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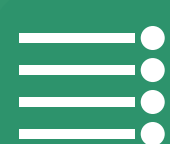
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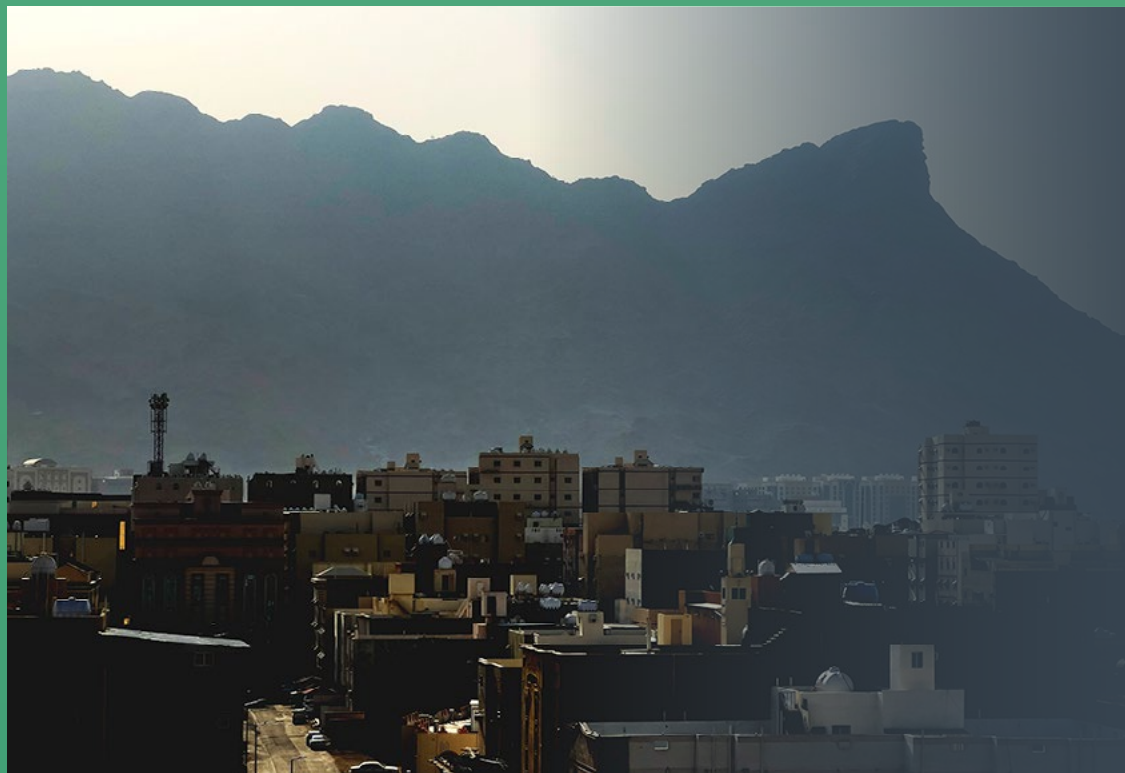


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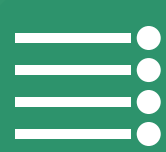
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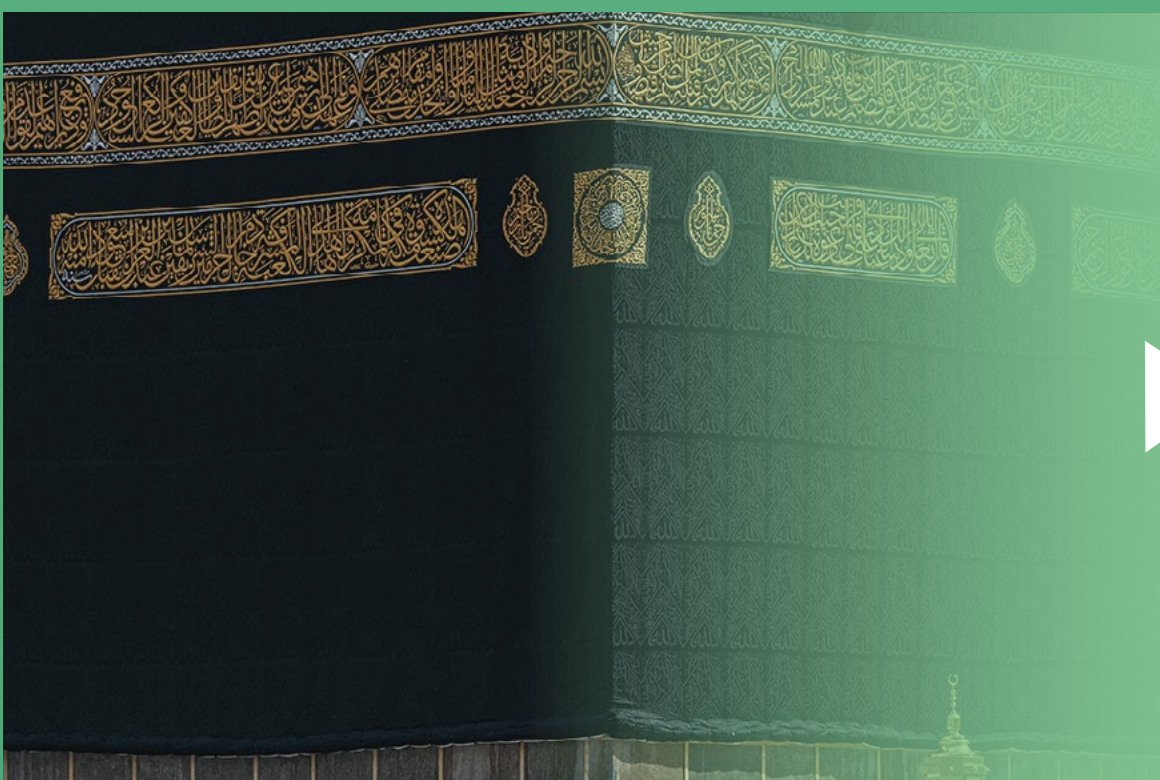




