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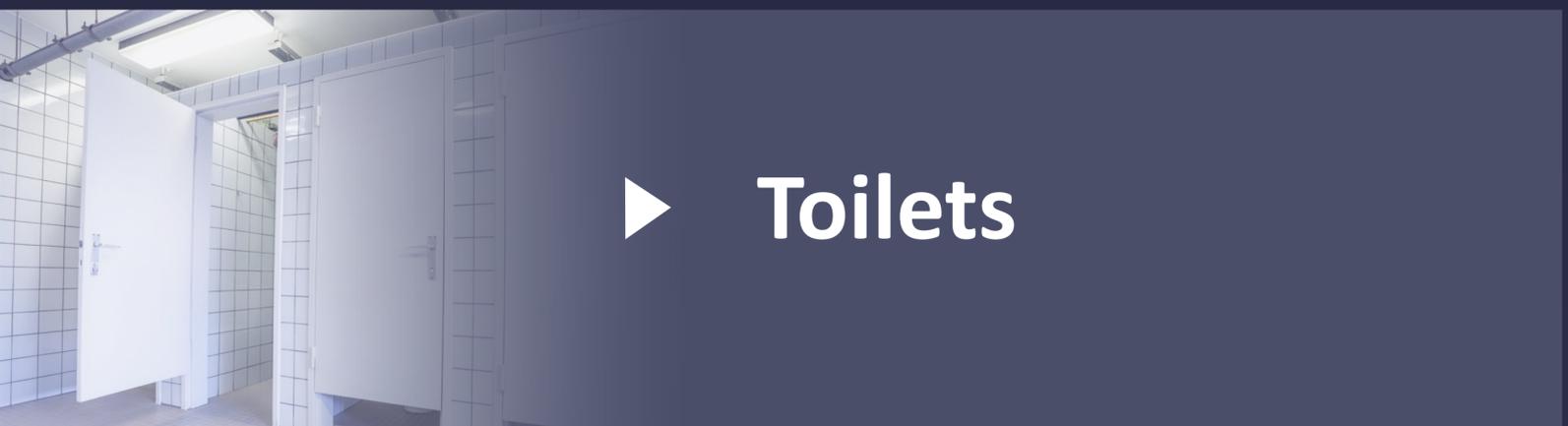


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In this guide, you will find the most important information, instructions, and advice related to Muzdalifah which you need to know during your Hajj journey.



