



Detailed **Itinerary**

IAR Umrah Retreat 2023
Travel Dates: **MARCH 8 – MARCH 20**

Daily Itinerary – 03/09 [Day 0]

Thursday, March 9th, 2023 | **Arrival in Medina via Saudi Airlines**



❑ Arrive at the Jeddah International Airport via Saudi Airlines

- ❖ You arrive at Jeddah Airport at 2:20 pm insha'Allah. We will be taking off for Medina at **4:40pm**.
- ❖ After you deboard, gather as a group, take a quick break if needed, and head to the next gate.
- ❖ You may need to pick up your bags and put them in the transit. Please keep your ticket/passport ready.
- ❖ Arrive at the gate and wait together until the boarding and insha'Allah depart for **Medina!**

❑ Arrival at Medina Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz International Airport

- ❖ Please deboard and proceed to the customs. You will only need your passport. Keep a visa copy in case.
- ❖ After our arrival stamps, please proceed to the luggage area.
- ❖ After all of you have claimed your luggage, exit, and meet & follow me to the buses.
- ❖ We will load the buses (we will have staff to do so) and depart for **Dar Al Iman Intercontinental** hotel.
Service Tip: *It is customary to give tips to the drivers and the staff of the bus some money as they are really paid minimum wage and these drivers and staff really count on these tips.* **Please Note:** Please do not pay individually. You should give the money to the group leader (or Adam Travel Staff) to handle it and applies to all bus rides throughout the journey. We recommend a tip of at least **10 SAR**. You can also use **\$\$ (~ \$3)**.

❑ Arrive at Dar Al Iman Intercontinental Medina

- ❖ When we arrive at the hotel, we will deboard and with the staff's assistance we'll unload luggage.
- ❖ Please follow us to the lobby for your room keys, wifi access, breakfast area, and prayer times.
- ❖ Please proceed to your rooms, unpack, and freshen up, and enjoy the city of the Prophet of Allah (S).

❑ Lastly, enjoy the daily prayers at the Haram. We may do a quick tour of what's around if there is a demand.

Daily Itinerary – 03/10 [Day 1]

Friday, March 10th, 2023 | **Welcome to the City of Medina!**



❑ Please enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram

- ❖ This is your day, just enjoy the haram. The breakfast is provided daily, same place, same timings.
- ❖ I will be accessible to you at the lobby after Asr & Isha insha'Allaah.
- ❖ You may also reach us via WhatsApp at any point if available.
- ❖ *If we are unable to do a quick tour of the important shops e.g., Bin Dawud, we can go today.*
- ❖ **Please Note:** We will be using WhatsApp intensively during this trip. We recommend installing it!

❑ Juma at Masjid An Nabawi

- ❖ **Ajr Alert:** A great opportunity for us to get the ajr of praying Juma' in Masjid An Nabawi!
- ❖ **Pro Tip:** If you want to be inside the masjid, the masjid will start to fill up early (< 10 am) so please plan accordingly. Also, there are live Juma translations offered in various languages.

** We are used to hear “haram (sacred)” for Masjid Al-Haram only; however, the terms there are different. **

** The haram in Medina is Masjid An-Nabwi and the haram in Makkah is Masjid Al-Haram. **

Daily Itinerary – 03/10 [Day 1]

Friday, March 10th, 2023 | **Arrival in Medina via Turkish Airlines**



☐ **Arrive at the Istanbul Airport via Turkish Airlines**

- ❖ You arrive at Istanbul Airport at 10:35am inshaAllah. You will be taking off for Medina at 4:00pm inshaAllah.
- ❖ After we deboard, we will gather as a group, take a quick break if needed, and head to our next gate.
- ❖ We will arrive at the gate and wait together until boarding and insha'Allaah depart for **Medina!**

☐ **Arrival at Medina Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz International Airport**

- ❖ We will deboard and proceed to the customs. You will only need your passport. Keep a visa copy in case.
- ❖ After our arrival stamps, we will proceed to the luggage area. Please stay in the luggage area for us all.
- ❖ After all of you have claimed your luggage, exit, and meet & follow me to the buses.
- ❖ We will load the buses (we will have staff to do so) and depart for **Dar Al Iman Intercontinental** hotel.

