### Why Choose Twelver Tours?

Twelver Tours prides itself on offering only the best when it comes to ziyarah and holiday packages. Superbly organised, with no details spared, ensures your trips are meaningful, memorable, and most of all, soul-enriching.

### Registration is now open

Iraq Muharram Tour July 10th – July 20th, 2024

Baghdad, Najaf, Karbala, Samarra

\$899 if you register by May 31st 2024 \$1,199 (normal price)

#### <u>Click here to register</u>

Our aim is a seamless service, from the moment you book to when you return home. It's about us taking care of every aspect of your trip, leaving you free to spiritually recharge your soul in the presence of our Holy Imams (AS).

# Discover the Difference

# TWELVER TOURS



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## **Ground Package**

**Our ground package includes:** 

- Airport transfers
- Najaf 5\* hotel Qasr al Dur
- Karbala 5\* hotel Almoj Hotel
- Day trip to Khadamayn and Samarra
- Full board in all hotels
- Ground transport

#### **GROUND PACKAGE MUST BE PAID IN US DOLLARS ONLY**



### Najaf 5\* hotel - Qasr al Dur



Karbala 5\* hotel -*Al Mouj Hotel* 



## **Travel Insurance**



• Please ensure you have your own travel insurance. In the unfortunate event, you catch Covid-19, it will be your responsibility to ensure that you are covered for any medical expenses incurred as a result of falling ill. • Please also ensure that your

insurance policy covers the cost of cancelled flights.

• If you need assistance in this, please call us on 07823 566 812, and we will be happy to help you.

## Visa Requirements

Applicants can register download their visa application form, and enter the required information, including the address and telephone number of their place of residence in UK and Iraq, and after receiving confirmation by e-mail via the Foreign Ministry, can submit their application.

Please click on the link below to apply for an e-Visa. <u>www.evisa.gov.iq/</u>

### Visa on Arrival

Regular entry requirements.

You may be eligible to obtain a visit visa on arrival in Iraq. Check visa requirements with the Iraqi Embassy in London or the Iraqi Consulate in Manchester before you travel.

### **Documents**

Ensure you have the right documents when you arrive in Iraq.

#### **Passport validity**

Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Iraq.

If you purchase the early bird discount **package**, you will have to pay for your airport transfer on arrival and departure.

If you purchase the **normal price** package, Twelver Tours will cover your airport transfers on arrival and departure, **AND** your visa costs. Please ensure you have \$120 - \$150 on your person and we will later reimburse you.

### Airport transfers and visa fees

Please ensure you have \$120 - \$150 on your person when you arrive to pay for your visa **<u>AND</u>** airport transfer costs. You will need 10,000 Iraqi dinars for your departure airport transfer.

# ITINERARY

(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ITINERARY MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

	Date	Details		
	Wednesday 10th July	Arrive at Baghdad International Airport or Najaf Airport		
W.	Thursday 11th July	Ziyarah of Imam Ali (as)		
	Friday 12th July	Masjid al-Kufa and Masjid al-Sahlah 8:00 PM (after Maghrib prayer and dinner)		
	Saturday 13th July	Visit Kumayl and Hanan mosque (Najaf - Qasr al Dur) 7:00 AM (after breakfast) leave mosques at 10:00 AM.		
	Sunday 14th July	Maqams of various personalities		



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Date	Details	
Monday 15th July	Day trip to Khadamayn and Samarra Day trip to Khadamayn arrive at 11PM, spend 2hrs here) 2 hours Samarra (Fajr in Samarra)	
Tuesday 16th July	The Hope Appeal Food Drive	
Wednesday 17th July	Day of Ashura - free day	
Thursday 18th July	Day trip to Musayib - Tiflaan e Muslim (AS) and Hazrat Hurr (AS)	
Friday 19th July	Free day	
Saturday 20th July	Departure - Return home	







Your hotels are conveniently located within walking distance of the shrines, and offer all-inclusive services that include en-suite facilities, high speed Wi-Fi, and buffets, which offer guests a wide variety of meal options.