Muzdalifah

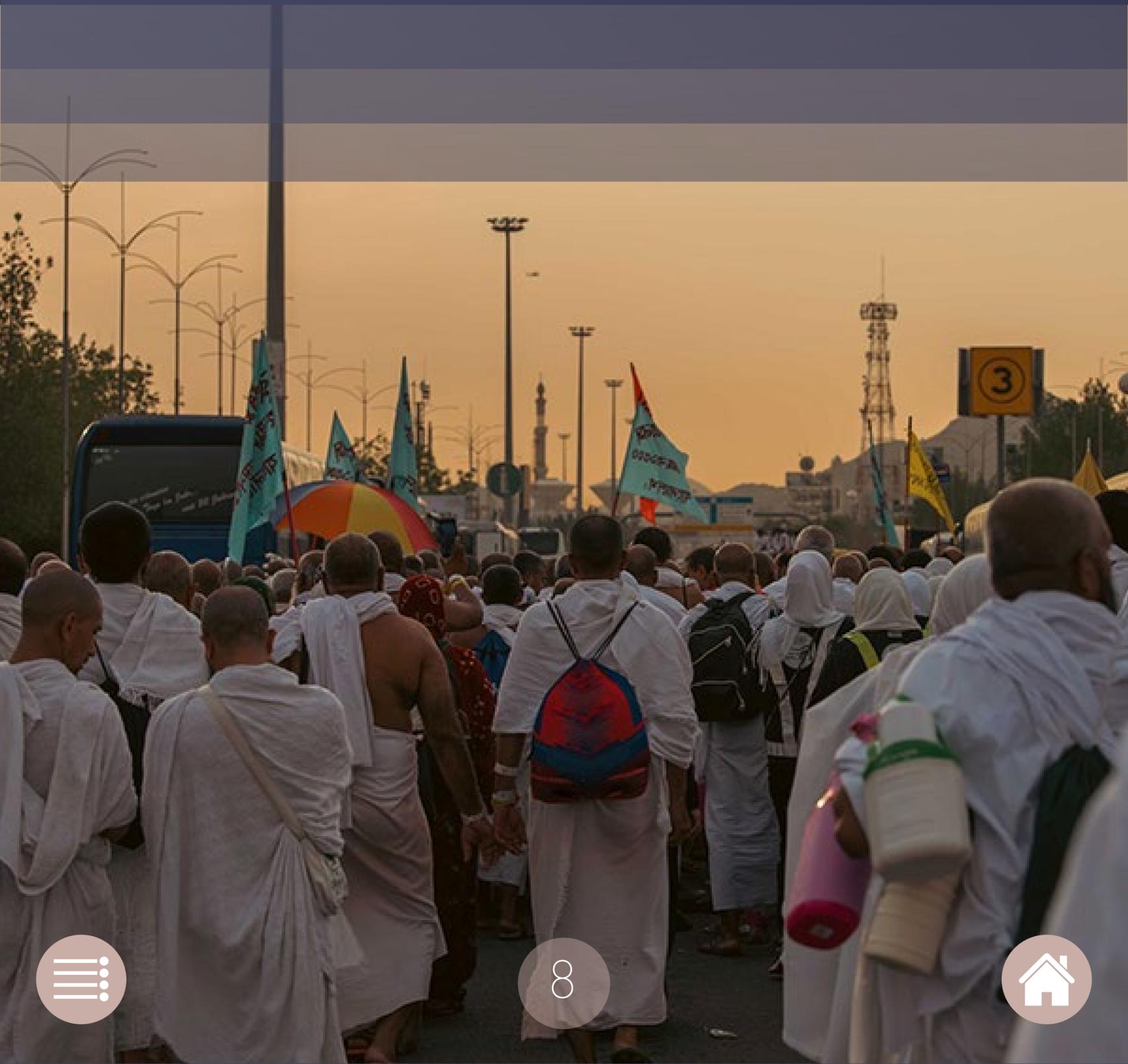
After experiencing the great moments during the Day of Arafah you will now move the third leg of your journey of faith, which is to **Muzdalifah**. Allah the Almighty said: *“Then pass on at a quick pace from the place whence it is usual for the multitude so to do and ask for God’s forgiveness. For God is Oft Forgiving Most Merciful.”*



It was named Muzdalifah for one of two reasons:

Because people approach (*yazdalifoonna*) from here, meaning: they are approaching the Haram.

Because people spend nearly all of the night (*zulfan min al-layl*) in it, which means: moments and hours of the night.



Other names:

It is called “**Jam**’ because the people gather there (from the Arabic root ja-ma-’a, meaning: to gather).

It is also referred to as **Al-Mash’ar Al-Haraam** (the Sacred Monument) because it is part of to the Haram, as mentioned in the Qur’an.



The Location of Muzdalifah

Muzdalifah is located between Mina and Arafat.

It has an area of **9630 m²**

It is all considered a valid place to stand, as the prophet (PBUH) said: (I have stood here, but all Jam' is a place for standing) Meaning: Muzdalifah.





What do I do in Muzdalifah?

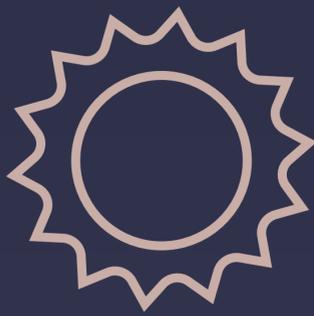
Hajj groups differ in preparing a place for Muzdalifah, but most of them provide carpets, bedding and snacks, and use public toilets.

