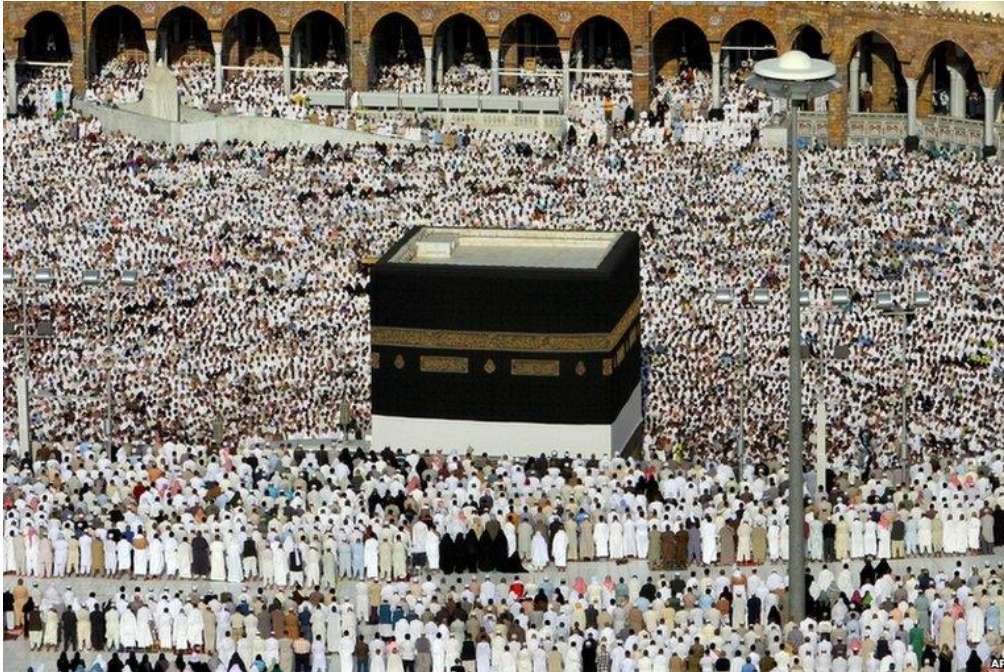


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Five Pillars of Islam Hajj



Hajj is a pilgrimage made to the Kaaba, the “House of Allah”, in the sacred city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. An average, over two million Muslims travel to do Hajj every year, making it the biggest annual gatherings in the world. In 2012, over 3.1 million people took part.

What are the Five Pillars of Islam?

The First Pillar: Shahada (profession of faith)

Second Pillar: Salat (Prayer)

Third Pillar: Zakat (Almsgiving)

Fourth Pillar: Sawm (Fasting)

Fifth Pillar: Hajj (Pilgrimage)

Why would Muslims visit there? What would they gain from it?

The Hajj is a demonstration of the solidarity of the Muslim people and their submission to Allah. The word Hajj means “to attend journey”, which connotes both the outward act of a journey and the inward act of intentions.

What is my favourite feature and why?

My favourite feature is that over 2 million people go to complete Hajj at least once in their lives.