Holidays and Ceremonies



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Engagement and Wedding

Kutbah & Engagement

Khutbah a marriage contract signed in Muslim court It begins the engagement period during which woman and man get to know each other. Families might choose to have it announced publicly by having a ceremony involving respected leaders of both families meeting and formally announcing the engagement. After the couple exchange rings, it is customary to wish them "Rabna Tamam Bkher"





Wedding ceremonies take a few days

Men and women celebrate separately. Then the bride and her family and friends join the men for the wedding festival. The married couple will then move into their new home – usually built by the husband in advance. Make sure you're dressed perfectly, ready to dance for hours, and don't forget wishing the couple and their family "Alf Alf Mabruk"



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The Ramadan Month

Ramadan

A month of fasting, holiness, reflection and brotherhood Muslims all around the world fast from early morning until the fast-breaking dinner, called Eftar. Ramadan nights are known to be happy, magical and beautiful. To show your respect, remember people are fasting and reflecting, and wish them "Ramadan Kareem".





Breaking the Ramadan fast, showing gratitude to God Eid al Fitr is celebrated with friends and family gatherings being grateful for what we have, and can share with the less fortunate. If invited, make sure you bring sweets or fruits and bless everybody "Kol 'am wa antum bekhair", "Eid Mobarak", and "Eid Saeid".



The Hajj and Eid al-Adha



The annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca

A religious tradition that brings millions of Muslims to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. The Hajj is mandatory for Muslims at least once in their lifetime if they are able-bodied and can afford the trip. Wearing simple white clothing and circling the Ka'aba seven times, for many this sacred journey is the highlight of their spiritual lives.





The Big Eid – the holiest Muslim holiday. During the month of Dhu-al-Hijjah, after the completion of the Hajj, the Eid is celebrated for 3 days by visiting family and friends, enjoying traditional food and sweets. It is a tradition to sacrifice a lamb and share with the poor. Share the spirit of the Eid with any of these holiday wishes: "Kol 'am wa antum bekhair", "Eid Mobarak" and "Eid Saeid"





