

# GRAND TRAVEL & TOURS INC.

**HAJJ 2006**

**Escorted Itinerary**

**EGYPTAIR**

**Program No. 2**

<b>Sunday: Dec 25<sup>th</sup> /05</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> DHU AL QA'DAH</b>	Insha'allah, departure will be out of New York (JFK), via Egypt Air departing at <u>6:30PM</u> . Our representative will be at the airport to assist you. Please be sure to be at the airport 4 hours prior to departure. (Please wear your ID)
<b>Monday: Dec 26<sup>th</sup> /05</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> DHU AL QA'DAH</b>	Arriving CAIRO Airport approximately <u>12:00 PM</u> , with a connection flight to Jeddah at <u>4:30 PM</u> . Our representatives will meet you upon arrival to assist and direct you to your connection flight. For the people joining us from CAIRO Please be at the airport 4 hours prior to departure time. Arrive Jeddah in the Hajj Camp, our representative will meet and assist you through the formalities of Saudi Arabian Government. After the formalities we will continue by air-conditioned buses to Makkah. Check in at SOFITEL MAKKAH Hotel. After checking in, you may perform your UMRAH.
<b>Tuesday-Friday</b> <b>Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec 30<sup>th</sup> /05</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> –28<sup>th</sup> DHU AL- QA'DAH</b>	During your stay in Makkah Al-Mukarrama you will have the unique opportunity to offer all daily prayers in Al- Masjid 'al-Haram with your fellow pilgrims. Enjoy your stay at Makkah Al-Mukarrama.
<b>Saturday: Dec 31<sup>st</sup> /05</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> DHU AL QA'DAH</b>	<u>8:00 AM</u> prepare your important personal items (Medicine, necessities and etc.) to take to Madinah, Mena, and Arafat. Please label your luggage clearly (Exp. name, Hajj Prog. # & Airline). Leave the luggage that you are not taking with you in front of your room by <u>10:00 AM</u> to be collected. All luggages will be kept in storage and transferred to your hotel in Jeddah. Grand Travel & Tours will make all the arrangements. This gives you the opportunity to travel lightly. Enjoy your prayers in AL-MASJID AL-HARAM over night in MAKKAH
<b>Sunday: Jan 1<sup>st</sup> /06</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> DHU AL -HIJJAH</b>	1:00 PM Sharp, you will be transferred to Jeddah airport to catch Saudi Arabian Airline flight to Madinah. Upon arrival to Madinah airport, transfer to ALHARITHYAH Hotel. Over night at hotel.
<b>Monday-Tuesday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Jan- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan/06</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH.</b>	In Madinah, enjoy the privilege of offering all of your prayers in the prophet Mohammed's Mosque. Overnight at Madinah.

<b>Wednesday: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	<b>9:00AM SHARP</b> the buses will be leaving to visit the famous mountain of OHOUD, sight of the battle of KHANDAK, Masjid Qiblatain where the (Qibla was changed), Masjid QUBA and various other historical sites in and around the holy city. Enjoy the remains of the day praying in the prophet Mohammed's Mosque.
<b>Thursday: 5<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	In Madinah you will be able to enjoy the privilege of offering all your prayers in the prophet's Mosque. A religious advisor will deliver a lecture on the performance of Hajj.
<b>Friday: 6<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> prepare your important personal items (Medicine) and necessities to take to Mena and Arafat. The rest of your luggage should be packed and ready in front of your room. Please label your baggage clearly (Name, Hajj Prog. # & Airline). It will be transferred to the hotel in Jeddah by Grand Travel and Tours and will be kept in storage. This gives you the opportunity to travel lightly.
<b>Saturday: 7<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	Today after ASR prayer <b>4:00 PM SHARP</b> , you will change to Ihram clothes getting ready for departure to Mena by air-conditioned buses. En route at Abiar Ali (Al-Meeqat) on the road you will offer your intention for Hajj.
<b>Sunday: 8<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	Arrive early morning in Mena; You will stay in air-conditioned tents. Overnight at Mena.
<b>Monday: 9<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	Early morning, the buses will move to Arafat. This is the most essential function of the Hajj rituals. Every minute of your stay in Arafat is to be spent only for Tasbeeh and Zikr of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala. Shortly before Zawal stand under the open sky asking for Allah's Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala forgiveness. His mercy and blessings for yourself, your parents, your entire family and friends. Ask Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala for the acceptance of your Hajj  After sunset the buses will take you to Muzdalifa. Upon arrival in the Valley of Muzdalifa, offer Maghrib and Isha prayers and collect seventy pebbles for Ramii.
<b>Tuesday: 10<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	<b>1:00 AM</b> buses will leave to Mena. A Fatwa recommends that women, sick and elderly people should leave early in the morning. In Mena you will perform Ramii and then offer Qurban. Over night in Mena.
<b>Wednesday: 11<sup>th</sup> Jan./06</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	Perform Ramii, and then You will be transferred to Makkah Al-Mukarrama to perform Tawaf-ul Efada and Saii. Return back to Mena. Overnight in Mena. "It is a perfect day to perform Tawaf-ul-Efada and Saii".

<b>Thursday: 12 Jan/06</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	Perform Ramii, and then depart to Makkah Al-Mukarrama to perform Tawaf-ul-Wadaa. Then you will leave Makkah Al-Mukarrama to your hotel in Jeddah for an overnight stay
<b>Friday: 13Jan/06</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	Enjoy your stay in Jeddah.
<b>Saturday: 14<sup>th</sup> Jan/06</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HAJJAH</b>	In the evening, transfer to Jeddah airport to catch Egypt Air
<b>Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> Jan/06</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH</b>	Catch your Egypt Air flight to CAIRO departing at <b><u>3:00 AM</u></b> . All people will return to USA on different dates according to their request. Egypt Air arrives to New York JFK at <b><u>3:15 PM</u></b> . If you are making a domestic flight booking, please allow at least 4 hours stay in New York just in case the flight is slightly delayed.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

<b>MAKKAH</b>	Sofitel MAKKAH Hotel Program for 6 nights (4 persons per room), with Breakfast and dinner from 24 <sup>th</sup> DHU AL QA'DAH to 1st DHU AL HIJJAH (Dec. 26 <sup>h</sup> to Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> ).
<b>MADINAH</b>	ALHARITHYAH Hotel for 6 nights (4 persons per room), with Breakfast and dinner from 1 <sup>st</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH to 7 <sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH (Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> to Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>MENA</b>	Air –conditioned tents. Soft Drinks, snacks, and meals will be served. From 8th DHU AL HIJJAH to 12 <sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH (Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup> to Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>ARAFAT</b>	Air –conditioned tents. Soft Drinks, snacks, and meals will be served, 9 <sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH (Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>JEDDAH</b>	<b>MURCURE Hotel</b> for two nights (4 persons per room), with Breakfast & Dinner From 12 <sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH to 14 <sup>th</sup> DHU AL HIJJAH (Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> to Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> )

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- 1- New York/Cairo/ Jeddah/Cairo/ New York will be provided by Egypt Air
- 2- Jeddah /Madinah will be provided by Saudi Arabian Airline.
- 3- Air-conditioned deluxe buses will provide surface transportation within Saudi Kingdom.

Note:

1. If you have any other questions regarding this itinerary please ask your group leader.
2. Departure between Makkah/ Madinah / Mena will be according to the Hijri (Islamic) calendar.