

POINTS TO MAKE YOUR HAJJ EASIER

- 1) Pay your debts.
- 2) Make necessary safety, security, up keep arrangements to be executed in your absence.
- 3) Have a backing check list, _____: -
 - a) All necessary documents.
 - b) Will form signed.
 - c) Medication, if special type, carry doctors prescription note.
 - d) 3 or 4 sets of clothing, both for male and female.
 - e) Toiletries.
 - f) Copy of passport.
 - g) Currency.
 - h) Spare photos.
 - i) Backpack—if intend walking.
 - j) Walking shoes/sandals.
 - k) Pre-packed foods, cereals, sugar, tea, etc.
 - l) Basic plastic utensils.
 - m) One good authentic Hajj kitaab.
 - n) Drafts to agency, (Travelers checks.)
 - o) Necessary vaccinations.
- 4) Kindly do not carry other peoples shopping lists, especially, jewelry list, abaya lists and scarf lists.
- 5) If you are going to spend time in International lounges, (whether in Johannesburg or en-route or in any other terminal.) take cold _____ , food, juices, fruit to eat while waiting.
- 6) Light musallah.
- 7) if stopping en-route, e.g Dubai, London, Karachi, etc. it is advisable not to book luggage directly, off-load, see, re-load at every junction point.
- 8) Be, pre-advised to how much luggage one is allowed to take. Different countries have various limits _____ on different legs of the journey.
- 9) Have a confirmed tickets _____ -- Confirm via agent in Makkah.
- 10) Make _____ with your agent:
 - a) Cost of package.
 - b) Type of room in Makkah, Madinah, Azizzia, Mina, Arafaat.
 - c) Nearness to Haraam in Makkah and Madinah.
 - d) Number of sharing.
 - e) With/without meals—specify in all places.
 - f) Who is going to organize transport from Jeddah to Madinah, Madinah to Makkah, Makkah to 5 days and fom Makkah to Jeddah _____.
- 11) Who is the Alim provided by the Agent.
- 12) Who is the Alim if going walking.
- 13) at airport, Johannesburg, check in, _____ passport, ticket and if going to any other country cisa for that stop on.
- 14) should have pre-stipulated what type of meals to be served in various legs of flight.
- 15) have complete saet of clothing in _____ luggage in case main luggage lost.
- 16) Keep one set of Keys with you and another with wife, daughter, son, etc.
- 17) more than one family member should know the codes of digit locks of bags.
- 18) _____ _____ _____ luggage tags not physical addresses.
- 19) Keep luggage stickers safely, belts to _____ a small page also.

- 20) fill in immigration form prior to immigration offices.
- 21) Ladies in hijab may call for female officer for immigration proceedings.
- 22) to immigration offices, hand passport and boarding pass.
- 23) if traveling together make _____ is together, can be done when checking in and checked ___ boarding pass.
- 24) Boarding pass will indicate, gate number, flight number, boarding time, smoking/non-smoking ___ and seat number. So in lounge sit near your gate.
- 25) announcement for boarding will be made and can be seen _____.
- 26) Do not leave luggage, hand or main at any time of your _____ in _____ too.
- 27) once announcement is made do not rush to checkpoint, it is very difficult to be left once you are holding a boarding pass.
- 28) at boarding time, only boarding pass is requested. If the authorities request to see your passport, when asked show, _____, _____.
- 29) use money belt to store cash and currency.
- 30) If using travelers cheques, there receipt of purchase should be kept separate from the Travellers cheques in another bag whilst another photocopy in another bag, if lost report immediately.
- 31) On boarding, show remaining portion of boarding pass to attendant who will tell you which aisle to go down.
- 32) One seat found, put your luggage in stow away (cabinet above you and sit comfortably, tie seat belt and read dua for traveling.
- 33) It is not necessary to have a huge Hajj going party whereby half the village and relatives partake of food. Give it out in charity or send someone else for Hajj.
- 34) ½ of the village need not come to the airport to leave you at the airport.
- 35) Do not commence trip by committing acts of sin eg. hugging and kissing of non-mahrams, photography etc.
