

Islam Question & Answer

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2804 - What is Hajj?

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What is a haj?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

Hajj means travelling for the purpose of visiting the Ka'bah, the sacred House of Allaah, to perform the rites (manaasik), i.e., the actions and words reported in accounts of the Prophet's Hajj, such as Tawaaf or walking around the Ka'bah seven times, al-Saa'ee or running between the hills of Safaa' and Marwa seven times, standing at 'Arafaah, stoning the Jamaraat (stone pillars representing the Shaytaan) at Mina, etc. Hajj brings immense benefits to people, as they declare the Unity (Tawheed) of Allaah, there is forgiveness for the pilgrims, Muslims get to know one another and learn the rules of their religion, and so on. We greatly appreciate your interest in asking about Hajj even though you are so young and live so far away in Canada. We ask Allaah to enable you to go for Hajj and do all its rites. May Allaah bless our Prophet Muhammad.