EST TIMING

10.00 - 10.10 Sura - e- Yasin
10.10 - 10.15 Introduction by Habib Meghjee
10.15 - 10.45 Spiritual Aspects by Sheikh Jaffer H Jaffer
10.45 - 11.45 Fiqh Aspects by Br. Akil Karim
11.45 - 12.00 – Q&A
12.00 - 12.15 Video
12.15 -12.45 Tips, Logistics, Packing by Habib Meghjee
12.45 – 1.15 Q&A
1.15 – Get ready for Zuhr/Asr Salaat
2.00 – 2.30 Lunch
2.30 – 3.00 Q&A and Closing by Inayat Daya
1) Dua e Allahumma Rabba Share Ramadhan (Verse 4)

• And provide me with the opportunity of going to Your ‘Sacred House’ for pilgrimage in this year and in all years.
Packing List

- Sent to all of you by email
- Use your judgement, many things available in the Kingdom
- Many things can be shared between spouses/brothers/sisters/friends
- Pack wisely – you will need some room for your shopping
- Unlock phone; or buy a local phone (appx US$30)
  - wifi slow but getting better every year generally only available only in the hotel lobby
Important Items to carry in the haram:

- Tablet / iphone / Dua Book
- Travel musallah
- Shoe bag
- Water bottle / spray bottle (comes in handy for doing wudhoo)
- No cameras allowed (hand bags are generally searched at the ladies entrance especially in Madina)
Packing List—Provided By the Group – I. Allah

- Stone bag
- Wrist band with contact number
- Neck pouch with ID Nametag
- Scarf ribbons for ladies only
- 7 Beads on a string (for the tawaf count)
- Salaat items - i.e. travel musallah
- Small Bag to take to the Haram
- Niyyat cards
- Shoe bags
- Android Tablet (With Journey to Paradise, Quran with sound file) instead of Hajj Guide Book 1 & 2
 Packing List

☐ If you need books – please go to the website and print.

☐ Can be borrowed from previous hujjaj

☐ http://www.hajjguide.org/hacs/index.html

☐ http://www.hajjguide.org/hajj_literature.php

☐ Many other information
   Lectures, Videos, Medical information
Packing List Request from the Almighty and the Volunteers

- Patience
- Tolerance
- Forbearance
- Sharing and Caring
- Forgiveness
- Being Positive
Departure from Toronto/Other Cities

- Arrive at the airport **3 to 4 hours** prior to flight
- Remember to rest in the plane
- Utilize your time effectively by either resting, listening to your Ipod/iphone, or reviewing your Hajj material/catching up on reading
- Pray Salaat – some will be on the plane
Prepare your self spiritually to visit our Beloved Prophet and our other 5 Masumeens

النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَى بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ ........ (33:6)

The prophet has a greater claim over the believers then they have on their own selves....

Meeting with the Prophet and other Masumeens: Salaam

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَحْيَا وَلَا تَشْغُرُونَ (2:154)

And do not speak of those who are slain in Allah’s way as dead, no they are alive but you do not perceive.
We have sent you (the prophet) not but as a mercy unto the worlds.

When they had done injustice to themselves, come to you (the prophet) and asked Allah’s forgiveness and the messenger also asked pardon for them, surely they would have found Allah oft returning, merciful.
We will complete all immigration/passport formalities

Have your passport and money voucher ready – Voucher will be attached or given to you before arrival

Have your Meningitis Vaccination card ready

Do not come out with your passport – hand it in before exit

Please make sure all your luggage is on the bus before you board the bus yourself
Arrival At Golden Mubarak Hotel

- In the hotel lobby, room allocations will be posted on the walls. Please check your room number and proceed to your room.
- The lobby will be FULL of suitcases. Please be patient. As the elevators become available, you can roll your suitcase in your room.
- Depending on the timing, you may be recommended to go and eat before taking your suitcases.
- Take rest, shower (do Gusl); prepare yourself.
- Experienced Hujjaj can proceed to Haram. Rest can wait for the volunteers to go with them.
Preparation to Visit The Haram

- Be in the state of wudhoo
- Carry a water bottle – in case wudhoo breaks
- Have a small bag to put your shoes *(yes you carry your shoes inside with you!)*
- Sometimes they do check for cameras *(may not let you enter)*. Cell phones Ok
- Group provided Musalla/ Dua books/ Tablet
- Recite idhne dukhul – permission to enter the masjid/haram
- Ladies have different timings to go near the zaree of the prophet. *(ladies volunteers will advice you accordingly)*
- Ladies have a very small area in the Haram ... Arrive early in order to pray inside..otherwise you can pray in the sahan (courtyard)
First timers will be taken to the haram in small groups (Please listen to the announcements)

