

Umrah for Orphans Feedback Report 2023

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Assalamu Alaikum

Alhamdulillah, thank you for sponsoring a Palestinian orphan to go on Umrah this year. We're delighted to tell you that in January we were humbled to take 222 orphans, plus 13 widowed mothers and 10 disabled children on the blessed pilgrimage. For many, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity made possible only because of you.

This booklet is part of our feedback process and shows how your donations were used for this special journey.



Since our pilot **Umrah for Orphans** project in January 2015, more than 3,000 Palestinian orphans - boys, girls, disabled children and some of their widowed mothers - have been to the Holy Lands because of the generosity of our sponsors. We extend our humble thanks to all of you who have made this dream a reality for them.

Sports City

Amman, Jordan



The pilgrimage started on 11th January 2023 from the Jordanian capital, Amman, with seven coaches full of children and adults eager with anticipation and excitement.

Each orphan was given a dua booklet so they could continuously make dua throughout their trip for their sponsors and the sponsors' families.



Masjid al Nabawi

Madinah, Saudi Arabia



After a road trip of more than 20 hours, with regular stops for food and rest, the orphans arrived in the blessed city of Madinah.

The orphans visited Masjid al Nabawi, the Mosque of the Prophet (Peace and Blessings of Allah Be Upon Him), where they gave their salaams to the Prophet (PBUH).



Mount Uhud

Madinah, Saudi Arabia

After a few days in Madinah and saying their final farewell to the Prophet (PBUH), the group set off for Makkah. On the way, they stopped at Mount Uhud just outside Madinah.

One of the most important sites in Islamic history, it was the setting for the crucial battle of Uhud and is the resting place of Hamza ibn 'Abd al-Muttalib (may Allah be pleased with him), an uncle of the Prophet (PBUH), and several of the Prophet's Companions (may Allah be pleased with them).



During their time in Madinah, the orphans were invited to a football stadium where as well as playing a match between themselves they read salah, with the congregation led by one of the youngsters. The orphans were also given money to buy gifts for their families and friends on their return home.

Masjid Dhu al-Hulayfah

Miqat - Madinah, Saudi Arabia



The next stop was Masjid Dhul Hulayfah, about 9 kilometers from Madinah, where the orphans prepared to go in the state of Ihraam.

The masjid was designated as the miqat (the stated place for going into Ihraam) by the Prophet (PBUH) for those going from Madinah to perform Hajj or Umrah.