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Daily Itinerary – 03/11 [Day 2]

Saturday, March 11th, 2023 | **Sightseeing Tour in Medina**



❑ Sightseeing (Mazarat/Ziyarat) in Medina after Breakfast (8:30 am)

- ❖ We will leave for the Sightseeing Tour immediately at ~ 8:30 AM.
- ❖ We will be visiting the following sites in Medina (**with our new tour guide audio system**):
 - Mount Uhud
 - Mount Uhud
 - Masjid Quba
 - If time permits:
 - Ethiq Well & Almustathel Garden
- ❖ **Service Tip:** We recommend, 15SR (\$4)/person to be given to group leader for the bus driver.
- ❖ *This is an optional group activity.* Please join us especially for the umrah reward at Quba!

❑ Al Ossia/Bird Sanctuary Tour Tomorrow!

- ❖ Please see the slide #8 for more information.

❑ Umrah & Spiritual Workshop Tomorrow! (Between Dhuhr & Asr)

- ❖ We will inform you of the exact time and location via WhatsApp.

❑ Please enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram

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Group Rawdah Appointment

TBA, 2023 | Medina, City of the Prophet!



❑ Accessing the Rawdah through Nusuk App Only

- ❖ Due to COVID restrictions, we are not able to access rawdah without a **permit**. We will have a group reservation scheduled for either **Saturday 03/11** or **Sunday 03/12**. If you wish to do one more on your own, you can schedule one through **Nusuk** phone app (click here for [Apple App Store](#) / [Google Play Store](#)). Please go-ahead and schedule one for yourself once Br Rami sends your visa via email/mail. Per the current restrictions, we can only apply for a single permit every 30 days. The above will allow us to visit the rawdah at least twice insha'Allaah!

❑ Logistics to go to Rawdah as a Group

- ❖ The appointments are for set time and we cannot be late. **Please promptly meet the group in the lobby for your respective slot on time – no late arrivals. And do not forget your visa copy.**
- ❖ Sisters Reservation:
 - ❖ Your time slot is **[TBD]**. *We will assign a sister to lead the sister group insha'Allaah.*
 - ❖ We will meet in the lobby **an hour** before the scheduled time and will start walking **45 mins before**.
 - ❖ The door number we need to go to is **37**. (see the picture on the next slide).
- ❖ Brothers Reservation:
 - ❖ Your time slot is **[TBD]**. *And same instructions as above regarding meeting times.*
 - ❖ The door number we need to go to is **38**. (see the picture on the next slide).

مكتبة الرئاسة العامة لشؤون المسجد النبوي
Library of General Presidency of the Prophet's Mosque
http://www.gpp.gov.sa
دليل الزائري للمسجد النبوي
Prophet's Mosque guide



صورة جوية للمنطقة المحيطة بالمسجد النبوي
Aerial view of the area surrounding the prophet's Mosque

Rawdah G37
Gathering
Point (Sisters)

Rawdah G38
Gathering
Point (Brothers)

Our Hotel



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Daily Itinerary – 03/12 [Day 3]