The moment you arrive you must combine and shorten Maghrib and 'Ishaa, with your group.





Make sure you rest and sleep as much as you can during your stay in Muzdalifah in preparation for the day of Eid.



The weather in Muzdalifah in recent years tends to be hot, so a women should choose a covering dress which is not too thick.



Make sure to carry your usual medication and to take it with you during this night.





While awake, strive to remain in remembrance of Allah, praise Him, and perform Talbiyah.



Feel the extent of Allah's blessings upon you; that He guided you, made Hajj easy for you, made you reach Arafah, and granted you success by enabling you to supplicate to Him. As Allah the Almighty said: (Celebrate the praises of God at the Sacred Monument and celebrate His praises as He has directed you even though before this ye went astray.)



Al-Mash'ar

Al-Haraam Mosque



This is a mosque erected in the place where the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) stayed in Muzdalifah during the Farewell Pilgrimage.



It is located in Muzdalifah, between the fourth pedestrian road and King Faisal Road.



It is located approximately in the middle between **Namirah Mosque** and **Al-Khayf Mosque**.

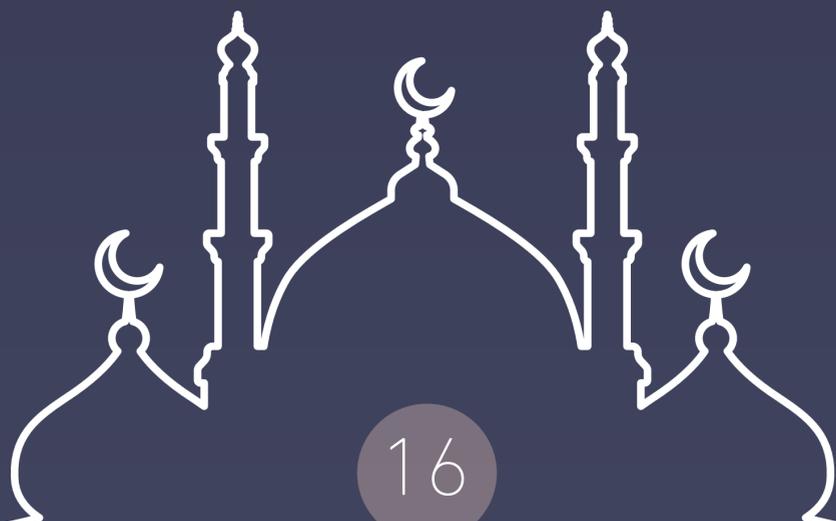
It is **5 km** (3.1 miles) away from **Al-Khayf Mosque** and **7 km** (4.3 miles) away from **Namirah Mosque**.



5 km



7 km



The Kingdom maintained it and rebuilt it



It is **90 metres** long and **56 metres** wide.



Today, it accommodates more than **12,000 worshippers**.



It has two minarets, each **32 metres** high.





Eating and Street Vendors



Some street vendors may sell food and drinks, but you are advised not to eat anything from them and to limit yourself to the food and drinks which your group provides, paying close attention to the following:





Avoid eating any food cooked by street vendors, and remember that keeping cooked food at room temperature for more than two hours leads to the proliferation of germs and the possibility of food poisoning.