- 36) It is not necessary to advertise in the newspaper, radio, T.V, that one is proceeding for Hajj at this and this time.
- 37) It is not necessary to propagate your going for Hajj, in such a manner as to expect monetary handouts.
- 38) Do not take other peoples jewelry for exchanging or re-designing – old friendships are broken by this.
- 39) If you are going to take any expensive electronic equipment, eg. Laptops etc, obtain a clearance certificate at airport so that you are allowed to return with it without trouble at customs.
- 40) Last minute currency can be obtained at the airport.
- 41) If you are taking along your cell-phone make sure it has the international roaming facility activated by your service provider and get ready to pay later.
- 42) In Saudi, some ,pay as you go, system is going to be introduces soon.
- 43) Do not hesitate to ask and get your way around, the more you ask, the easier it will become but don't ask currency questions and become a pest.
- 44) Make Salaat before leaving home.
- 45) Read respective duaas at the various places, books are available for this.
- 46) In the plane, make Zikr, Qiraat, Duaas and if salaat approaches, if it is possible to make wudhu and Salaat standing at first time then do so, otherwise make Qazaa on landing.
- 47) Try to choose air-route with such timing that do not have any Salaat time on air.
- 48) Avoid Haraam activities in the air.
- 49) On landing in Jeddah, you will be either taken directly to Hajj terminal or asked to remain in the aircraft, until all other non –Hajji passengers leave, so that all Hajjis can be taken to the Hajj terminal.
- 50) Before customs there are various bays, the first one where you will be given an immigration card to fill in and some bar coded stickiness put on your passport.

- 51) Male/ Female will be separated in this bay for immigration and checking, so give your mother, wife and children their own passports. You will rejoin them at customs where your luggage awaits you.
- 52) In the first bay there are toilet and whudhu facilities, so relieve yourself if necessary and make whudhu and perform your Qaza Salaat.
- 53) On entry into Hajj terminal, you will be asked what language you understand and then in your hand will be thrust some Hajj literature, consult your Aalim about its contents and clarification.
- 54) Be patient, this may take up 2/3 hours but if you are fortunate, the whole proceeding may take 1 hour.
- 55) You will be called, present your passport, various bar coded stickers will be put on, then you will be taken to an enclosed area for physical, body check and some questioned will answer accordingly and not more.
- 56) Then you find your luggage, take it to the custom officers who will insist you open for checking. If you have lost the key or forgotten the code they will break open your bag to inspect.
- 57) Basically they are looking for :- a.) drugs b.) goods for commercial purposes c.) fresh meats products d.) illegal literature.
- 58) After customs where you will be re-united with your family, close your bags and come out of that bay.
- 59) Once outside, welcome, you are now in Hajj tent city, your luggage will be taken by pre-paid porters who will load into trolleys. Do not worry, your luggage is in safe hands, but remember your currency you keep with/on you.
- 60) The draft that you made, called 'tanazul', 435 SR for adults, 218SR for under 13 and no charge for under 6, will be issued with a coupon attached to the passport.
- 61) Now you officially paid for 'air-conditioned' luxury bus, journeying from Jeddah to Madinah Sr ????? Madinah to Makkah ????? 5 days ????? Makkah to Jeddah ?????.
- 62) Once in the Hajj tent you will be put where South Africans are made to rest – which is to the extreme right- each country has its own location.
- 63) You have now 3 options 1.) to fly to Madinah, 2.) to go to Madinah with a bus or 3.) Go to Makkah with a bus
- 64) If going to Makkah adorn Ihraam and inform the official who will make the necessary arrangements.
- 65) If going to Madinah by bus, inform the official who will make the necessary arrangements.
- 66) This wait could be from 2 to 4 hours.
- 67) Once you are directed to a bus, make sure that they load – via hoyster- your luggage, make certain your luggage and your passport is on the same bus.
- 68) There is sufficient food available at the Hajj terminal. Have patience.
- 69) If you are flying to Madinah, exchange some money, go to the Saudi Arline office and purchase ticket SR200 for Adults, SR100 for children.