Sunday, March 12th, 2023 | **Umrah Workshop** & Bird Sanctuary Activity



- ❑ **Visiting Al Ossia (Bird) Santuary in Medina after Dhuhr (1:15 pm-3:00pm)** [Optional]
 - ❖ A special tour for our Raleigh Umrah Family! *Please meet us in the lobby by 1:20pm max!*
 - ❖ **Service Tip:** We recommend, 10SR (\$3)/person to be given to group leader for the bus driver.
- ❑ **Umrah & Spiritual Workshop (3:00pm – 4:45pm)**
 - ❖ Imam Muamar will be conducting pre-Umrah Workshop today!
 - ❖ It will be in Frontel Harithia, the hotel right in front of us. We will walk there together iA!
- ❑ **Preparing for Makkah Departure & Sending our Luggage ahead**
 - ❖ We are taking the train to Makkah insha' Allaah. However, we are only allowed one bag per passenger ([read more](#)) on the train. And since most of us will have more than one bag, we will be **sending our luggage (suitcases) in a cargo truck ahead** of our train schedule.
 - ❖ Please pack your larger suitcases and make sure a clear label is in on them with your name, phone, and U.S. address. Also, mark your luggage with '**IAR**'.
 - ❖ And we will put them outside our rooms, in front of the door or next to the wall in the lobby for bellman pickup. We will either have you do this after Isha on Sunday or before Fajr on Monday.
 - ❖ Please do not pack medicine or other absolute necessities in the suitcases. *Keep them with you.*
 - ❖ You may take a carry-on or personal item with you. | **Pro Tip:** Use the drawstring backpack!
- ❑ **Please enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram**

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Daily Itinerary – 03/13 [Day 4]

Monday, March 13th, 2023 | **Transfer to Makkah & Perform Umrah**



❑ Train to Hilton Suites Hotel (Makkah) after Dhuhr! (3:30-5:50pm)

- ❖ Please put on the ihram (without the intention) in your room prior to going for Dhuhr.
- ❖ We will go pray Dhuhr with the congregation at the haram. We may shorten and pray Asr as well.
- ❖ We will then come back to the hotel and prepare our carry-ons and other personal items.
- ❖ We will load the bus around **2:00pm** and head out for the train station. (20 min drive)
- ❖ It's a 20 min drive to the Train Station. We will explain these logistics in Medinah insha'Allaah.
- ❖ Upon arrival, we will disembark, and go through the boarding process for our scheduled train.
- ❖ At this time, you still haven't made the intentions yet, this will be done in the train insha'Allaah.
“ **Labbayka, In response to your call O Allah, I perform 'Umrah' ”**

❑ Arrive at Hilton Suites Hotel (Makkah)

- ❖ Upon arrival, we will disembark the train, exit, and board our bus to our hotel for a short bus ride.
- ❖ *Please make sure to check you didn't forget any of your belongings you brought on the train.*
- ❖ Once we arrive at the Hilton Suites, please take your carry-on and personal items, and follow us to the lobby for your room keys, wifi access, breakfast times & location, and **group umrah time**.
- ❖ Please proceed to your rooms to lightly unpack and to freshen-up.

Please see the next slide.

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Daily Itinerary – 03/13 [Day 4]

Monday, March 13th, 2023 | **Umrah Mabroor!**



❑ Road to Umrah Mabroor!

- ❖ At the given group umrah time, we will meet in the lobby and proceed together to the Haram. If you wish to join us, please note we will leave 10mins after the given time.
- ❖ After we are able to enter the haram (tawaf area has a max occupancy) we will pray any missed salah together and continue the umrah rites starting with the tawaf.
- ❖ After the tawaf, sai, & shave/cutting of the hair, you have completed the Umrah requirements, therefore, are able to exit out of the state of ihram. **Umrah Mabroor!**
- ❖ **Pro Tip:** For brothers, you can save the ihram if you wish to use for the second Umrah.
- ❖ **P.S.** For those who wish to go to Umrah themselves, you are welcome to go anytime.

Umrah Mabroor!

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Daily Itinerary – 03/14 [Day 5]

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 | **Enjoy the daily prayers in Masjid Al Haram**



- ❑ **Please enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram**
 - ❖ This is your day, just enjoy the haram.
 - ❖ The breakfast is provided daily, same place, same timings.