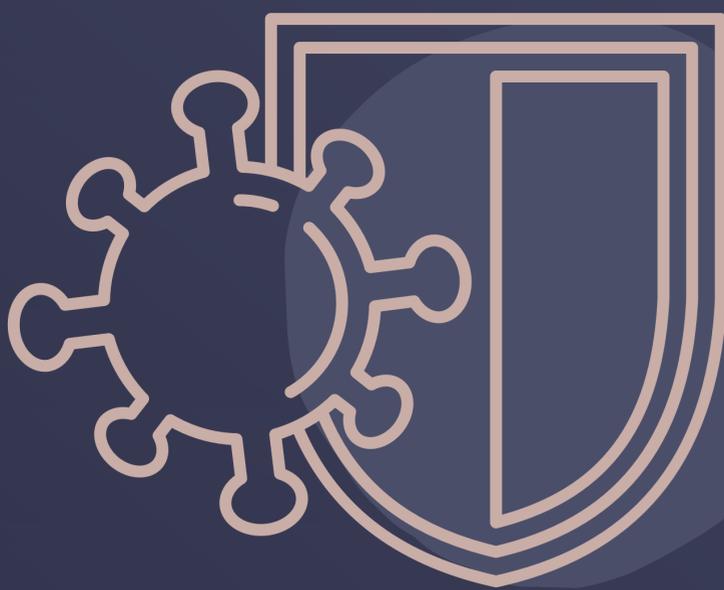
Make sure to wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly before eating them.



Beware of drinking very cold drinks.

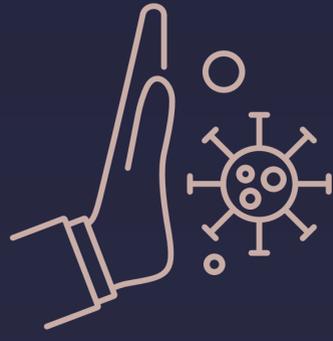


Cold and Flu Prevention



Some **respiratory diseases** begin to spread during the days of Hajj, and we advise you to prevent them by:





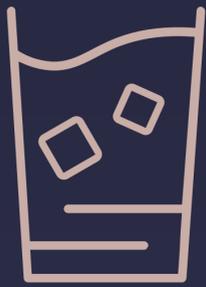
Avoid contact with infected people, and avoid using the patient's utensils and personal items.



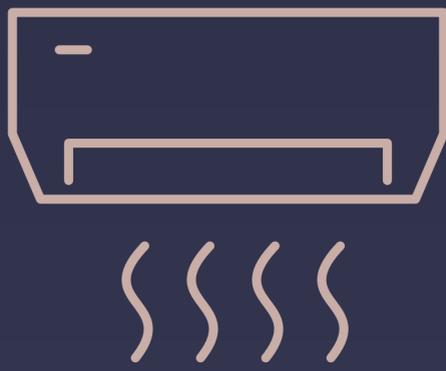
Pay attention to the cleanliness of your hands, and avoid touching your eyes and nose.



Take care to avoid crowding as much as possible, and wear a face mask at all times.



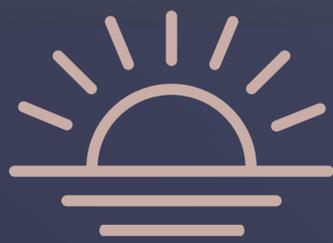
Avoid drinking very cold water.



When you arrive at the camp, do not sit directly in front of the air conditioners, especially when you are sweating, as the extreme variation in body temperature affects your health.



The Duration of the Stay in Muzdalifah



The time for standing in Muzdalifah begins **after sunset on the day of Arafah (9 Dhul-Hijjah).**



The Madhhabs (schools of jurisprudence) have a difference of opinion about the amount of time one should stay in Muzdalifah. **Some say that it is sufficient to pass through and have a short break, while others say it is necessary to stay until midnight, to spend two-thirds of the night there, or until dawn.**





The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) remained in Muzdalifah until Fajr prayer. Then he supplicated to Allah, after which he went to Mina.





The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) also gave permission **for women and those accompanying them to leave Muzdalifah before dawn**, and among them was Ibn ‘Abbaas .



The pilgrim should abide by the time set by his group when moving from Muzdalifah, because there is room for leniency in this matter, and the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) permitted those Companions who sought permission, particularly if there are women and elderly people in their group.