Our choice of beautiful hotels means you don't have to worry about anything except enjoying your Ziyarah trip.

Please note that room allocation is at the discretion of Twelver Tours.



## Travel in Iraq

Travel in Iraq will be subject to change. We may have to change routes on our way to different shrine cities, due to the political and security situation at that time.

## Scholars and Speakers

Our fantastic & diverse variety of scholars, speakers and reciters will be joining us at different points during our trip giving us all the opportunity to benefit from a number of them over the course of our trip.

### Filming

Please note that a cameraman will be filming this trip on various occasions, for the purpose of an Ahlulbayt TV documentary.

We would like you to partake in interviews about your trip, to discuss what has been most meaningful and memorable to you.

It is absolutely fine if you do not wish to be interviewed.

Please note that all profits from this trip will be donated to ABTV, with the aim of promoting the message of Ahlulbayt (AS).

## Charity Groundwork

Twelver Tours has partnered with The Hope Appeal, a UK registered charity dedicated to helping the most poor and needy. Alongside visiting the Imams in the Holy cities, you'll get to see first-hand the charities groundwork and the difference they are making to people's lives. In Iraq, The Hope Appeal have been supporting widow families and orphans.

Tuesday 16th July - The Hope Appeal charity GROUNDWORK in Karbala

Time and dates may be subject to change



### Status of the Zawaar

It is related that, "The pilgrims of the grave of Imam Husayn (a.s.) will enter Paradise forty years before others, who will be engaged in accountability and abeyance. While his pilgrim will turn his sins into a bridge upon the door of his house, and will pass upon it as you pass upon the bridge while leaving it behind".

It is related, that it will be said to the pilgrims of Imam Husayn (a.s.) on the day of Qiyamah that, "Catch hold of the hands of anyone whom you befriend and enter them into Paradise". Then each man will catch hold of the hand of another until a man will say to another, "Do you not recognize me? I am the one who had risen for you on such and such day?" He shall enter him into Paradise without any hindrance or restrain.

## Najaf

Najaf is located 165 km southwest of Baghdad. It is a Shiite pilgrimage city in Iraq, where the Holy Shrine of Imam 'Ali (a) is located. Imam Ali's mausoleum and shrine in 2nd century, it turned into a thriving city to which many Shi'as immigrated. Karbalā is located about 100 km southwest of Baghdad. one of the pilgrimage cities in Iraq that is frequently visited by the Shi'a. It became such because of the martyrdom of Imam al-Husayn (a) and his faithful companions in this location in the year 61/680. Shi'a from all across the globe come to this city on various occasions to perform the visitation of Imam al-Husayn.

### Karbala



#### Samarra

Al-Khadamayn is among one of the most important religious cities in Iraq, where the shrines of two infallible Imams (a), Imam al-Kazim (a) and Imam al-Jawad (a) are located. Samarra is located in the east of Tigris River in the north of Iraq. Samarra became capital of Mu'tasim the Abbasid caliph in 218/833. The city is famous because of the shrine of two Imams (a), Imam al-Hadi (a) and Imam al-Hasan al-'Askari (a). The last Imam was born in Samarra.

# The 12th Imam

Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-'Askarī(born in 255/869), also known as Imam al-Mahdi (a) is the twelfth Imam in Twelver Shi'ism. He is the promised savior, who will rise one day and fill the earth with peace and justice. Imam al-Mahdi (a) has been in occultation from the early years of his life. Shi'as regard him as the Imam of the present age.

