



R&W - Why is it better to be there in person?

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| pilgrimage | A journey to a sacred place or location, often for religious or spiritual reasons. |
| spirituality | The focus on meaningful religious or sacred concepts and feelings, rather than the physical aspects of life. |
| Western Wall | A remaining section of the outer wall that surrounded the Temple Mount. |
| Jerusalem | The capital city of Israel and one of the oldest cities in the world. |
| Temple Mount | A religious site in Jerusalem and home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. |
| Dome of the Rock | An Islamic shrine in Jerusalem, located on the Temple Mount. |
| Makkah | Also known as Mecca, a city in Saudi Arabia and the holiest site in Islam, being the birthplace of the Prophet Muhammad. |
| Ka'bah | A large, black, cube-shaped building and the direction of prayer for Muslims. |
| Hajj | The annual Islamic pilgrimage to Makkah, Saudi Arabia, and one of the Five Pillars of Islam. |
| secular | Relating to things that have no religious or spiritual basis. |
| Via Dolorosa | The path Jesus is believed to have taken on his way to his crucifixion, marking the Stations of the Cross. |

Traditional pilgrimages are journeys to a place of spiritual or religious significance that are often specified in religious texts or have been practised for centuries.

Some people view pilgrimage as a journey to a place that holds personal, cultural or even 'secular' spiritual importance and not necessarily tied to religious beliefs or practices.



Makkah is a sacred place for many people who are **Muslim**. It is where the Masjid Al-Haram is located which holds the Ka'bah.

The Ka'bah is a large, black, cube-shaped building and the direction of prayer (qiblah) for Muslims.

Jerusalem is a sacred place for Muslims where it is believed the Prophet Muhammad journeyed and ascended to heaven on the Temple Mount.

The Dome of the Rock was built in this space as a shrine along with Al-Aqsa mosque.



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Jerusalem is significant for many **Jewish** people who have beliefs about Israel being their **Promised Land**.



The Temple Mount is where the First and Second Temples were constructed and later destroyed. The Western Wall is a remaining part of the original structure.

The Ark of the Covenant containing the Ten Commandments was kept inside the Temple.

Many Jewish people visit the wall and leave prayers and messages in the wall because of how close it is to the original Temple.



Jerusalem is significant for many **Christians** as it is where the First and Second Temples were built and where Jesus went.



In the Christian Bible, it says Jesus spent time praying in the **Garden of Gethsemane** the night before he was crucified.

The day of his crucifixion (known as Good Friday) took place in Jerusalem and the **Stations of the Cross** represent specific places where different events happened.



What can be most important?

People

- ▶ a sense of community
- ▶ enjoyment in shared practice
- ▶ a sense of belonging
- ▶ support

Place

- ▶ historical significance
- ▶ spiritual connections
- ▶ a journey to be there
- ▶ experience

Practice

- ▶ fulfilling an obligation or purpose
- ▶ traditional
- ▶ meaningful
- ▶ connection