- ❑ **Optional: Special Tour (TBA)**

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Daily Itinerary – 03/15 [Day 6]

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 | **Sightseeing Tour in Makkah**



❑ **Sightseeing Tour in Makkah after Duhur (1:30 pm)**

- ❖ We will leave for the sightseeing tour at ~ **1:30 PM**. We will update the time if needed.
- ❖ The goal will be to visit several prominent sites:
 - Cave Hira (Jabal Nour)
 - Prominent Hajj Sites
 - Mina Camp
 - Arafah
 - Jamarat
 - Muzdalifa
 - Thawr Mountain
- ❖ **Service Tip:** We recommend, 10 SR (\$3) / person to be given to group leader for the bus driver.

❑ **Farewell Khatira & Departing Logistics after Isha (8:15pm)**

- ❖ We will be discussing Makkah to Jeddah, and Jerusalem itinerary as well.

❑ **Please enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram**

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Daily Itinerary – 03/16 [Day 7]

Thursday, March 16th, 2023 | **Final full day at Masjid Al Haram!**



❑ **Please enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram**

- ❖ This is your day, but also the final full day at the haram.
- ❖ Perform **Tawaf Al Wada** anytime today.
- ❖ The breakfast is provided daily, same place, same timings.

There are no other group plans for today.

Daily Itinerary – 03/17 [Day 8]

Friday, March 17th, 2023 | **Depart for Dulles, USA**



❑ Departing for Jeddah King Abdulaziz International Airport (4 AM)

- ❖ The plan is to be at the airport max 5:50 am for our **8:45 am** flight.
- ❖ Since both Imam Muamar & I will be with Al Aqsa group, please do make sure to read through the instructions below and meet at the lobby before **4:00 am** if possible!
- ❖ **Pro Tip:** Please do not lose your Umrah during this final transit!

❑ Jeddah King Abdulaziz International Airport

- ❖ You will be requested to meet at the lobby at **4:00 am!** (please don't be late)
- ❖ We will load and board the bus and proceed to Jeddah Airport. (Assisted by Adam Travels)
- ❖ It will be about 2 hours journey to the Jeddah Airport from Makkah.
- ❖ Once we arrive, we will unload the bus and our luggage together with Adam Travels staff.
- ❖ You will be provided a Zam Zam bottle insha'Allah at the airport! You can check it in for free.
- ❖ You are welcome to stay with the group or check out the new Jeddah Intl. airport.
- ❖ Board the IAD flight & insha'Allah take off safely back home, and with that **Umrah Mabroor!**

May Allah accept our Umrah and allow us to be His guest soon, Ameen. Thank you for being part of that IAR Umrah & Hajj Family!

Daily Itinerary – 03/16 [Day 7]

Thursday, March 16th, 2023 | **Depart for Jerusalem via Istanbul Airport**



- ❑ **Perform Tawaf Al Wada before Departure.**
- ❑ **Departing for Jeddah King Abdulaziz International Airport (~ 9:15pm)**
 - ❖ We plan to be at the airport max 11:00 pm for our **2:05 am** flight.
 - ❖ We will send the bus and other details regarding our departure via WhatsApp.
 - ❖ **Pro Tip:** Please do not lose your Umrah during these upcoming transits
- ❑ **Jeddah King Abdulaziz International Airport**
 - ❖ You will be requested to meet at the lobby at a set time for your designated bus.
 - ❖ We will load and board the bus and proceed to Jeddah Airport.
 - ❖ It will be about 2 hours journey to the Jeddah Airport from Makkah.
 - ❖ Once we arrive, we will unload the bus and our luggage together.
 - ❖ You will be provided a Zam Zam bottle insha'Allah at the airport! You check it as well.
 - ❖ You are welcome to stay with the group or check out the new Jeddah Intl. airport.

Please see the next slide.

