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From the Heart of Bosnia to the House of Allah



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THE ISLAMIC HERITAGE OF BOSNIA & UMRAH JOURNEY
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Beginning a Blessed Journey

Dear Respected Guests,

As we begin this spiritually enriching journey through the Islamic heritage of Bosnia and the sacred cities of Makkah and Madinah, we ask Allah ﷻ to grant us safety, sincerity, beneficial knowledge, and accepted worship throughout our travels.

Guests are kindly requested to arrive at the airport at least **3–4 hours prior to departure** to allow sufficient time for airline check-in, security procedures, baggage processing, and group coordination.

Please proceed directly to the airline check-in counter upon arrival.

Important Travel Reminder

- Any missed flights may result in additional personal expenses including airline rebooking fees and fare differences.
- Travelers are encouraged to maintain patience, good character, and unity throughout the journey, remembering that traveling together for the sake of Allah ﷻ is itself an act of worship.

“And proclaim to the people the Hajj pilgrimage...”

— Surah Al-Hajj (22:27)

اللهم تقبل منا ومنكم صالح الأعمال

O Allah, accept from us and from you our righteous deeds.

DAY 1 — 19 November 2026

Welcome to Sarajevo — A Walk Through Islamic Europe

Upon arrival in Sarajevo, the group will be welcomed by our local team and transferred to the luxurious **Malak Regency Hotel** for check-in and rest.

Sarajevo is often referred to as the “Jerusalem of Europe,” where Islamic, Ottoman, Eastern, and Western civilizations uniquely coexist. For centuries, Bosnia served as one of the westernmost frontiers of Islamic civilization during the Ottoman era, preserving Islamic scholarship, architecture, and Muslim identity in the heart of Europe.

The remainder of the evening will be at leisure to rest and prepare for the upcoming days of exploration and reflection.

Overnight in Sarajevo.



DAY 2 — 20 November 2026

Sarajevo Discovery Tour — Legacy of Ottoman Islam & Bosnian Resilience

After breakfast, the group will gather for introductions, orientation, and a detailed overview of the journey ahead.

Today's tour takes us through the historic heart of Sarajevo — a city that preserves over 500 years of Islamic and Ottoman heritage.

Sarajevo Old Town (Baščaršija)

We begin with a walking tour through the famous Ottoman marketplace of Baščaršija, founded during the 15th century under Ottoman rule. The cobblestone streets, traditional craft shops, Islamic architecture, and historic fountains reflect the enduring legacy of Muslim civilization in Bosnia.

Guests will explore:

- Traditional coppersmith and artisan streets
- Ottoman caravanseraï areas
- Historic Islamic marketplaces
- Bosnian cafés and bakeries
- Traditional Bosnian cuisine and famous ćevapi

Gazi Husrev Bey Complex

One of the highlights of Sarajevo is the magnificent **Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque**, built in 1530 by the Ottoman governor Gazi Husrev Bey.

Islamic Historical Significance

Gazi Husrev Bey established one of the most influential Islamic waqf systems in the Balkans, funding:

- Mosques
- Islamic schools and madrasahs
- Libraries
- Public kitchens for the poor
- Bathhouses
- Clock towers
- Water fountains and marketplaces

His mosque remains one of the finest examples of classical Ottoman Islamic architecture in Europe and continues to serve as a center of worship and Islamic learning today.

Bosnian War & Siege of Sarajevo Tour

The group will then learn about the tragic Bosnian War (1992–1995) and the Siege of Sarajevo — the longest siege in modern history.

We will visit the:

Shaheed Cemetery

A powerful reminder of the sacrifice made by Bosnian Muslims defending their faith, families, and homeland during the war. Guests will have time for reflection and dua for the martyrs (shuhada).

Jumu'ah Prayer

Jumu'ah prayer will be performed at the historic **Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque**.

Tunnel of Hope Museum

After Jumu'ah, we proceed to the famous Tunnel of Hope.

Historical Importance

During the siege, this underground tunnel became Sarajevo's only lifeline, allowing food, medicine, humanitarian aid, and supplies to reach the trapped Muslim population.

