

Course Outlines for Madinah al-Ilm and Bab al-Ilm

Academic Programme:

This year's trip will as always be set in the Holy City of Qum where academically the students of both camps will receive instruction in a variety of topics. The main courses of which will be but not limited to:

1. Lessons in Theological Instruction (Aqaid): This extremely important topic will look at the various concepts that make the theology and our belief system. Topics with this realm such as: the need of Religion, the origin and source of Religion, the criteria and characteristics of the best Religion, the concept of Tawheed (The study of God and his existence and attributes) and its effects in life, Adl (The study of the justice of God as well as discussions on free will and predestination)

2. Qur'anic Principles: The study of the Holy Quran, its origins, compilation, translation, exegesis and more

3. Workshop on the principles of Jurisprudence and its formulation (Usool and Fiqh): Being one of the fundamental pillars of our laws and Sharia these topics will be explored in workshop format giving participants in insight into the laws and how they are derived.

4. Practical Laws (Ahkam): Participants will be educated in practical laws that are an important cornerstone of their day to day lives as Muslims.

5. Discussions on the Munajat Sha'baniyya: A look into the famous whispered prayer (Munajat) of the Holy Month of Sha'ban

6. A look into the importance and philosophy of the Ziyarat of Imam al-Ridha (as): In preparation for the pilgrimage to Mashad participants will be given insight into the philosophy and importance of the Ziyarat in order to enrich their experience.

7. Q&A's: Participants are coming to the centre of learning the Shia world and will have many questions about various topics. This will be facilitated both for topics covered during the trip and topics otherwise.

Cultural Programme:

This years cultural programme will see the camps pass through different sites not only in The Holy City of Qum but also in other parts of Iran. They include but are not limited to:

The Holy City of Mashad: The resting place of the 8th Holy Infallible, Imam al-Ridha (as):

- Tuesday night Dua Tawassul and Thursday night Dua Kumail in the Holy Shrine of Imam al-Ridha (as)

- A guided tour of the Holy Shrine as well as visits to the grave of some Olamas buried in the Holy Shrine
- Friday prayers in the Holy Shrine
- Interactive discussions on various other topics in the Holy Shrine
- A visit to the famous Park-e-Aabi (Indoor Water Park) located just within the city of Mashad

The Holy City of Qum: The resting place of Sayyida Fatima Masooma (sa) and home to the Islamic Seminary (Hawza Ilmiyyah):

Participants will have the opportunity to celebrate the birth anniversary of the 12th Holy Imam (atf) in the Holy City of Qum and visit the Holy Mosque of Jamkaran:

- Guided tour of the Holy Shrine as well as visits to the grave of the many Scholars buried in the Holy Shrine.
- A visit to the Holy Masjid of Jamkaran on 2 Tuesday nights for Dua Tawassul and picnic dinners
- The Great Library of Grand Ayatullah Mar'ashi Najafi (ra) where some of the oldest and most valuable manuscripts are housed.
- The Astronomy centre of Grand Ayatullah Sistani
- A trip atop the Mountain of Prophet Khidr (as)
- A visit to Bait al-Noor - The final place where Sayyida Fatima Masooma (sa) was alive before her martyrdom
- A visit to Ansariyan bookshop as well as the famous Quds Plaza (Passage Quds) for books and other religious items
- The house of Imam Khomeini (ra)
- Visits to parks for picnics and discussions
- Swimming and football
- Friday Prayers in the Holy Shrine

And more....

The City of Tehran: The Capital City:

- A visit to the resting place of Imam Khomeini (ra), the founder of the Islamic Revolution
- A visit to the Behesht Zahra cemetery, the resting place of the Martyrs of the Islamic Revolution and the 8 Year war with Iraq
- Friday Prayers at Tehran University
- The prison of Savak
- Ziyarat of Shah Abdul Azeem in Rey City
- A visit to the Ibn Babwayh cemetery which the resting place of Shaykh Sadooq (ra) and Shaykh Rajabali Khayyat (ra)

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