- 70) They will organize the movement of your luggage for the flight.
- 71) Re-checking will take place and your passport will be taken away and a bus will take you to the aircraft for a 5 minute flight to Madinah. First flight is 5:30 AM and last is 10:30 PM.
- 72) Your bus will take +- 6 to 10 hours to Madinah, stopping on the way, you will be given some 'padkos' before Madinah entry, read dua of entry, it will pass the 'adilla' where a card will be given to you, indicating your passport number and which official bag number your passport has been put in.
- 73) On arrival at Madinah airport, if it is last time for Salaat, there are toilets etc, make wudhu and perform Salaat after receiving your luggage.
- 74) Direction in terminal is towards the corner of the right angle

- 75) At the Madinah terminal you will be given a card indicating which bag your passport is in.
- 76) Remember the passports of people coming into Madinah by bus, go to a different office and the once coming by air go to a different one.
- 77) The taxi fare from Madinah airport to Madinah City is 35 SR.
- 78) Check in at your hotel and settle in your hotel. If it is close to Salaat time, then go for Salaat first but if you have time, make ghusl, apply its and then proceed to the Masjid.
- 79) If you have only a few minutes before fardh Salaat then your Sunnat-e-Muakkhiddah suffices as Tahiyatul Masjid as well.
- 80) One should know the various Salaat times, generally displayed in hotel foyers or inside the Haram. Normally the iqamat is 15 minutes after Azaan except for Maghrib, +/- 10 minutes.
- 81) Also known the Ziyaarat (Salaami) times for ladies, generally 7 to 11 in the mornings and 2 to 3 in the afternoons.
- 82) Ladies especially should know how to perform Salaat with Jamaat, Jumua Salaat and Janaazah Salaat.
- 83) It is permissible for ladies to make Salaatul Janaazah.
- 84) Read at least one authentic book on Rasulullaah (S.A.W).
- 85) Try to perform 40 Salaat with Jamaat in Masjid -e- Nabawi (S.A.W).
- 86) Try to perform 2 rakaats, Nafil Salaat in Masjid-e-Quba.
- 87) Try to perform Salaat in Rawdhatul Janaah.
- 88) Try to make Ziyaarat of Baqi, Uhud and other places.
- 89) Recite Durood abundantly in Madinah.
- 90) Do not check anybody at any time anywhere.
- 91) Remember there are 3 sections when you approach the frontside to give Salaam, the second section under the Aayat 'do not raise.....' is when Salaam to Nabi (S.A.W), Hadhrat Abu Bakr, Hadhrat Umar should be given.
- 92) Many Pakistani food places sell good food, try some behind Bahuddeen Hotel, or you may order to be delivered to you from _____.
- 93) Remember you are in blessed land, food for 1 suffices for 2 or more. Do not waste.
- 94) Before your departure, give Salaams, make dua for your return, bring luggage to foyer, await bus for departure.
- 95) See your luggage is loaded and board the night bus.
- 96) You may adorn your Ihraam either in hotel room or Masjid-e- Nabawi or Zul Hulaifah (Old Bir Ali).
- 97) Better to do so at Zul Hulaifah, that is where Nabi (S.A.W) did so.
- 98) Rehearse the laws of what to do before going into Ihraam, prohibitions of Ihraam and etiquettes of Ihraam.
- 99) The bus will go to a place called Hijri - a bus stop for all Hajjis, where some paper works will be done.
- 100) At Hijri there are food places, clinic and Jamaat Khana in the building for males and females.
- 101) From there the bus will go to Zul Hulaifah, take your Ihraam in a plastic bag, go to the showers attached to the Masjid.
- 102) But remember to note the number of your bus, colour of your bus, where your bus stopped, look at your driver, use a permanent marker, for once you exit from the Masjid, everything looks alike.
- 103) Ladies should be given the currency etc, for they are allowed to take it into their section, males will have to leave their goods on a bench outside the Masjid.
- 104) Perform your Salaat of Ihraam if it is not Makrooh time.

