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Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatoh

The days of Hajj are five: from the 8th of Zul-Hijjah to the 12th. There are three types of Hajj: Ifraad, Qiraan and Tamattu'. In Ifraad, one only performs the Hajj, not Umra. In Qiraan and Tamattu' one performs both the Umra and Hajj. The only difference between Qiraan and Tamattu' is that in Qiraan one performs both the Umra and Hajj in one Ihram, whereas in Tamattu' after performing the Umra one changes the Ihram for Hajj. The best type of Hajj is Qiraan then Tamattu' then Ifraad (Durr Mukhtaar, vol. 3 pg 631 Darul Ma'rifa). Although visiting Madinah and the grave of the Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) is not part of Hajj, but it is highly recommended to do so due to the ahaadith in this respect, such as the ones below:

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Ibn Umar (Radiyahallahu Anhu) narrates that Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, “He who performs Hajj then visits my grave after my death is like one who has visited me in my life.”

(As-Sunan Al-Kubra, Al-Mu'jamul Awsat, Al-Mu'jamul Kabeer, As-Sunan Ad-dara Qutni, Shu'abul Iman)

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