Hajj, Step by Step

The five days of the pilgrimage, in order, on one page

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Hajj runs across five days of Dhul Hijjah, the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar. The table below is the shape of the whole pilgrimage. The list underneath breaks it into the thirteen steps in the order a pilgrim performs them.

Day by day, 8 to 13 Dhul Hijjah

DAY	WHERE	WHAT HAPPENS
8 Dhul Hijjah	Mina	Enter ihram, travel to Mina, and spend the day and night there in prayer and remembrance.
9 Dhul Hijjah *the Day of Arafah*	Arafah, then Muzdalifah	Stand at Arafah praying and seeking forgiveness until sunset. After sunset move to Muzdalifah, pray Maghrib and Isha together, gather pebbles and stay the night.
10 Dhul Hijjah *Eid al-Adha*	Mina, then Makkah	Stone Jamarat al-Aqabah, offer the sacrifice, shave or trim the hair, then return to Makkah for Tawaf al-Ifadah.
11 and 12 Dhul Hijjah *the days of Tashreeq*	Mina	Stay in Mina and stone all three Jamarat on each day.
13 Dhul Hijjah	Mina, then Makkah	Stone all three Jamarat if staying the extra day, then perform the Farewell Tawaf before leaving Makkah.

The thirteen steps, in order

1. **Intention (Niyyah).** Form the intention to perform Hajj for the sake of Allah alone.
2. **Entering Ihram.** Wash, put on the ihram garments, and enter the sacred state at the appointed point.
3. **Talbiyah.** Begin reciting *Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk* frequently, aloud, from this point on.
4. **Arrival in Makkah and Tawaf.** Circle the Kaaba seven times on reaching Makkah.
5. **Sa'i between Safa and Marwah.** Walk seven times between the two hills.
6. **Mina.** On 8 Dhul Hijjah, travel to Mina and spend the day and night in prayer.
7. **The Day of Arafah.** On 9 Dhul Hijjah, stand on the plain of Arafah until sunset. This is the most important day of Hajj.
8. **Muzdalifah.** After sunset, move on, pray Maghrib and Isha together, and gather pebbles overnight.
9. **Rami.** Return to Mina and stone the largest pillar, Jamarat al-Aqabah.
10. **Sacrifice (Hady).** Pilgrims performing Tamattu or Qiran offer an animal sacrifice.
11. **Shaving or trimming.** Shave or trim the hair, which brings partial release from ihram.
12. **Tawaf al-Ifadah.** Return to Makkah for this Tawaf, a pillar of the Hajj.
13. **Days of Tashreeq.** Stay in Mina and continue stoning all three Jamarat, then make the Farewell Tawaf before leaving.

Explaining this to a child? Do not start with all thirteen. Start with the three places, Mina, Arafah and Makkah, and what happens at each. The order becomes much easier to hold once the map is in place.