The tunnel stands as a symbol of resilience, sacrifice, and reliance upon Allah ﷻ during immense hardship.

Dinner and overnight in Sarajevo.



DAY 3 — 21 November 2026

Herzegovina Tour — Mostar & Blagaj

After breakfast, we travel south toward the beautiful Herzegovina region, passing breathtaking rivers, mountains, and lakes.

Konjic

Short stop at the historic Ottoman town of Konjic, known for its iconic Ottoman stone bridge spanning the emerald Neretva River.

Mostar — Jewel of Ottoman Bosnia

Arrival in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Mostar.

Highlights Include:

- Stari Most (Old Bridge)
- Karadoz Bey Mosque
- Ottoman Bazaar
- Historic Muslim quarters

Islamic Historical Significance

Mostar flourished during the Ottoman era as a major center of trade, Islamic scholarship, and architecture. The famous Stari Most bridge symbolized unity and coexistence for centuries before its destruction during the Bosnian War and later reconstruction.

Blagaj Tekke

Continue to the beautiful village of Blagaj, home to the famous 16th-century Dervish Tekke located beside the Buna River spring beneath towering cliffs.

Islamic Historical Significance

The Blagaj Tekke served as a center of Islamic spirituality, remembrance of Allah (dhikr), and Sufi scholarship for centuries. Its tranquil setting reminds believers of Allah's greatness reflected through nature and creation.

"Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth... are signs for people of understanding."
— Surah Aal 'Imran (3:190)

Dinner at a traditional riverside restaurant before returning to Sarajevo.

Overnight in Sarajevo.



DAY 4 — 22 November 2026

Srebrenica — Remembering the Bosnian Genocide

Early morning departure toward Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia.

Historical Importance

In July 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were massacred in Srebrenica in what became recognized as the worst genocide in Europe since World War II.

The visit serves as a reminder of:

- The importance of justice
- The struggles faced by Muslims in modern history
- The resilience and patience of the Bosnian Muslim community

Memorial Center & Potocari

The group will visit:

- Potocari Memorial Center
- Former UN Base
- Mass grave memorials
- Historical exhibitions and audiovisual presentations

Guests will hear firsthand accounts of survival, sacrifice, and rebuilding from local Bosnian Muslims.

This emotional and reflective day allows us to appreciate the blessings of safety, unity, and faith while making dua for all oppressed Muslims around the world.

Dinner and overnight in Sarajevo.



DAY 5 — 23 November 2026

Farewell Bosnia — Journey Toward the Sacred Lands

After breakfast, guests will check out from the hotel and enjoy free time for:

- Last-minute shopping
- Photos
- Exploring Sarajevo
- Farewell meetings with local hosts

Transfer to the airport for departure toward Saudi Arabia.

DAY 6 — 23 November 2026

Arrival in Makkah — The Beginning of Umrah

Guests should enter into the state of Ihram before crossing the Miqat during the flight.

Spiritual Reminder

Ihram represents humility, equality, and complete submission before Allah ﷻ as pilgrims answer the sacred call of Ibrahim عليه السلام.

Upon arrival in Saudi Arabia:

- Immigration & baggage collection
- Private group transfer to Makkah
- Hotel check-in

First Sight of the Ka'bah

For many believers, seeing the Ka'bah for the first time is among the most emotional moments of their lives.

Group Umrah

The group will proceed together to perform Umrah under the guidance of the Imam and group leaders.

DAY 7 — 24 November 2026

Worship in the Haram

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a group orientation session with the Imam and group leaders.

The remainder of the day will be dedicated to:

- Salah in Masjid al-Haram
- Personal worship
- Tawaf
- Qur'an recitation
- Reflection and spiritual connection

About Masjid al-Haram

Masjid al-Haram surrounds the Holy Ka'bah — the first house established for the worship of Allah ﷻ, originally built by Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام and Prophet Ismail عليه السلام.

Group dinner after Maghrib prayer.