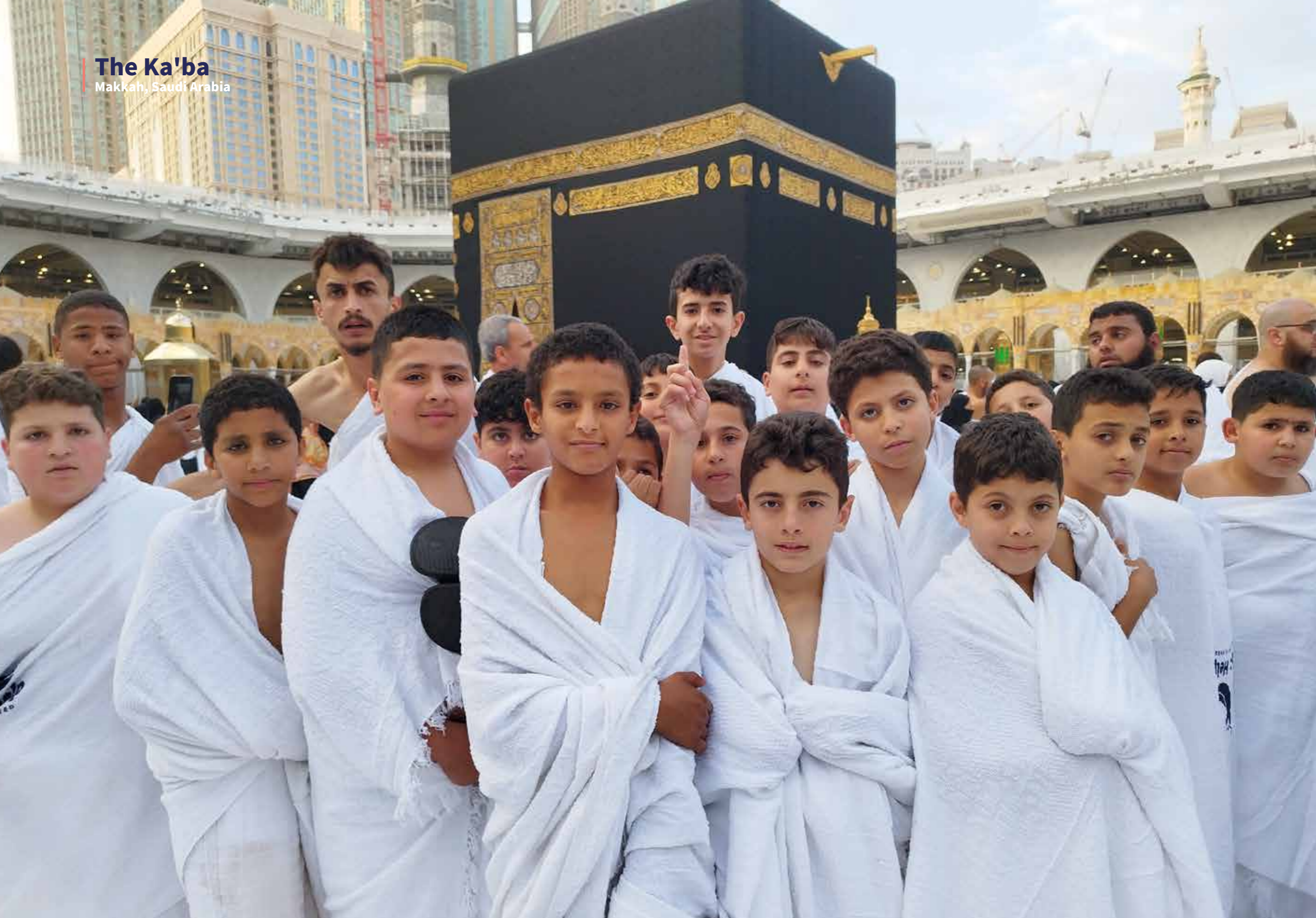


They prayed their 2 Rakat nafl for Ihraam and amidst continuous recitation of the Talbiyah –

“Labayk Allahumma labbayk”

(Here I am at your service, O Allah here I am) - and set off on the coach to Makkah.

The Ka'ba
Makkah, Saudi Arabia



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On arrival in Makkah and saying their prayers, the orphans made their way towards the Muthaaf (the area around the Kaaba) to perform Tawaaf.

They circled the Ka'aba anti-clockwise seven times, and then made their way towards the Sa'ee, the area between Mount Safa and Marwah.



Walking between Mount Safa and Marwah seven times replicates the actions of Hajra (alayhis salaam), the wife of the Prophet Ibrahim (alayhis salaam), who rushed seven times between Safa and Marwah to see if she could find water for her infant child Ismail (alayhis salaam).