Daily Itinerary – 03/17 [Day 8]

Friday, March 17th, 2023 | **Depart for Jerusalem via Istanbul Airport**



❑ **Departing for Jerusalem via Turkish Airlines from Istanbul Airport**

- ❖ We will arrive at Istanbul around 6:10 AM (+1 hr) with a layover of about 2 hours.
- ❖ You are welcome to stay together or head to the gate at your own pace.
- ❖ We will depart for Ben Gurion Airport at 7:55 AM insha'Allaah, it's a 2 hours flight from Istanbul.

❑ **Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport**

- ❖ We will deplane and go through the airport procedures and customs.
- ❖ We estimate it will take about three-four hours to go through the above process.
- ❖ After the above, we'll collect our luggage, and board the bus to the hotel insha'Allaah.

❑ **Hotel Check-in**

- ❖ Since it is Friday, there could be delays in our check-in.
- ❖ If we can make the Jumu'ah prayer at Al Aqsa, we will insha'Allaah.
- ❖ If there are significant delays in our check-in, we will start the tour insha'Allaah. (next slide)

Aqsa Included

Daily Itinerary – 03/17 [Day 8]

Friday, March 17th, 2023 | **Tour of Jerusalem**



❑ Visiting the Historical Sites at Jerusalem

- ❖ We will either leave after we check-in or start the visits, take a break for check-in, and finish the visits.
- ❖ We are planning to visit:
 - **Al Aqsa Mosque**
 - **Dome of the Rock**
 - **Al Buraq Mosque**
 - **Marwani Mosque**
 - **Old City Jerusalem**
 - **Mount of Olives**
 - **The burial location of Salman Al Farisi radiallahu anhu.**
- ❖ And then back to Jerusalem to our hotel for the night.
 - ❖ There will be daily breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. There will dinner on Sunday as well.

Daily Itinerary – 03/18 [Day 9]

Saturday, March 18th, 2023 | **Tour of Hebron & Bethlehem**



❑ Visiting the Historical Sites at Hebron & Bethlehem (~6 hrs)

- ❖ After breakfast, we will be departing to visit:
- ❖ Hebron:
 - **Al haram Al-Ibrahimi**
 - **The burial location of Ibrahim alay-hi 's-salām, his wife Sarah, and his sons and their wives.**
 - **And the city.**
- ❖ Bethlehem:
 - **The birthplace of Isa alay-hi 's-salām.**
 - **And the city.**
- ❖ Jerusalem:
 - **Al Qiyamah Church**
 - **Omar Bin Al Khattab Mosque**
 - **Maghrib & Isha at Al Aqsa**
- ❖ And then back to Jerusalem to our hotel for the night.

Daily Itinerary – 03/19-20 [Day 10/11]

Sunday, March 19th - 20th, 2023 | **Free Day at Jerusalem & Departure to USA**



- ❑ **Please enjoy a free day at Jerusalem!**
 - ❖ The breakfast and dinner is provided.
- ❑ **Walking Tour of Jerusalem (Optional)**
- ❑ **Departure to USA through Istanbul Airport via Turkish Airlines (~ 8:00 PM)**
 - ❖ Our flight leaves on **Monday, March 20th** at **1:00 AM**. We will plan to be at the Ben Gurion Airport at least 3-4 hours (plus the one-hour ride) before insha'Allaah, around **9/9:30 PM**.
 - ❖ We must then leave our hotel by **8:00 – 8:30 PM** insha'Allaah!
 - ❖ We will go through airport procedure and board our flight to Istanbul.
 - ❖ Once we arrive at Istanbul, we have about a 5-hour layover before our next return flight.
 - ❖ You are welcome to stay with the group or check out the Istanbul Airport on your own.
 - ❖ Board the IAD flight scheduled for **9:30 AM**.
 - ❖ Insha'Allah take off and arrive safely back home, and with that **Umrah Mabroor!**

*May Allah accept all our worship and allow us to be His guest soon, Ameen.
Thank you for being part of that IAR Umrah & Hajj Family!*



Welcome to **IAR Umrah & Hajj Family**

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