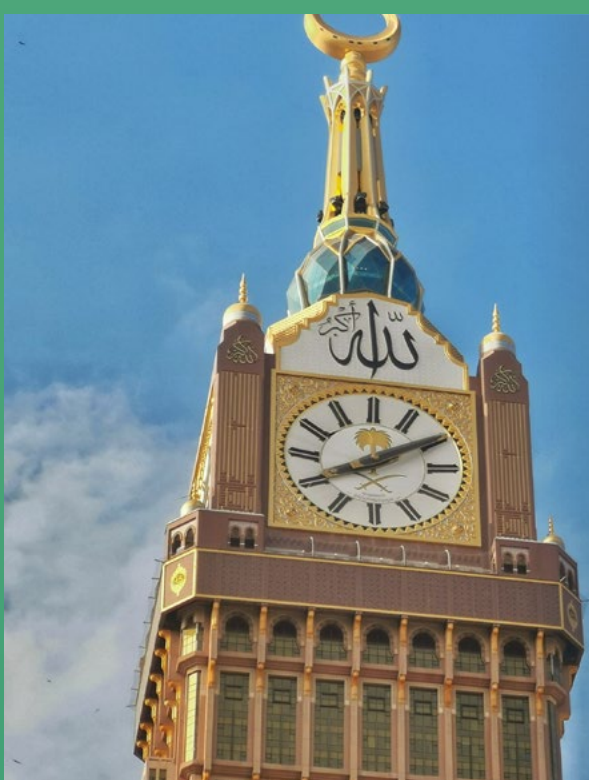
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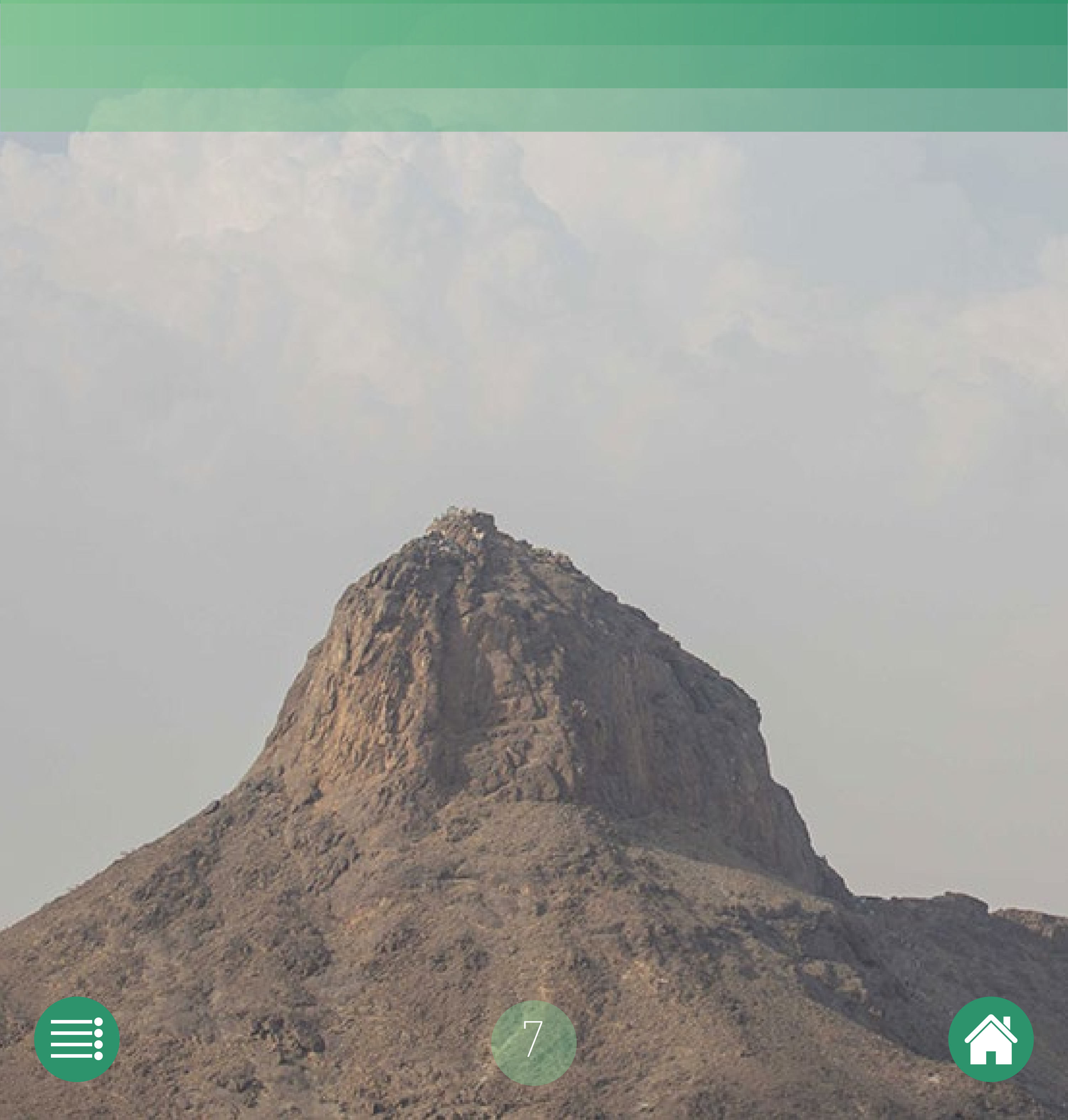
# Jabal Al-Nour and Hira Cave

