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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:

عن ابن عمر رضي الله عنهما قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : « من حج فزار قبري
بعد وفاتي كان كمن زارني في حياتي » (السنن الكبرى ، المعجم الأوسط ، المعجم الكبير ،
السنن الدارقطني ، شعب الايمان)

Ibn Umar (Radiyallahu 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."

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

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السنن الدارقطني ، شعب الايمان)

Ibn Umar narrates that Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, “My intercession is guaranteed for one who visits my grave.”)As-Sunan Ad-dara Qutni, Shu'abul Iman)

قال السـندي في حاشيته على ابن ماجه : قال الدميري فائدة زيارة النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم
من أفضل الطاعات وأعظم القربات لقوله صلى الله عليه وسلم من زار قبري وجبت له شفاعتي
رواه الدارقطني وغيره وصححه عبد الحق ولقوله صلى الله عليه وسلم من جاءني زائرا لا
تحمله حاجة إلا زيارتي كان حقا علي أن أكون له شفيعا يوم القيامة رواه الجماعة منهم
الحافظ أبو علي بن السكن في كتابه المسمى بالسنن الصحاح فهذان إمامان صححا هذين
الحديثين وقولهما أولى من قول من طعن في ذلك (حاشية السندي على ابن ماجه تحت الحديث من
استطاع منكم أن يموت بالمدينة فليفعل فإني أشهد لمن مات بها ؛ الرقم (3103

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