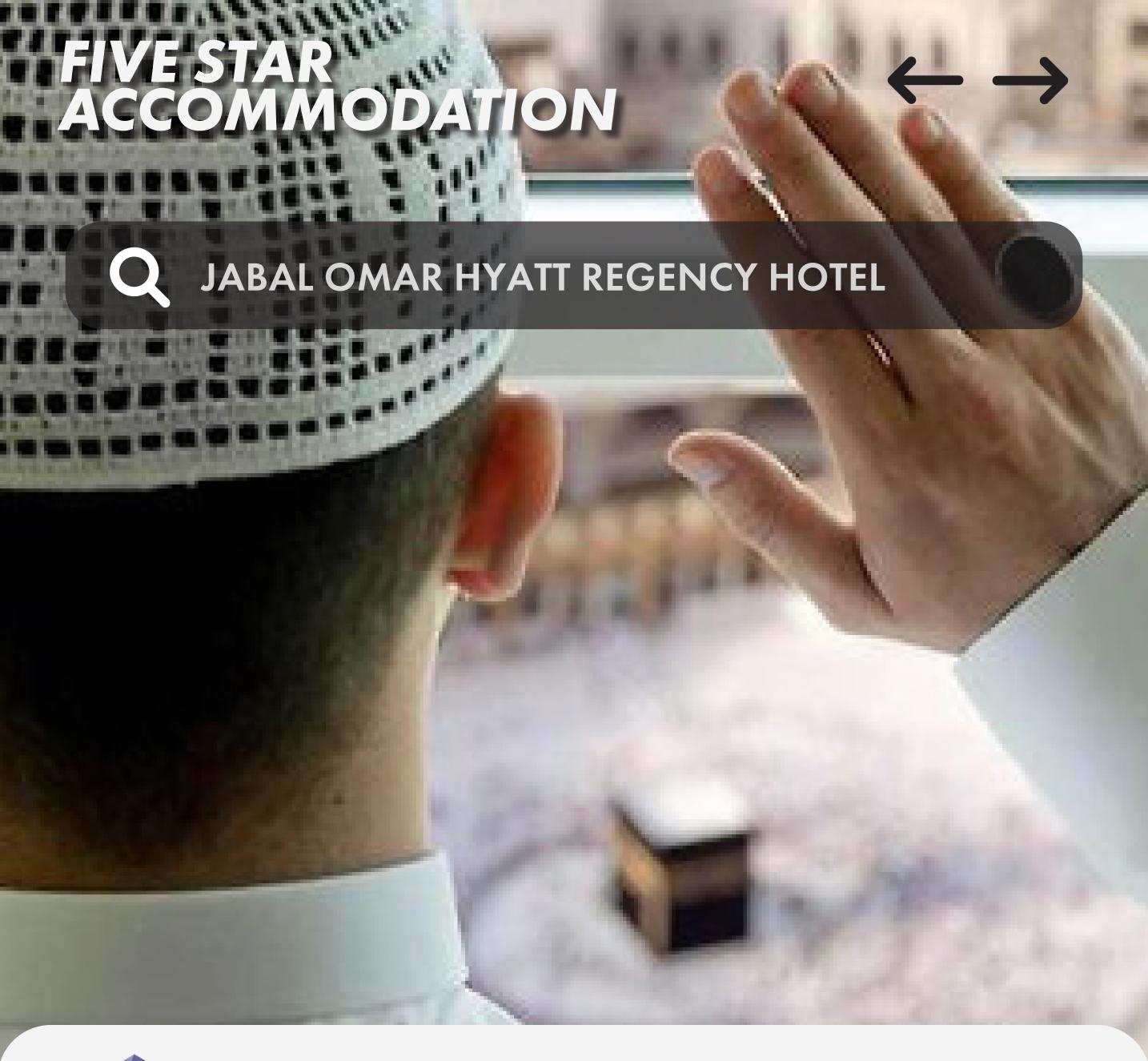














ALBUQUERQUE

Travellers' Choice<sup>™</sup>





Res. No: SIT-US-NOV

Check-in: Mon 27 Nov

Check out: Sat 02 Dec

Nights: 5

Rooms\*\*: Double, Triple

Quad

Type: City View

Meal: Breakfast







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

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Day 1 WED 15 NOV



Depart from IAD at 09:40pm



Day 2 THU 16 NOV



Arrive at IST at 03:40pm



Depart from IST 06:20pm



Arrive at TLV, Ben Gurion International Airport at 07:25pm



Clear border control



Welcome by Sara Tour Representatives and Transfer to the Hotel



Assisted check into St George Hotel Jerusalem



Day 3 FRI 17 NOV



Offer Salatul Jumah in Masjid Al-Aqsa Ziarah trip around the old City, the Dome of the Rock, (Qubbat Al-Sakhra and Al-Aqsa Mosque