- 105) There are fruit stalls selling tea, coffee, biscuits, outside this Masjid also. Have patience. The long tedious journey from Madinah to Makkah has just begun, it should take 6/ 8/or up to 12 hours.
- 106) Thus going by air from Madinah, ensure you inform the "Aadila" of your exact time and date of flight, so that your passport awaits you at the airport to fly with you to Jeddah.
- 107) At Jeddah airport, state to the official that you are here for Hajj, they will direct you to where to board the bus that will take you to the Hajj terminal, at times this can be done in minutes, but at times becomes complicated.
- 108) Once at the Hajj terminal, go to the South African section and then board a bus when provided to Makkah.
- 109) At Makkah at the South African Muassassah you will be given a yellow/grey wrist band and a card. The card will be taken back to the office with your photo for lamination. Both keep safely, they grant you entry into tents of Mina/ Arafaat.
- 110) The bus will make few stops , at times for food, at times for Salaat, at times to receive 'patkos(dates, bread, ZamZam water etc.)' provided by the government.
- 111) It is advisable to walk around at the stops so that your feet do not swell.
- 112) Take along tape of Qiraat, duaa, Nazm etc, most of the time, the driver is from Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan etc, since they have no real contact with Deen, they play music, give him this tape as a substitute.
- 113) By bus just before Makkah, there will be an official stop, after which a guide generally speaking English boards to direct the driver to the South African Mohassassah.
- 114) At the Mohassassah you will be given a yellow/ grey wrist band and a card. Details have passed.
- 115) At times you may have to make various stops, to drop other nations off at their respective Mohassassahs, then last the majority as a final stop.
- 116) The bus will stop at your hotel, go to your hotel, make sure your luggage is off loaded, proceed to your room and rest.
- 117) You do not have to perform Umrah immediately, rest, freshen up and then go perform your Umrah.
- 118) After Umrah, dress in normal clothing, make a lot of tawaafs.
- 119) Be regular in your Salaat and you may perform Umrahs before Hajj.
- 120) Do not waste time, it is valuable.
- 121) Go for Ziyaarat it is good to see places of significance in Makkah also.
- 122) Get ready for Hajj.
- 123) Take the following :-
 - a.) Good sandals, try them before Hajj, if you intend walking ;
 - b.) Umbrellah, long for men, short for women ;
 - c.) Necessary medication (not entire pharmacy) ;
 - d.) Reading material (not library) ;
 - e.) Loose change in 1/ 5/ 10 Riyaals ;
 - f.) +- 200 Saudi Riyals ;
 - g.) Pre- arrange your Damm -e- Shukr ;
 - h.) Hajj matts ;
 - i.) Torch small ;
 - j.) Bag of pebbles ;
 - k.) Small towel ;
 - l.) Sunglasses ;
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- 124) Do not carry valuables in the 5 days.
 - 125) Do not carry valuables whilst making Tawaaf or Ziyaarat or throwing pebbles at Jamaraat.
 - 126) If walking, the lighter the better.
 - 127) It is going towards winter, so carry shawl or jersey for ladies.
 - 128) If you are in Madinah and have an illness which prevents you from going by bus to Makkah then go to the Hajj ministry and state your case.
 - 129) If you have a problem of dripping urine or the like, then use adult disposab;e napkins.
 - 130) Remember most duaas recorded in books are recommended in status.
 - 131) The list of duaas to be read in Arafat is recommended not fardh.
 - 132) Do not be distracted by beggars and professional con men.
 - 133) Once you are ready, we will proceed for Hajj – either walking or by Bus.
 - 134) Either you will be told where to board the bus or the bus will come to pick you up from the hotel. In both cases expect delays. With a bus from Makkah to Mina is 10 kilometers.
 - 135) Remember , by now you must have used your foot wear so that you can walk easily and comfortably with it. By walking road to Mina is 4/9 kilometers to South African tents, if these are near the Jamaraats.
 - 136) There are two tunnels , after which you should stop, take a rest and proceed.
 - 137) The more the talbiyah the easier the Hajj.
 - 138) Be light when walking, you may carry food for breakfast in Mina.