Halaq

Makkah, Saudi Arabia

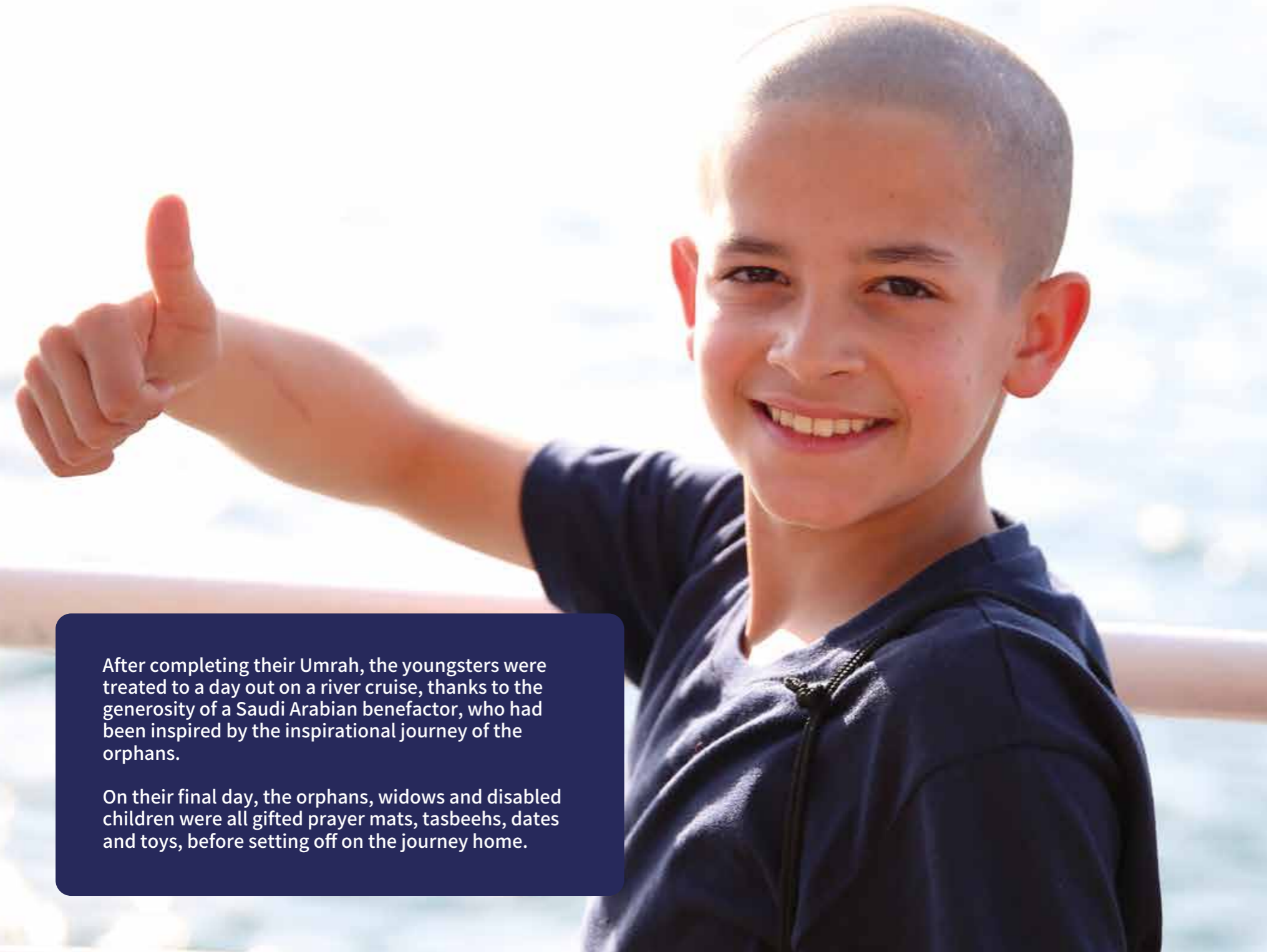


Having almost completed their Umrah at this stage, all that remained was for the orphans was the Halaq – the cutting of the hair after which they came out of the state of Ihraam.



Water Park

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia



After completing their Umrah, the youngsters were treated to a day out on a river cruise, thanks to the generosity of a Saudi Arabian benefactor, who had been inspired by the inspirational journey of the orphans.

On their final day, the orphans, widows and disabled children were all gifted prayer mats, tasbeehs, dates and toys, before setting off on the journey home.



Masjid Quba

Madinah, Saudi Arabia



Umrah for Orphans is only possible because of the generosity of our sponsors. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for making the dreams of the Palestinian orphans, their widowed mothers and disabled children come true.

May Allah swt bless and reward you all, and may He continue granting us the privilege to serve Him with this unique programme by sending even more orphans on the blessed pilgrimage of Umrah.



Thank you



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