We will recite all the Ziyarats

Make sure you observe the Zaree of the Prophet

Various pillars such as pillar of Tawba, Pillar of Hananah, etc. (see the map in your Tablet / Hajj book)

The area which is said to be from Jannah is located between the Zaree of the Prophet and his mimbar

Unfortunately Ladies will not be able to go that close to see all the pillars
Wake up early for Salaatul Layl. Recite Ziyarat of Prophet and Bibi Fatima (a.s)
After Subh Prayers, proceed to Jannat-ul-Baqee (generally open after morning prayers and after Asr prayers)
Try to pray all wajib salaats in Masjid. (Namaz is Full)
You are in the vicinity of 6 Masumeens out of 14. Feel that energy
DO NOT miss any lectures! They will be very beneficial in preparing you for the upcoming Hajj trip.
Many masumeens are buried here: Bibi Fatima (a.s) ?, Imam Hasan (a.s), Imam Zainul Abedin (a.s), Imam Mohammed Baqir (a.s), and Imam Sadiq (a.s).

Prophet’s other wives, and relatives are also buried here. An example is Fatima binte Asad (mother of Imam Ali a.s)....refer to the Tablet / Hajj Book for a map.

Baqee tours will be arranged (generally after fajr prayers).

*Do not argue or talk with the guards!

Ladies will not be allowed to go inside the graveyard. You can pray ziyarats from outside.
Various outside ziyarats

Examples are: Masjide Quba, Masjid-e-Qiblatain, Plains of Uhud, Saba Masjids, etc.

We will be taken by bus
Guidelines For Outside Ziyarat:

- Be ready earlier or at the exact time announced.
- Make sure you have gone to the washroom and have performed your wudhu.
- Carry a water bottle and a spray bottle (it will be Hot).
- Once we have arrived at the specific site, respect the times allocated to you. DO NOT wander around shopping.
- On the bus, sit in the same spot with the same partner both ways.
Perform your ghusl in the Hotel

Imam Zaynul Abideen (as): When you perform the ghusl have the intention that you are cleaning yourself with the nurah of sincere repentance to Almighty Allah (SWT).

Wear your Ehram:

Imam Zaynul Abideen (as): When you put on the Ihram you should have the intention that you are forbidding yourself everything that Almighty Allah (SWT) has forbidden!

Bring down your suitcase in the lobby at the designated time

Prepare your self spiritually to visit our Lord – Read the meaning of “Talbiyah” – in your Tablet / Hajj Book
Will proceed to Masjide – Shajarah

- remember your bus leader and number
- men from the same bus will go together, pray, make niyyat and come back to the bus. (Same procedures for Ladies)
- Please do not wander around. Very big mosque, many entrances/exits/ all of us will be in white – easy to get lost
 Arrival In Mecca

- We will go to our hotel
- Hotel Lobby is very small
- Refresh, drink water, have a breakfast and do wudhoo

- There will be division into smaller groups to go to the Haram and complete our Umrah-e-Tammatu
What to do in Mecca

- If possible pray all wajib salaat in Masjid-ul-Haraam.
- Remember your salaat is **full not** qasr.
- To get a good spot, please arrive at Masjid-ul-Haraam 1-1 ½ hours early for jamaat salaat.
- Make sure you carry your shoe bag inside the haram and water just in case your wudhoo breaks.
- Remember the rules when praying behind a Sunni Imam.
- It is recommended to recite Surah Baqarah on Mount Safa. (This will guarantee you going back to visit Mecca)
- It is also recommended to recite Dua-e-Kumail on Mount Marwa.
- Praying Dua-e-Mujeer between Maqam-e-Ibrahim and the door of Kaaba is also very highly recommended. If this is not possible on the main floor, it is ok to go on the second or third level.
- **Walking** outside ziyarat will be arranged
- Will announce roof **top lectures** done by other groups
Proceeding to Hajj-e-Tamattu (Arafah/Muzdalifah/Mina) – Packing list

- Backpack
- Set of Ehram
- Sleeping bag
- Travelling Mussala
- Prescription Medicine, share general medicine
- Torch – share
- Stone bags
- Tablet / Dua books (review/read dua of Arafah before reaching Arafah)
- Some money for transportation and to buy tea and snacks
- Pair of scissors (for ladies)
- Men can use their ehram as towel
- Change of clothes (One pair) for Men
- Small Towel for Ladies (if you want to shower in Mina)
  - Note: Warm water is not available (although running water is not too cold)
Space will be tight. Share and get bonus thawab.

