

Arbaeen Peace Walk
Questions and Answers

In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

All praise belongs to God, Lord of the worlds, and may peace and blessings be upon Muhammad and his pure progeny.

1) How to Prepare?

Pilgrims are encouraged to plan as soon as possible and make necessary arrangements to be off from jobs, purchase Air ticket, validate passport, obtain visa, choose length of stay, register with Arbaeenwalk2016@gmail.com, increase physical fitness, and prepare spiritually.

2) Do I have to walk all 47 miles between Najaf-Karbala?

No. In our faith, everything is rewarded based on pure intention “niyaat”. There are people who use a wheelchair, some walk all 47 miles, and others partially walk and take a taxi. The important thing is to take part in this spiritual event and benefit miracles of Imam Husayn (AS).

3) Can I Volunteer during Arbaeen?

Absolutely. Volunteers are welcome. As the matter of fact, to serve Imam Husayn’s (AS) pilgrims is considered a deed with great rewards. Here is a list of needed volunteers:

	#	Task Description
Logistic coordinator	2	Procure & transport supplies and equipment to Najaf
Ticket coordinator	1	Advise the ticket purchaser
Visa coordinator	1	Advise in visa process
Iraq's Sim card /internet	1	Advising on cell phone connection
Physicians	2	Treat the sick and referral
Salaat/Maddah	1	Organize the prayers and Marsieh
Najaf/Female khadem	4	Serving, clean ups & coordination
Najaf/Male khadem	6	Serving, clean ups & coordination
Karbala/Female khadem	4	Serving, clean ups & coordination
Karbala/Male khadem	6	Serving, clean ups & coordination
Male porter	6	Carry bags, push carts and wheelchair

4) Where can I find practical tips for the walk?

<http://www.najaftokarbala.info/>

5) What kind of accommodations are available?

Free accommodations are available in Najaf and Karbala from November 13th to 24. The group will be most likely be housed in a school building.

6) Do I Have to buy ticket from the group?

No. Find the cheapest possible airfare. The prices will increase daily. You can come and leave any time. The shelter in Najaf is open seven days before up to four days after the Day of Arbaeen. Set your flight that you arrive and leave Najaf during this window.

7) What are ticket options?

Turkish and Emirate airlines have flights from San Francisco to Najaf.

8) What are the advantages of purchasing the ticket with the group?
For those who are not sure of their travel plan or do not know who in the family will have opportunity to go, purchasing the ticket with the group is advisable. In this case paying a \$200 non-refundable fee will reserve a seat. You will have to pay the balance on September 22. By end of September, the name of seat holder must be given to the Airline.

9) Can I go to Iran and then go Najaf?

Last year some friends tried this option and had difficulty finding a confirmed flight. The best option is to fly to Najaf from San Francisco and once done go to Iran by taxi. Then you can catch Emirate or Turkish Air flight back to San Francisco from Iran.

10) What are the visa process?

Last year some brothers directly applied for visas and one group member collected passports. He carried them to the Iraqi consulate in Los Angeles. This year our contact in a travel agency in Los Angeles, Mrs. Miri, has taken responsibility for getting the visas and will charge \$120 for visa issuance.

11) Can I still get my visa with group if I purchase my ticket from other sources?

Yes.

12) Is there an airport tax?

Yes. The fee last year was \$10 at Najaf airport which was collected in cash.

13) What are the Turkish Air group details?

Monday 14 November 2016

	Turkish Airlines TK 080		
Departure	14 November 06:10 PM	San Francisco, (San Francisco Intl) (+)	Terminal: I
Arrival	15 November 05:15 PM	Istanbul, (Ataturk) (+)	Terminal: I
Duration	13:05 (Non stop)		
Distance	6,706 Miles		
Booking status	Confirmed		
Class	Economy (Y)		
Equipment	BOEING 777-300ER		
Flight meal	Meal		

Wednesday 16 November 2016

	Turkish Airlines TK 796		
Departure	16 November 03:10 AM	Istanbul, (Ataturk) (+)	Terminal: I
Arrival	16 November 07:00 AM	Al Najaf, (Al Ashraf Intl) (+)	
Duration	02:50 (Non stop)		
Distance	1,062 Miles		
Booking status	Confirmed		
Class	Economy (Y)		
Equipment	BOEING 737-800 (WINGLETS)		
Flight meal	Meal		

Friday 25 November 2016

	Turkish Airlines TK 797		
Departure	25 November 08:00 AM	Al Najaf, (Al Ashraf Intl) (+)	
Arrival	25 November 10:20 AM	Istanbul, (Ataturk) (+)	Terminal: I
Duration	03:20 (Non stop)		
Distance	1,062 Miles		
Booking status	Confirmed		
Class	Economy (Y)		
Equipment	BOEING 737-800 (WINGLETS)		
Flight meal	Meal		

Friday 25 November 2016

	Turkish Airlines TK 079		
Departure	25 November 12:45 PM	Istanbul, (Ataturk) (+)	Terminal: I
Arrival	25 November 04:30 PM	San Francisco, (San Francisco Intl) (+)	Terminal: I
Duration	13:45 (Non stop)		
Distance	6,706 Miles		
Booking status	Confirmed		
Class	Economy (Y)		
Equipment	BOEING 777-300ER		
Flight meal	Meal		

General Information

FARE FOR DEPOSITS RECEIVED BY 28 JULY \$1386.00
FARE FOR DEPOSITS RECEIVED AFTER 28 JULY \$1398.00
FINAL DEPOSIT DUE DATE TO HOLD THE RESERVATION 11 AUGUST
DEPOSIT PER PERSON \$200(NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER 11 AUGUST)
BALNACE DUE 23 SEPTEMBER(NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER 23 SEPT)
NAMES DUE BY 01 OCTOBER

17- How can I transfer the \$200 non-refundable deposit for the airfare?

Please wire \$200 to Bank of America and send us the 9-digit wire number including the name of sender by August 10, 2016.

ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Account Number	325057277215
Routing Numbers i	121000358 Paper & Electronic
	026009593 Wires