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Tentative Travel Itinerary

‘Aqīdah Intensive Winter ‘Umrah

Faith, Reason, and Reflection in the Sacred Lands

 **January 3–11, 2026**

 *7 Nights from Chicago*

Program Overview:

The **‘Aqīdah Intensive Winter ‘Umrah** is a spiritually immersive and intellectually rigorous journey exploring *why Islam is true* — through the Qur’ān’s rational proofs for belief, taught in the heart of the Ḥaramayn.

Led by **Shaykh Haroon Ahmed** this exclusive program connects sacred learning with sacred space, uniting **‘ibādah (worship), tafaqquh (understanding), and tadabbur (reflection)**.

Each session is designed to renew conviction (*yaqīn*), deepen understanding, and help participants experience how faith and reason converge in the Qur’ānic worldview.

About Shaykh Haroon Ahmed

Shaykh Haroon Ahmed is a scholar of Arabic and Islamic Studies dedicated to renewing faith and reason in contemporary Muslim life. He serves as **Resident Scholar and Academy Supervisor at Masjid Uthman and Uthman Academy, Head of the THIQA Department at Islamic Foundation School, and Assistant to the President at Darul Qasim College**—an institution devoted to facilitating the learning and imparting of knowledge derived from the Prophethood of Muhammad ﷺ. He is also a certified teacher **with Basira Education and Founder of IDEAL (Islamic Dialogue, Education, Advocacy & Leadership)**.

Currently pursuing **advanced post-‘Ālimiyyah studies and preparing for a PhD in Education**, Shaykh Haroon’s work focuses on uniting revelation, reason, and education to cultivate conviction and clarity.

Core Themes of the Intensive:

1. **The Qur’ānic Argument from Contingency** – The necessity of the Creator.
2. **The Qur’ānic Design Argument** – Signs of Divine wisdom in creation.
3. **The Qur’ānic Argument for Oneness** – Tawḥīd as rational and moral coherence.
4. **The Qur’ānic Argument from Miracles** – Revelation and prophethood as proof.
5. **Faith, Reason, and Renewal** – Living with clarity in an age of confusion.

Tentative Day-by-Day Schedule:

Day 1 – Saturday, January 3

Depart from Chicago (Turkish Airlines)

- Group orientation & travel du‘ā
 - Reflection: “*Every journey begins with intention — renewing our covenant with Allah.*”
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Day 2 – Sunday, January 4 (Makkah – 1st Night)

Arrival in Makkah:

- **1:30 PM:** Transfer from Jeddah to Makkah
 - **5:00 PM:** Hotel Check-in
 - **After ‘Ishā (8:00 PM):** Perform ‘Umrah led by Shaykh Haroon Ahmed
 - Reflection: “*From Contingency to the Necessary — the symbolism of the pilgrim’s journey.*”
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Day 3 – Monday, January 5 (Makkah – 2nd Night)

- **Rest / Personal worship**
 - **After Zuh̄r (3:00 PM):** Visit *Hirā’ Museum* (\$12/person)
 - Reflection on the first revelation: “*Read in the Name of your Lord.*”
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Day 4 – Tuesday, January 6 (Makkah – 3rd Night)

- **7:30 AM:** *Ziyārah* – ‘Arafāt, Jabal al-Nūr, Mina, Muzdalifah, Cave of Hirā
 - Reflection stops: “*The Signs in the Horizons and within Yourselves.*”
 - **Evening Session:** Informal discussion – “*Purpose and Design in Creation.*”
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Day 5 – Wednesday, January 7 (Madinah – 4th Night)

- **12:00 PM:** Checkout & depart to Madinah via Haramain High-Speed Train
 - **After ‘Ishā (9:00 PM):** Visit *Riyāḍ al-Jannah* (Rawḍah Permit)
 - Quiet personal du‘ā: “*Knowledge, proximity, and peace in the City of the Prophet ﷺ.*”
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Day 6 – Thursday, January 8 (Madinah – 5th Night)

- **7:00 AM:** Walking tour of the Prophet’s Masjid
- **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Main Session I – “The Qur’ānic Argument from Contingency & Design”**
 - How the Qur’ān appeals to reason through creation and existence.
- **After Zuh̄r (3:00 PM):** Visit *Marbad Bird Sanctuary* (\$7/person)
- **8:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Main Session II – “The Qur’ānic Argument for Oneness & Miracles”**

- Tawhīd as moral and intellectual necessity; revelation as proof.
 - *Dinner* at a private farmhouse.
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Day 7 – Friday, January 9 (Madinah – 6th Night)

- **After Fajr:** Optional Rawḍah visit
 - **Jumu‘ah in Masjid al-Nabawi**
 - **Day dedicated to personal ‘ibādah, rest, journaling, and quiet reflection**
 - Suggested theme: *“Living with the Prophet ﷺ—embodying what we know.”*
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Day 8 – Saturday, January 10 (Madinah – 7th Night)

- **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: | Main Session III – “Faith, Reason & Renewal: Returning Home with Yaqīn”**
 - Integrating what was learned and preparing for life after the journey.
 - **After Zuhr (3:00 PM): Ziyārah** of historical sites (Quba, Uhud, Qiblatayn)
 - **After ‘Ishā (9:30 PM):** Checkout & transfer to airport
-  **2:00 AM (Jan 11):** Departure for Chicago
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Package Details:

Room Type	Price per Person
Quad Sharing	\$3,475
Triple Sharing	\$3,685
Double Sharing	\$4,100

Includes:

- ✓ e-Visa
- ✓ Roundtrip Airfare (Turkish Airlines)
- ✓ 24/7 Ground Support
- ✓ High-Speed Train to Madinah
- ✓ Hotel Check-in Assistance
- ✓ Gift Hamper
- ✓ Private Retreat Dinner in Madinah

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