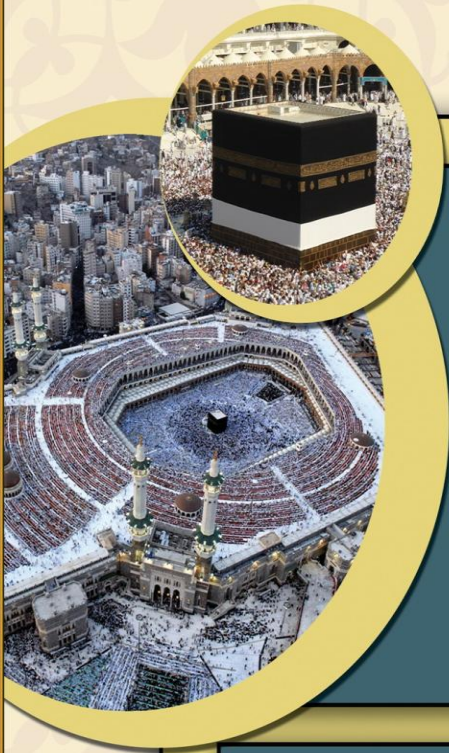


THE THREE MOST HOLY MOSQUES OF ISLAM



Masjid al-Haram "The Sacred Mosque"

The Holy Ka'bah is a cube-shaped structure where Allah's (God) mercy descends, and is situated in a large Mosque known as Masjid al Haram, in the city of Makkaah – Saudia Arabia. For Muslims this sanctuary is the holiest place on earth. The Ka'bah was built by the first man on earth, the Prophet Adam ﷺ, and rebuilt by Prophet Ibraheem ﷺ (Abraham) with his son, Ismaeel ﷺ (Ishmael). Muslims all over the world today face towards Ka'bah in their daily prayers. It is the focal point of the Muslim annual pilgrimage known as the Hajj and captures the hearts of more than a billion Muslims all over the world.

Masjid an-Nabawi "The Prophet's Mosque"

The second most holiest site in Islam is Masjid an-Nabawi. This place of worship was built on the site around the Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ house in Madinah. It was originally a simple brick structure surrounding an enclosed courtyard where people gathered to pray behind or listen to the Prophets teachings. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is buried under the green dome. It also contains tombs of the two successors and companions of the Prophet, Abu Bakr ﷺ and Umar Farooq ﷺ. There is an empty tomb next to the Prophet of Islam for the Prophet Isa ﷺ (Jesus) for when he passes away after his return.

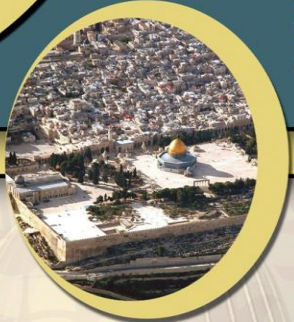


Masjid al-Aqsa



Masjid al-Aqsa "The Furthest Mosque"

At the Heart of the Old City quarters of Jerusalem is Masjid Al-Aqsa or known as The Noble Sanctuary. It is the third most sacred Mosque built 40 years after the Holy Ka'bah in Makkah by the Prophet Adam ﷺ. Masjid Al-Aqsa was the first Qiblah (direction for Muslim prayer) until Almighty Allah's revelation changed the direction to the Ka'bah in Makkah. The Qur'aan speaks about the miraculous journey of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ from Makkah to Masjid al-Aqsa (al Israa) and his ascension through the heavens (al Me'raaj). Many perceive just the golden domed building (The Dome of the Rock) to be Masjid Al-Aqsa. In reality the whole precinct and all the buildings within the four walls are equally as important and make up the Noble Sanctuary of the Furthest Mosque.



- ﷺ = May Allah Shower His Mercy and blessings upon Him
- ﷺ = Allah be pleased with them
- ﷺ = Peace be upon him