DAY 8 — 25 November 2026

Makkah Ziyarah Tour — Walking Through Sacred History

After breakfast, the group will visit some of the most important historical and spiritual sites in Makkah.

Jabal al-Nur & Cave of Hira

Historical Importance

This mountain houses the Cave of Hira where the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ received the very first revelation of the Qur'an through Angel Jibreel عليه السلام.

“Read in the Name of your Lord who created...”

— Surah Al-'Alaq (96:1)

Jabal Thawr

The mountain cave where the Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه sought refuge during the Hijrah migration from Makkah to Madinah.

Jannatul Mu'alla Cemetery

The resting place of many relatives and companions of the Prophet ﷺ including:

- Sayyidah Khadijah رضي الله عنها
- Ancestors of the Prophet ﷺ

Mount Arafat & Jabal al-Rahmah

Historical Importance

The site of the Prophet's ﷺ Farewell Sermon during Hajj where he delivered one of the most important messages in Islamic history emphasizing:

- Equality
- Justice
- Brotherhood
- Rights and responsibilities

Evening Visit — Makkah Museum

Guests will explore exhibits related to:

- Islamic history
- Hajj development
- Makkah through the centuries
- Rare Islamic artifacts

Overnight in Makkah.

DAY 9 — 26 November 2026

Journey to Madinah

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to the Haramain High-Speed Train Station.

Departure to Madinah aboard the modern Haramain train system.

Upon arrival in Madinah, hotel check-in and rest.

Evening Walking Tour Around Masjid an-Nabawi

Guests will enjoy a peaceful guided walk around the Prophet's Mosque.

Historical Importance

Masjid an-Nabawi was established by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ after the Hijrah and became:

- The center of the Islamic state
- A place of worship
- A center of learning and justice
- A gathering place for the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم

Overnight in Madinah.

DAY 10 — 27 November 2026

Madinah — City of Peace & Reflection

Free day dedicated to worship and personal ibadah in Masjid an-Nabawi.

Recommended activities:

- Salah in the Rawdah area (subject to permit availability)
- Qur'an recitation
- Sending salawat upon the Prophet ﷺ
- Visiting Islamic bookstores and local markets

Evening Visit — Madinah Museum

Explore the rich history of Madinah and the early Islamic community through interactive exhibits and historical collections.

Overnight in Madinah.

DAY 11 — 28 November 2026

Madinah Ziyarah Tour

Morning guided ziyarah tour including:

Masjid Quba

Historical Importance

The first mosque established in Islam. The Prophet ﷺ personally participated in its construction.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

“Whoever purifies himself at home then comes to Masjid Quba and prays there will have a reward like that of Umrah.”

— Sunan Ibn Majah

Mount Uhud

Site of the famous Battle of Uhud and resting place of:

- Sayyiduna Hamza رضي الله عنه
- Many noble companions رضي الله عنهم

Guests will reflect upon sacrifice, obedience, and steadfastness in faith.

Masjid al-Qiblatain

The mosque where the command was revealed changing the Qiblah from Jerusalem to the Ka'bah in Makkah.

Battle of the Trench (Khandaq) Area

The location where the Muslims defended Madinah during the Battle of Ahzab through strategy, patience, and reliance upon Allah ﷻ.

DAY 12 — 29 November 2026

Final Days in Madinah

A free day for worship, reflection, shopping, and spending final moments in the blessed city of the Prophet ﷺ.

In the evening, the group will gather for a special farewell dinner reflecting on:

- Lessons learned
- Spiritual growth
- Brotherhood and sisterhood formed throughout the journey

Overnight in Madinah.

DAY 13 — 30 November 2026

Farewell to the Blessed City

Final day in Madinah for:

- Last prayers in Masjid an-Nabawi
- Shopping and personal activities
- Final visits and reflection

Late evening transfer to the airport for departure.

As we conclude this blessed journey, we ask Allah ﷻ to accept our Umrah, our prayers, our efforts, and allow us to return again and again to His Sacred House and the city of His Beloved Messenger ﷺ.

اللهم لا تجعل هذا آخر العهد من زيارة الحرمين الشريفين

Ameen.