Day 4 SAT 18 NOV



Prayers at Masjid Al-Aqsa



Drive to Hebron (Al- Khalil) visiting Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi and the old city Visit Magam Nabi Younus, drive to Bethlehem to visit Masjid Omar



Day 5 SUN 19 NOV



Prayers at Masjid Al-Aqsa Drive to Mt of Olive, visit Rabaa al Adweiah , Salman al Farsi Visit Magam Nabi Mousa, Visit the oldest city on earth Jericho, Drive to



Day 6 MON 20 NOV



Leave for the airport at 3:00pm



Depart from TLV at 06:00pm



Arrive at Istanbul at 9:30pm



Transfer to the hotel

the dead sea



Assisted check into Legacy Ottoman hotel



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Day 7 TUE 21 NOV



The Istanbul Old city tour.



Sultanahmet Square is the main point where the living heritage of both By Zantines and Ottomans can be seen.



See The German Fountain, Obelisk of The odosius, Serpent Column, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace Museum, Grand Bazaar.



Day 8 TUE 22 NOV



Full day city tour with Van Balat, historical Greek and Jewish neighborhood of Ottoman Era, tour will continue with visits to Ayub Al Ansari Tomb, Taksim, Galata, hearth of trade during Ottoman Era, Ortaköy, then we will embark boat for Bosphorus Cruise Tour.



Leave for the airport at 6:00am



Depart from IST at 09:05pm



Day 9 THU 23 NOV



Arrive at Madinah at 12:30am



Transfer to the hotel



Assisted Check into Movenpick Anwar Al Madinah



Prayers in Masjid An-Nabawi



Day 10 FRI 24 NOV



Offer Salatul Jumah in Masjid An-Nabawi



Walking tour around Masjid





SAT 25 NOV



Prayers in Masjid An-Nabawi



Ziyarah trip around Madinah \*\* \*\*: Visits to Masjid Quba, Masjid Qiblatayn, The Seven Masajids, Uhud.

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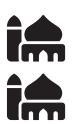




Please note that our Umrah itineraries are subject to potential change due to circumstances beyond our control; these include but are not limited to airline schedules, hotel arrangements, and the monthly Islamic calendar. In the unlikely event of any changes to this itinerary, we shall endeavour to give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



Day 12 SUN 26 NOV



Prayers in Masjid An-Nabawi Dars on the performance of Umrah and logistics after Salatul Asr



Day 13 MON 27 NOV



Assisted check out of the hotel at 1pm



Travel to Makkah via Speed Train



Assisted check into 5 \* Jabal Omar Hyatt Regency Makkah



Perform Umrah assisted by SIT pilgrim liaison team





Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram



Day 15 **WED 29 NOV** 



Ziyarah trip around Makkah: Stations of Hajj, Jabal Al-Rahma Masjid Al-Jinn, & Jannatul Ma'ala.



Day 16 THU 30 NOV



Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram



Performance of the 2nd Umrah(optional)

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Day 17 FRI 01 DEC



Offer Salatul Jumah in Masjid Al-Haram



Leave for Jeddah after Salatul Asr

Drive around the Corniche beach

Farewell dinner Al Riwaq al Omawi, the Syrian Restaurant overlooking the Red Sea, Jeddah

Leave for airport in preparation to departure for New York



Day 18 SAT 02 DEC Arrive at Jeddah International airport and complete the check in formalities for the return to New York



Depart from JED at 02:25am

Arrive at IST at 06:30am



Depart from IST at 09:40pm

Arrive at IAD at 12:55pm











### AWARD WINNING UMRAH EXPERIENCE





HAJJ & UMRAH FACILITATED FOR OVER 30,000+ PILGRIMS



OVER 28+ YEARS OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE



99% OF OUR PILGRIMS RECOMMEND US



# PRE-TRAVEL WEBINAR

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 , 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 check-out; providing a pilgrim-first personal escorted Umrah; privately guided Ziyarah in Makkah and Madinah; and accompanied trips to shopping malls, markets, and date farms.



### TRAVEL GOODIES

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 51 Zamzam.

Please note, items may vary due to seasonal availability.



### 24/7 VIRTUAL ASSISTANCE

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





PASSPORT & VISA DOCUM-ENTATION

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

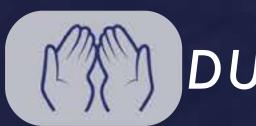


Credit cards are accepted at most merchants. Visa tends to be the preferred type of card. Your debit card can be used to withdraw money from an ATM machine if your cash runs out.



MONEY

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.



DU'A LIST

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.



# 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).



WAIST POUCH

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



SAUDI SIM CARD

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.



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.



For men, the Saudi Thobe/ Jubbah and the Indo-Pak Shalwar Qameez are ideal. For women, the Abaya is the best option.



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



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



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, 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.



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 significant 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.



# 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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