Historians who talked about the issue agree that Imam al-Mahdi (a) was born in the house[23] of his father, Imam al-Hasan al-'Askari (a), in Samarra. The house is now part of the shrine of Imam al-Hadi (a) and Imam al-'Askari (a).[24] Imam al-Hadi (a) and Imam al-'Askari (a) were summoned to Samarra, the center of the Abbasid Caliphate, years before the birth of Imam al-Mahdi (a) and lived there until they were martyred.[25]

## **Requests of Zaireen**

#### VISION AND PURPOSE

At TWELVER TOURS, we strive to offer the best possible experience to our guests. Our workshops will facilitate the development, spirituality, and growth of each participant. Our aim is for everyone to make the most from what this trip has to offer. We expect the right code of conduct from all to ensure we don't compromise on values and have set guidelines from the outset for everyone's safety and wellbeing. This requires everyone to kindly ensure they do their part.

#### **PRINCIPLES**

We kindly ask you adhere to these guidelines at all times.

- Honesty, integrity and fairness.
- Treat volunteers, hotel staff and all guests with the same level of respect you would like.
- Please kindly note, in the interest and safety of other guests, Uplifting Travel reserves the right to ask individuals to leave due to any unacceptable behaviour, as this will not be tolerated.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to the host/facilitator, who will be your point of contact if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **RELATIONSHIPS**

Please follow Islamic and general principles pertaining to the following:

- trip.
- tolerated

• We would kindly ask both men and women to be in modest clothing at all times.

• We encourage all participants to keep free mixing between genders to a minimum.

• Behave in a way that is respectful, supportive and co-operative to participants, which enhances the purpose and effectiveness of the

Harassment, bullying, victimisation and such behaviour, which undermines the well-being of other guests, will not be



#### **Q - CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE BEFORE I BOOK MY TRIP OR JUST TO GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A - Of course, please leave your contact details, or send us a whatsapp message, and someone will contact you.

#### Q - I DON'T KNOW ANYONE, CAN I **TRAVEL SOLO?**

A - Yes, most of our attendees don't know anyone when they join our trips. They end up becoming the best of friends after. Please see our blog about one of our attendees' experience.

Q - IS THERE	MUCH	DOWN	TIME	ON
YOUR TRIP?				

A - Yes, we offer a range of activities, including workshops, interactive sessions, discussions circles, and opportunities to network with people.

#### **Q** - ARE FLIGHTS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

A - No. Our attendees join our retreats from different cities, and most of our packages exclude flights. However, if you are a group of friends, or would like someone to book your flights, we can refer you to our travel agent.

FRONT?

A - No. We recommend you put down the deposit of £200, and then pay accordingly, ensuring the entire amount is paid before you start your journey.

#### **Q** - CAN I RESERVE MY SPOT?

A - Yes. We require a deposit of £200 per person to reserve a spot.

## **Q** – DO I HAVE TO PAY EVERYTHING UP

## Terms and Conditions

1.1 I am participating in this trip underTwelver Tours voluntarily and at my ownrisk.

1.2 I am aware that risks exist and may arise during the trip including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling by air, bus, coach, tram, train, vehicle, water transport or other means, by which death, injury or illness to me or damage or loss to my property may occur.

1.3 I personally and voluntarily assume all the risks for any harm, trauma, injury or damage that I may suffer to my person or my property (whether foreseen or unforeseen) in connection with the trip. 1.4 I understand that there may be breakdowns, delays and sudden changes of schedules and/or cancellations of schedules for travel and that Twelver Tours will not be held responsible for any such delays, changes and cancellations of schedule of travel.

1.5 I understand that my property, including but not limited to luggage and personal items, may get lost or damaged during the trip and that I waive any right to claim any loss or damage on the part of Twelver Tours as regards to the same. 1.6 I understand that it is advisable for me to take out a suitable travel insurance policy before embarking on the trip to cover any medical expenses, personal injury and cover for accidents, and lost or damaged personal items, among others, during the trip.

1.7 The amount paid by you for this trip is not inclusive of flight tickets.

1.8 The deposit made by you is a nonrefundable deposit and is required in order to book a confirmed space for you on this trip.

Do you accept the terms and conditions stated above?