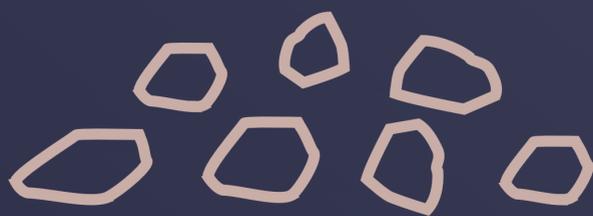




Picking Up Pebbles to Pelt the Jamarat

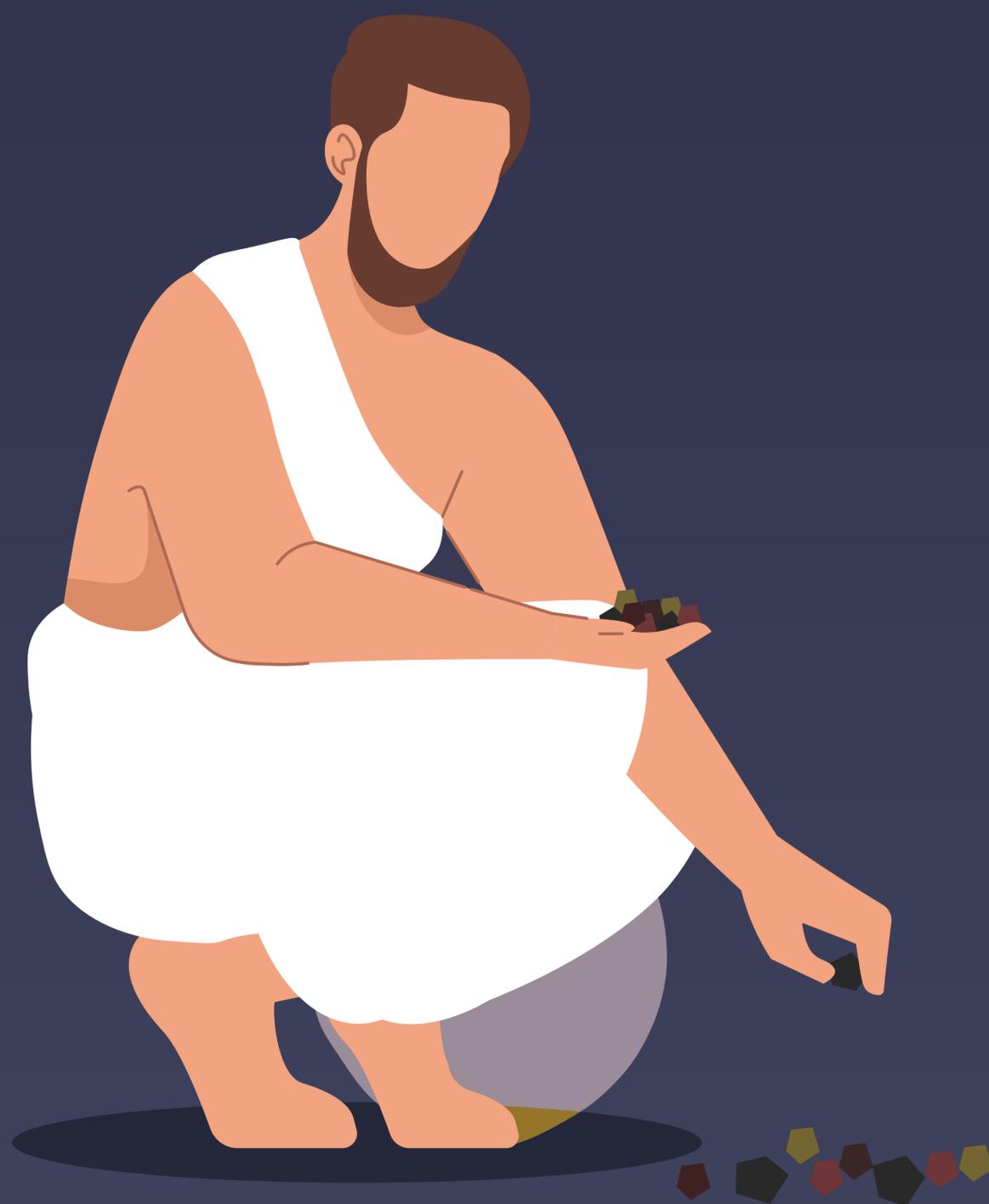


It is prescribed for the pilgrim to pick up **7 pebbles** before leaving Muzdalifah, which he will use to pelt Jamarat Al-Aqaba on the day of Eid. But if he collects them in Mina or any other place, then that is also permissible.



It is not preferred to pick up the pebbles for the rest of the days from Muzdalifah, so as not to burden the pilgrim, in addition to the fact that this is not prescribed. Pebbles for the rest of the days should be picked up in Mina or from anywhere else on the way.

It is not prescribed for pilgrim to wash the pebbles or apply perfume on them.



A Description of the Pebbles Used for Pelting

They should be small pebbles

Smaller than hazelnuts, close to the size of peas or date pits.

Approximately 1 cm in length, more or less.

One should not use **large pebbles**.



Do not waste too much time choosing the shape of the pebbles and their size.

After he had collected the stones in his hand, the Prophet (ﷺ) said: **“Throw something like these.’** Then he said: **‘O people, beware of exaggeration in religious matters for those who came before you were doomed because of exaggeration in religious matters.’”**



How Do I Know My Location in Muzdalifah?



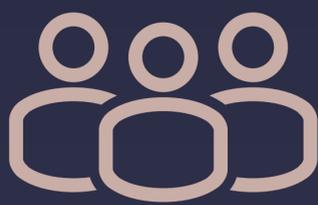
You should stay within the location and the camp of your own group and not leave unless necessary.







Save your location via GPS services on your phone such as **Google Maps**.



Clearly identify the most important nearby landmark and **make sure you have someone to accompany you**.