- It is the place where Allah Almighty honoured His Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), with prophethood.
- In this cave, he would spend his time worshipping his Lord and contemplating His creation.





- In it, the history of mankind underwent a significant change when Gabriel brought down divine revelations to Muhammad (ﷺ).
- The first verses to be revealed were: **“Read in the name of your Lord who created—created man from clots of blood. Read! Your Lord is the Most Bountiful One, who has taught man the use of the pen, taught man what he did not know.” (96:1-5)**



### Location of Hira Cave:

North of the Grand Mosque, at the top of Jabal Al-Nour.

### Distance from Makkah:

Approximately **4.8** km

### Its altitude reaches:

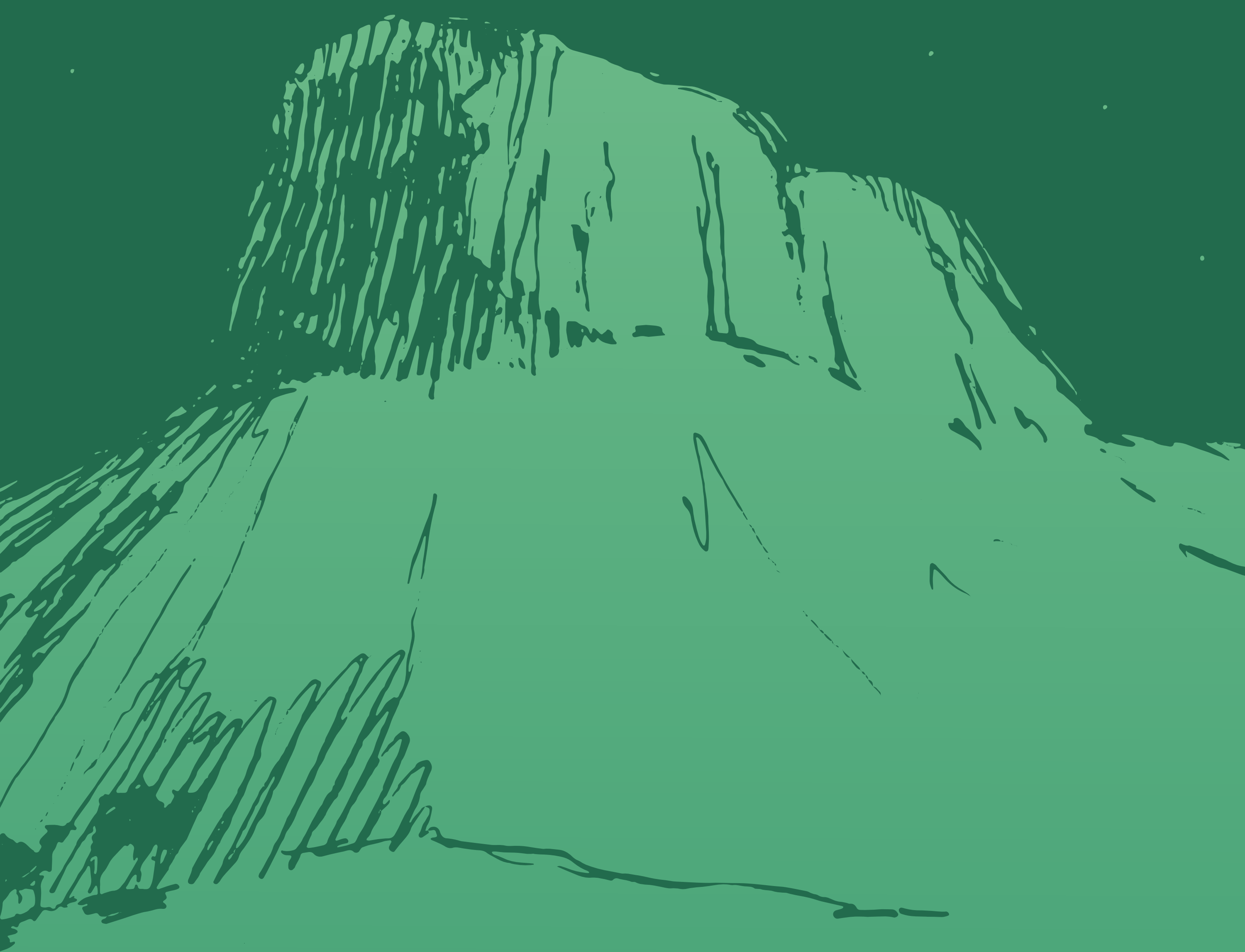
Approximately **634** m

### The description of Hira Cave:

It is a gap with its entrance towards the north.

- It can accommodate up to 9 seated people.
- Its height perfectly suits one standing person of average height.





Visiting this cave is not one of the recommended acts or the requirements of Hajj, and it is difficult to reach for the elderly and sick.

# Mount Thawr

- Mount Thawr is located south of the Grand Mosque.
- It is 4 km away from Makkah.
- It is approximately 748 m high.

