

Pilgrimages

Christians

- Christians travel to Rome as a place of pilgrimage
- Christians can choose whether or not to be pilgrims. It is not expected in their faith. They may go on a pilgrimage to develop spiritually and bring them closer to God.
- Rome (the Vatican) is the home of the Pope, the head of the Christian Catholic faith.
- The most important pilgrimage site is Saint Peter's Basilica, where Saint Peter is said to be buried. He was one of Jesus' disciples and the first Christian Bishop of Rome.

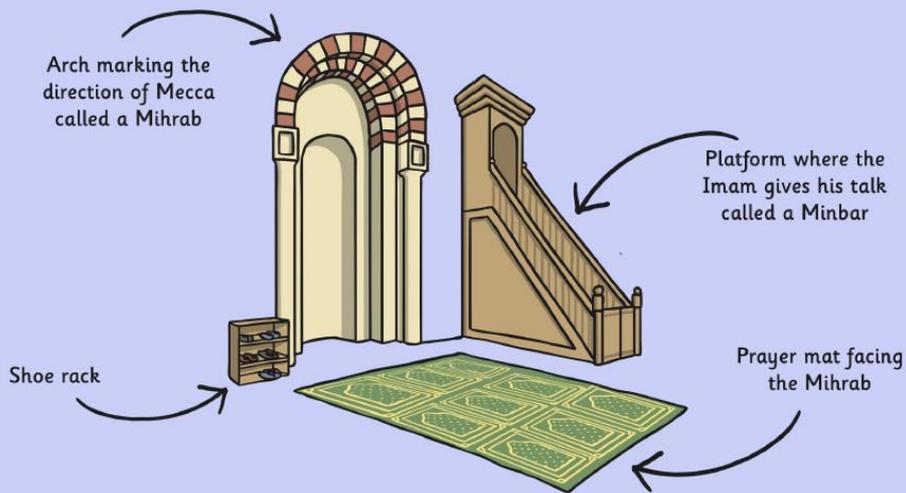


Muslims

- Muslims travel to Mecca (Makkah) as a place of pilgrimage
- Muslims are expected to go on a pilgrimage at least once in their lifetime.
- Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam. Muslims try to go during Dhu al-Hijjah. Muslim men wear special clothes whilst on Hajj and women keep their faces uncovered. This is to show equality before God.
- On Hajj, people walk around the Ka'bah seven times and run between the two hills, Safa and Marwah seven times. They travel to Mudalifah to collect stones, which they throw at three pillars, representing the devil, in Mina.
- A Muslim place of worship or temple is called a mosque.



Inside a Mosque



Key Vocabulary

Vatican City	Country within Rome, where Pope lives.
mass	Christian Catholic service
Saint Peter's Basilica	Contains tomb of St Peter, one of Jesus' disciples
Dhu al-Hijjah	Twelfth month of the Islamic calendar
Ihram	Purity and equality before God before and during Hajj.
Ka'bah	Huge cube containing the Black Stone
Safa and Marwah	Two hills
Mina and Muzdalifah	Villages where stones collected and thrown at the devil
Eid ul-Adha	Festival at end of Hajj
Imam	Muslim leader of prayers at a mosque.