It may be very hot so be sure to drink many liquids.

“Hajj is Arafat”

Line-up for the bathroom before you have to go.

The wajib stay in Arafat is from Zohr to Maghrib. Therefore rest at night if you cannot stay awake in the afternoon.

Feel the presence of the Imam as he is here on this special day.
Men cannot also sleep while covering their heads.

No food is available. You can only purchase tea and biscuits.

Line up for the bathroom before you have to go. You should also line up for wudhoo before salaat time. Line-ups are normally 10 people for one cubicle.

Imam Zaynul Abideen (as): When you walk through Muzdalifah and pickup the pebbles have the intention that you have plucked all acts of disobedience and ignorance and that you had affirmed knowledge into action!
Imam Zaynul Abideen (as): *Have the intention that every Muslim is safe from your tongue, your heart and you!*

- Be careful not to get lost, Mina is an *enormous* tent city and *everything* looks *exactly* alike!

- Follow the group *flag*

- The walk to Jamaraat *will* be very long.
  - *You should practice walking from now...*

- Take liquids and spray bottle for the walk because it may get very hot.
- Please go to the bathroom *before* we start walking
Makkah

1. **Makkah**

2. **Arafat**

3. **Muzdallifah**

4. **Mina**

5. **Jamaraat**

- **BUS** - 9km
- **BUS** - 20km
- **WALK** – 1.5hr
- **WALK** – 1hr

1.5 x 2 x 2 = **6hrs**

ONE WAY

WALK – **1.5hr**

WALK – **1hr**
As comfort level goes down, blessings go up!
General Tips Throughout The Trip

- Drink lots of room temperature liquids at all times.
- Always go to washroom when the bus stops, *not* when the bus is about to start.
- 5 hours of sleep *straight* is extremely necessary.
- Be sure to take cat-naps if possible.
- Wear your identification badge at *all* times.
- If possible stay with a partner whenever leaving the hotel.
Final Preparation

- Do your *to do* lists now for *work/home/trip*
- Complete your will. – On the website and sent by email
- Pay up Khums or other obligations.
- Visit graveyard
- Ask everyone for forgiveness
Top Ten Tips *(Bonus Thawaab Territory)*

- **10.** Allah loves the one who *helps* another Haji—look out for the opportunity.
- **9.** Allah loves the one who *shares*—space, snacks, time, etc.
- **8.** Allah loves the one who *sacrifices*—his her own comfort for the sake of others.
- **7.** Always *keep your cool.* --- Delays will happen, *Shaitan* is there—working overtime - to spoil your perfect record.
- **6.** Always go out of your hotel with a partner/friend.
5. Take enough rest — *there is no competition, quality is better than quantity*

4. Drink lots of water — *you need pure liquid to keep you pure and healthy (avoid/decrease pop, cold drinks)*

3. Always wash your hands before you eat — *there is so much dust around you*

2. Practice walking — *you will walk a lot*

1. Prepare Spiritually — *try to understand the philosophy behind the rituals — this understanding will be a catalyst for change...you have to come back as new person*
Do Not Worry

- We will eat and drink what Inayat/Shakil/Mustafa eat and drink....
- Please do your part, we will do ours, & Allah will do his
- What happens if you get sick?
  - Doctors in the group
  - We carry common medicine
    - (you carry your prescription medication)
  - Good Hospitals in Medina & Mecca
What happens if I or You die?

- One of the best places to die
- Extensive connections with other Hajj groups (from London UK, Africa, Middle East, etc.)
- They will bury me or you!
We asked returning Hajjis from previous years:

“What would be One thing you would do differently if Allah gives you the opportunity to do Hajj or Ziyarats again?”
The answer was *not*:

- More *Shopping* in Medina or Mecca
- More *Eating* – Sharwama, McDonalds, BurgerKing, Pizza Hut, Baskin Robins, Steak Express, Hardees, etc
- More *Drinking* – Fresh Juice, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts coffee, etc
- More *Socializing*
The answer was:

“I wish I could have spent more time in the Haram in Medina and Mecca and prayed a little bit more to my Lord..”