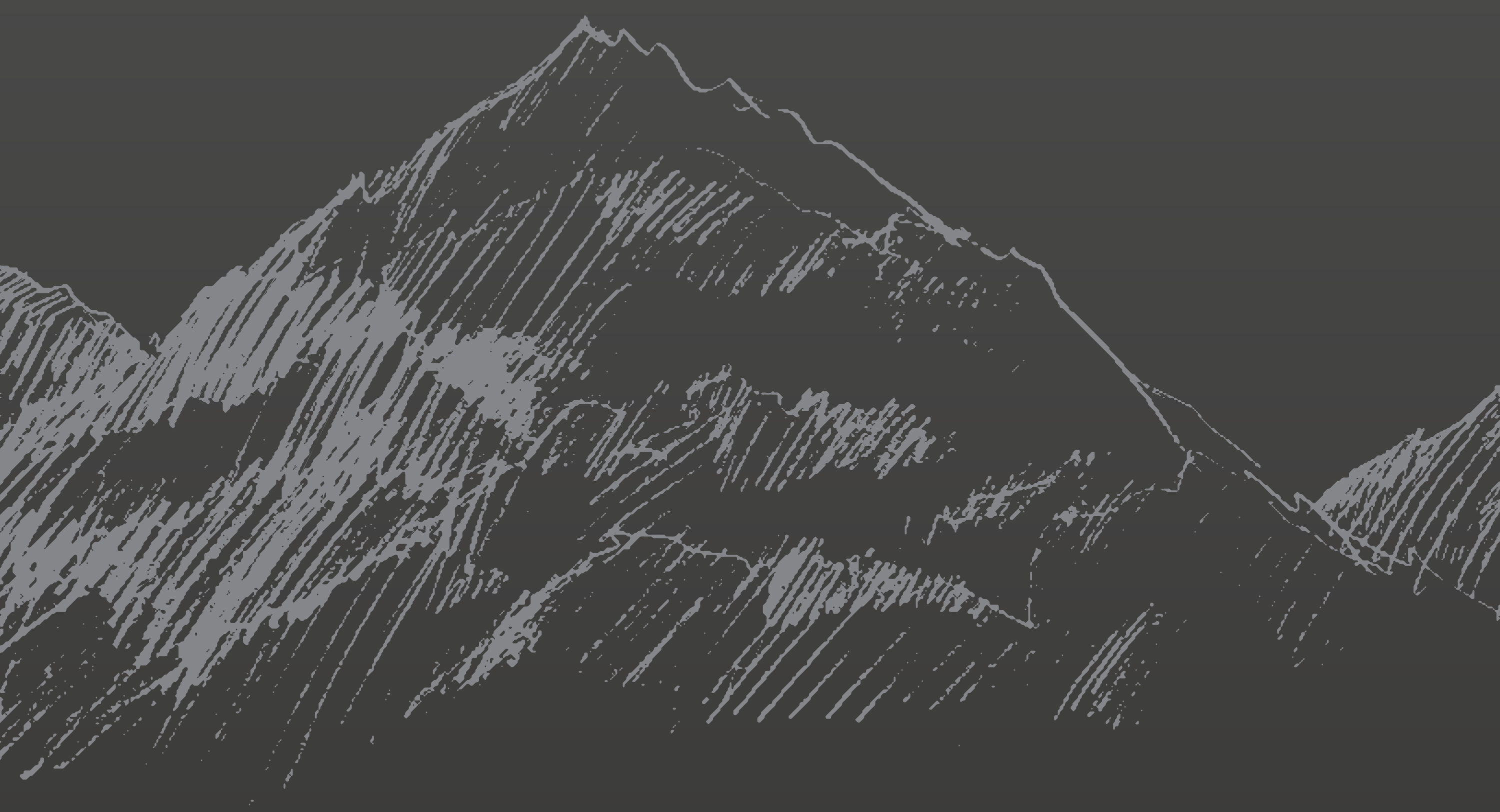




## Thawr Cave is located on this mountain

It is the cave in which Allah's Messenger (ﷺ), stayed with his companion Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq, may Allah be pleased with him, for three nights during his migration to Madinah, hiding from the idolaters and under Allah's care and protection.

The Almighty says, (If ye help not (your Leader), (It is no matter): for God Did indeed help him, When the Unbelievers Drove him out: he had No more than one companion: They two were in the Cave, And he said to his companion, "Have no fear, for God Is with us") (9:40)



### **Thawr Cave Described:**

- **It is a hollow rock, 1.25 m high.**

- **It has two openings:**

One on its eastern side and the other on its western side.

- **It is located on:**

The northern side at the top of Mount Thawr.

**Visiting this cave is not one of the recommended acts or the requirements of Hajj.**

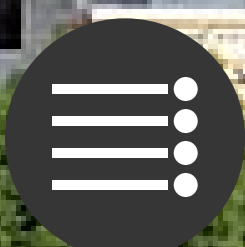
**It is difficult for the elderly and sick to reach Thawr Cave due to the long distance and the considerable hardship climbing up to the cave.**



# The Mosque of the Mother of the Believers, 'Aishah, May Allah Be Pleased with Her.

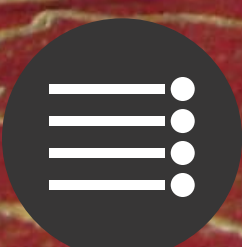
## (Also Known as At- Tana'eem Mosque)

This is a rather ancient mosque which was built at the site from which the Mother of the Believers, 'A'ishah bint Abi Bakr As-Siddeeq, may Allah be pleased with her, entered the state of Ihram for Umrah after the Farewell Pilgrimage.





- It is located in the western part of Makkah.
- It is 7 km away from the Grand Mosque.
- It constitutes one of the boundaries of *the Haram*, from the north-western direction.
- The inhabitants of Makkah enter into the state of Ihraam from it for Umrah because it is the closest point outside the Haram for them.