Buses, roads and stations look similar, so make sure to stay with your group and do not venture outside alone. know the supervisor of your bus or group and ask his permission or consult him if you need anything.

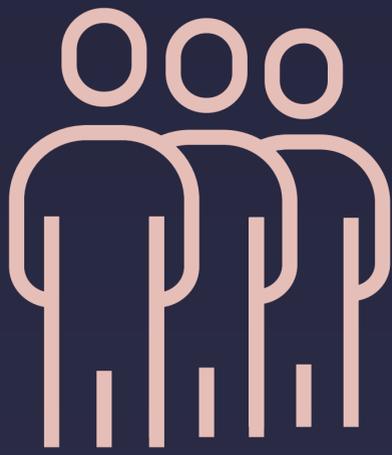


Toilets



Toilets can be located on all sides of **Muzdalifah**, and next to your place of arrival you will find a complex of toilets and a place to perform ablution for men, and another for women.





Wait for your turn and do not skip the line by taking the turn of someone who needs to use the toilet facilities and arrived before you.



Make sure to leave the toilet clean for the next person and throw your trash in the designated places.



Do not harm pilgrims by littering their path with rubbish, as this site is part of the Haram that we have been commanded to purify. On top of that; Muslims are required to be clean and pure in all circumstances: ***«For God loves those who turn to Him constantly and He loves those who keep themselves pure and clean.»***



To find the closest toilets to your location, **[Click here.](#)**



Important Contact Numbers

911

For emergency and security services

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Medical consultations and inquiries

920002814

Ministry of Hajj and Umrah call center to answer inquiries from pilgrims

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For inquiries about the Grand Mosque and the Prophet's Mosque



You can obtain the rest of the guides by visiting the website of the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah ([by clicking here](#)).

In these guides, you will find all the instructions and directions which will help you perform the Hajj rituals with ease and confidence.



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