## It was first built:

During the reign of Abbasid Caliph Al-Mutawakkil in 240H.

## It was rebuilt:

During the reign of King Fahad, may Allah have mercy on him.

**Whoever wishes to perform Umrah again may do so from At-Tan'eem after obtaining permission through the Nusuk application:**



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# Al-Bay'ah Mosque (Al Jamarat Area)



This is a small ancient mosque which was built at the site where the Ansaar (the inhabitants of Madinah) met the Prophet (ﷺ) during Hajj and made a solemn promise to him that they would support and protect him if he migrated to them.



## The First to build it:

The Abbasid Caliph Abu Ja'far Al-Mansur in 144H.

## Its Location:

About 500 meters away from Jamarat Al-Aqaba in the valley of Mina.



## Description of Al-Bay'ah Mosque:

It is a roofless prayer hall with a prayer niche (*mihrab*) and a courtyard.

**This mosque still retains some of its  
pristine inscriptions.**

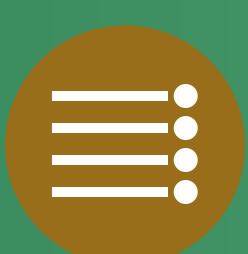






# 'A'ishah Ar-Rajhi Mosque

- **This mosque is an example** of integrated mosques.
- **It is one of the largest mosques** in the Makkah Region.
- **It is characterized by its multiple services** and numerous activities.



**Its Location:**

**An-Naseem District, Makkah**

**Inauguration Date:**

**1434H (2013)**

**Mosque Area:**

**60,864 m<sup>2</sup>**

**External Space:**

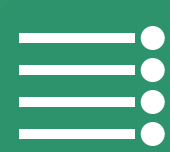
**10,000 m<sup>2</sup>**

**Number of Worshippers:**

**47,000**

**Number of Floors:**

**6 floors**





## Distinctive Characteristics of the Mosque:

- It provides social programs.
- It provides educational programs.
- It provides volunteer services during peak seasons.
- It receives delegations from inside the country and from abroad.





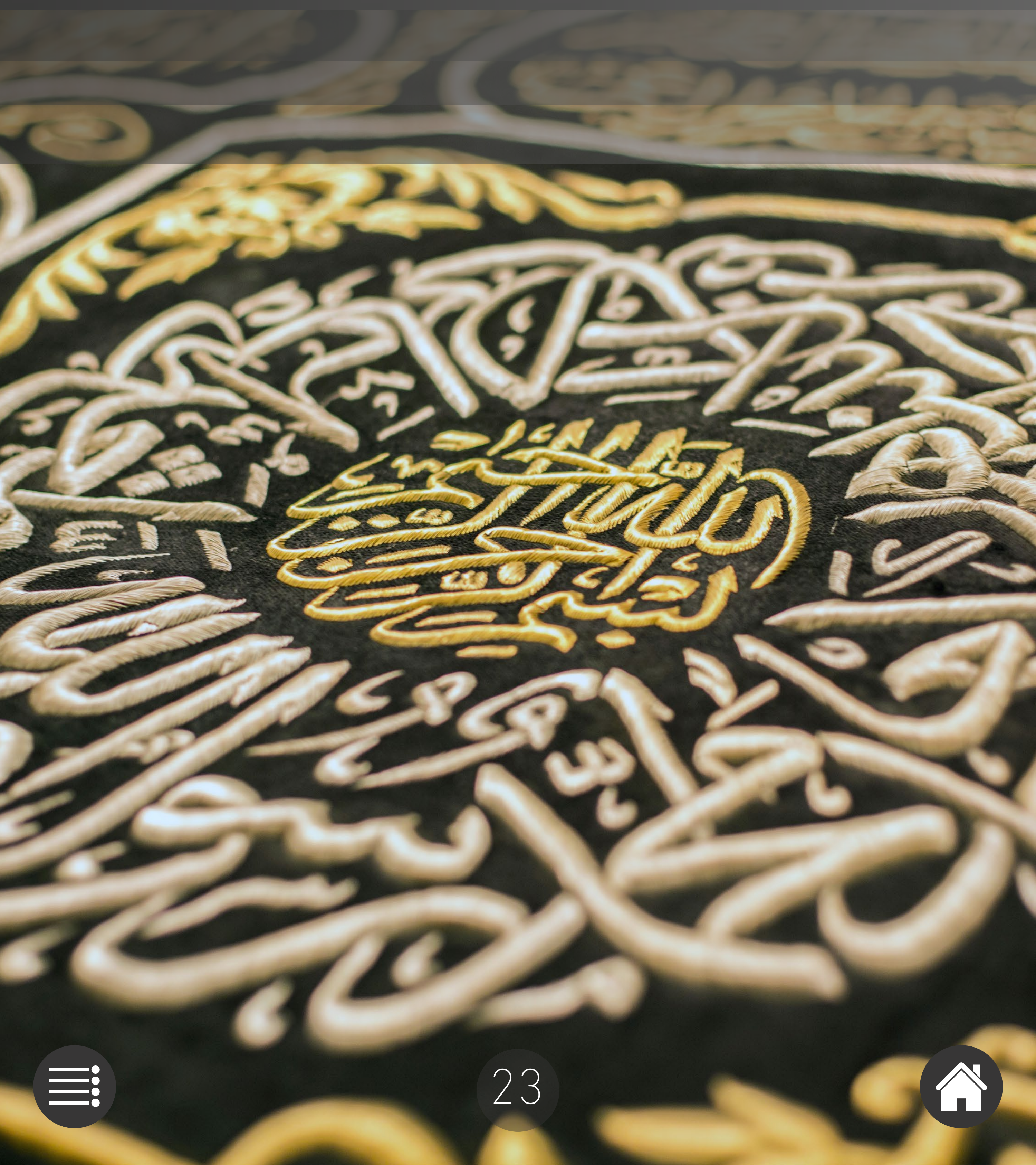
# The Ka'bah Covering (Kiswah) Exhibition

This exhibition displays the stages and mechanisms employed in the process of weaving and embroidering the covering of the Ka'ba, as well as its history and the Qur'anic verses and other inscriptions it bears.



## Visitors can

- **Look closely** at the verses written on the Kiswah.
- **View the details of the Kiswah** on the four sides of the Ka'ba.
- **View the history of the Kiswah** and some of its old pieces.





- Learn about the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in serving the Ka'ba and its covering.
- Watch a presentation on the stages of both the manufacturing and replacement of the Kiswah in the Kingdom.





Visitors can sometimes participate in weaving and embroidering the Ka'ba covering.



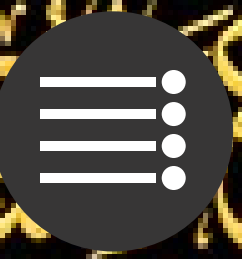


Its Location:



The Kiswah Factory and its exhibition are located on Jeddah Road in Makkah.

[Click here to get to the Exhibition](#)





The image shows the Clock Tower Museum in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. The tower is a tall, ornate structure with a large clock face and Arabic calligraphy. The top of the tower is decorated with gold and blue. The sky is a clear blue. The text "The Clock Tower Museum" is overlaid on the image in a yellow and grey banner.

# The Clock Tower Museum

This is an astronomy museum located on the balcony of the Clock Tower at the highest point in Makkah.

**Date of Inauguration:**

**Ramadan 1440H (May 2019)**





## The Museum Floors

### ■ First Floor:

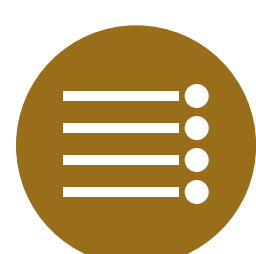
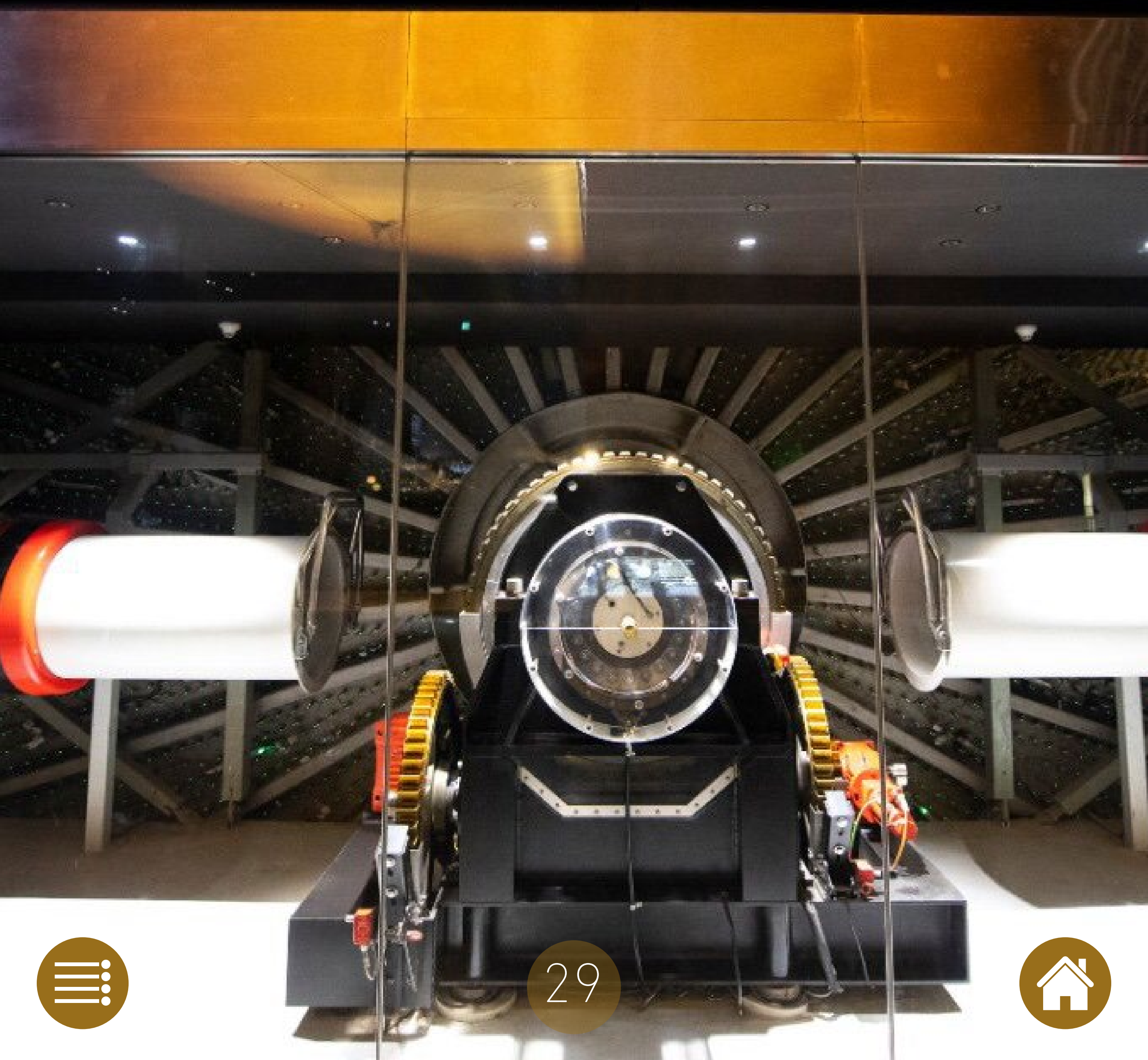
This floor showcases the iconic Makkah Tower, its design, features and techniques used to determine the time.





## ■ Second Floor:

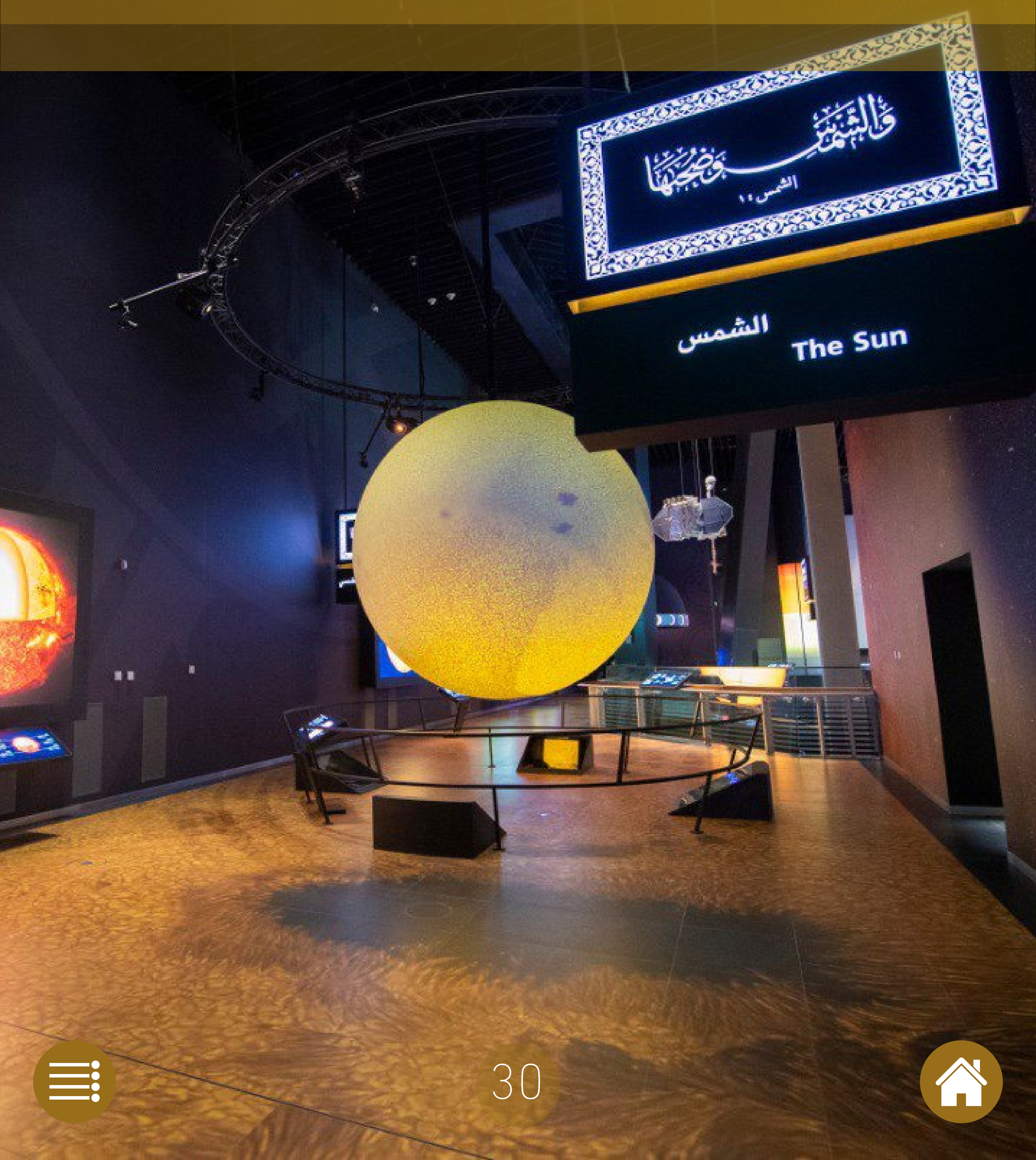
This floor exhibits the time measurement methods people used in the past.





## ■ Third Floor:

This floor is dedicated to the sun, the earth and the moon and how they were used in the past to organize one's life and activities.





## ■ Fourth Floor:

This floor depicts the theme of the universe at large (stars, constellations, planets and astronomical phenomena).

The exhibition highlights the role Muslim scientists played in the field of space science.





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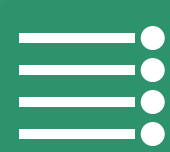
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You can obtain the rest of the guides by visiting the website of the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah (by clicking here).

In these guides, you will find all the instructions and directions which will help you perform the Hajj rituals with ease and confidence.



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