

# International Travel



PILGRIM'S TRAVEL BROCHURE



SaraInternationalTravel.com

## WITH OVER 29 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE ISLAMIC TRAVEL INDUSTRY, SARA INTERNATIONAL IS ONE OF THE LEADING MUSLIM TOUR OPERATORS IN THE WORLD.

Founded in 1994 with the sole aspiration to serve and support the blessed guests of Allah during Hajj and Umrah – Sara International Travel is a fitting choice for aspiring pilgrims who have made the noble intention to traverse on the "Journey of a Lifetime," as well as for those who wish to bask in the legacy of the Islamic world.

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#### As-salamu 'Alaykum

#### DEAREST PILGRIM



Welcome to your complete Umrah travel tool-kit, where all the travel information you need is in one place. View your upcoming trip as a single itinerary with all your booking information in the palm of your hands—including flights, accommodation, ground transport, as well as our award winning VIP hospitality experience that is inclusive with all Sara International Travel Umrah reservations.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for choosing us as your Umrah facilitators, by Allah, there is nothing more important to us than to serve the guests of Allah, and to make their stay in the Haramain Sharifain as pleasant as possible.

God willing, we look forward to facilitating and enriching your visit to the blessed Harams, which will be led by qualified Islamic scholars, world-class Umrah facilitators, and cultured ground staff.

Our combined expertise will ensure that we help revive many long lost secrets and provide an invaluable insight into the wisdom of Umrah, the rank and virtue of visiting the final Messenger, as well as the virtue of Makkah and Madinah.

May Allah grant you the acceptance of this Umrah, and may He accept all your virtuous actions, and forgive us all!

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#### FLIGHTS & TRANSPORT



I Outbound Flight | Tue, 19 December, 2023 | Economy

## NEW YORK to قرام قرام قرام السعودية في الس







Depart

JFK, New York

Tue 19 Dec 11:00am

Arrive

RUH, Riyadh Wed 20 Dec

07:00am

SV1461

Depart

RUH, Riyadh

Wed 20 Dec

01:05pm



Arrive

Date

Time

MED, Madinah

Wed 20 Dec

02:45pm



Inbound Flight | Thu, 28 December, 2023 | Economy

#### JEDDAH to NEW YORK







Depart

JED, Jeddah

Thu 28 Dec

03:25am



Arrive

JFK, New York

Thu 28 Dec

09:00am













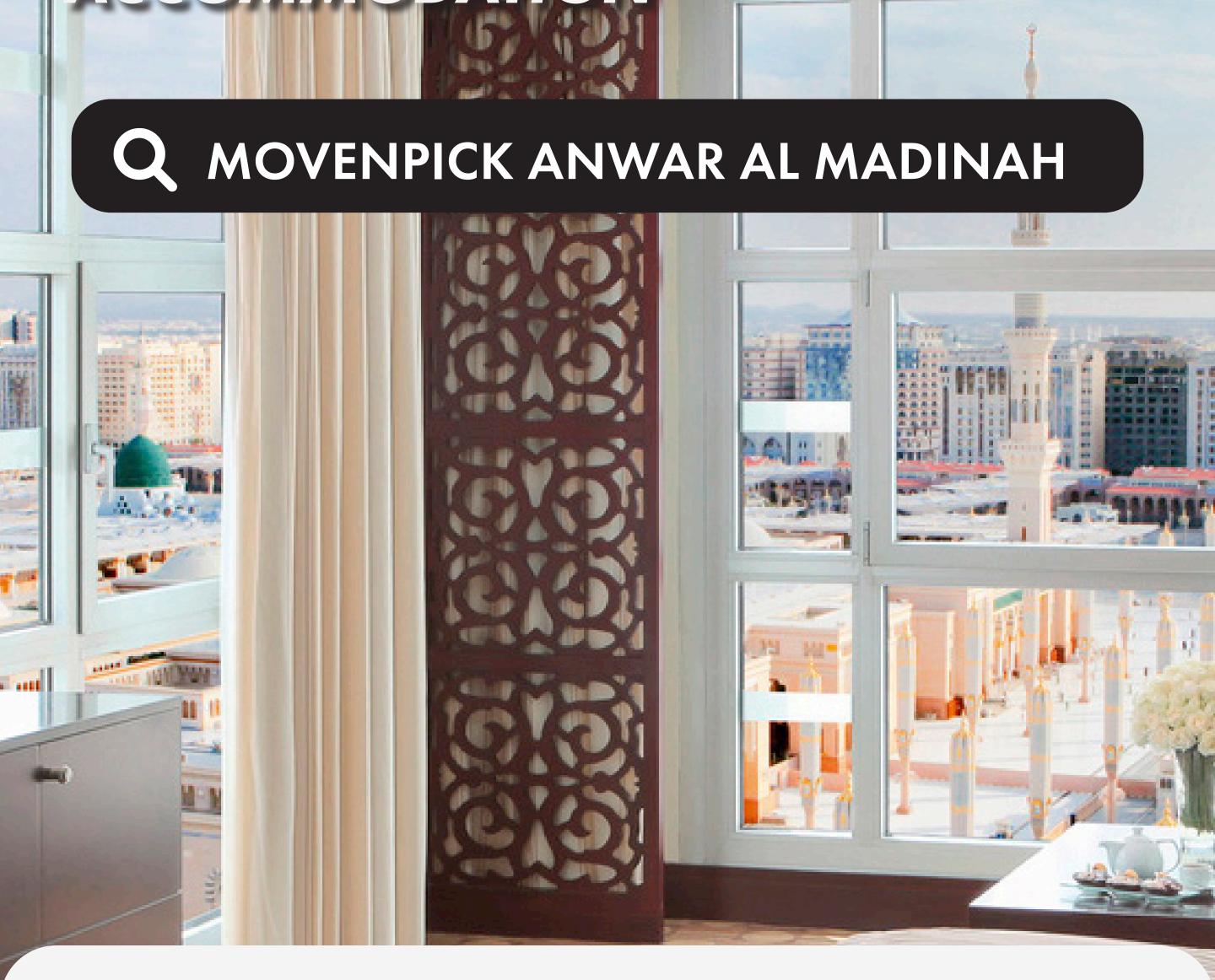
**PROFILE** 













Travellers' Choice<sup>™</sup>





Res. No: SIT-US-DEC

Check-in: Wed 20 Dec

Checkout: Sun 24 Dec

Days: 4

Rooms\*\*: Double, Triple

Quad

Type: City View

Meal: Breakfast



200M / 1-2 MINUTES WALK FROM MASJID AL-HARAM

\* \*Disclaimer: During peak seasons, hotel management may reconfigure rooms to accommodate the high influx of pilgrims. Double rooms maybe converted to triple & triple rooms maybe converted to quad by adding roll-away beds.







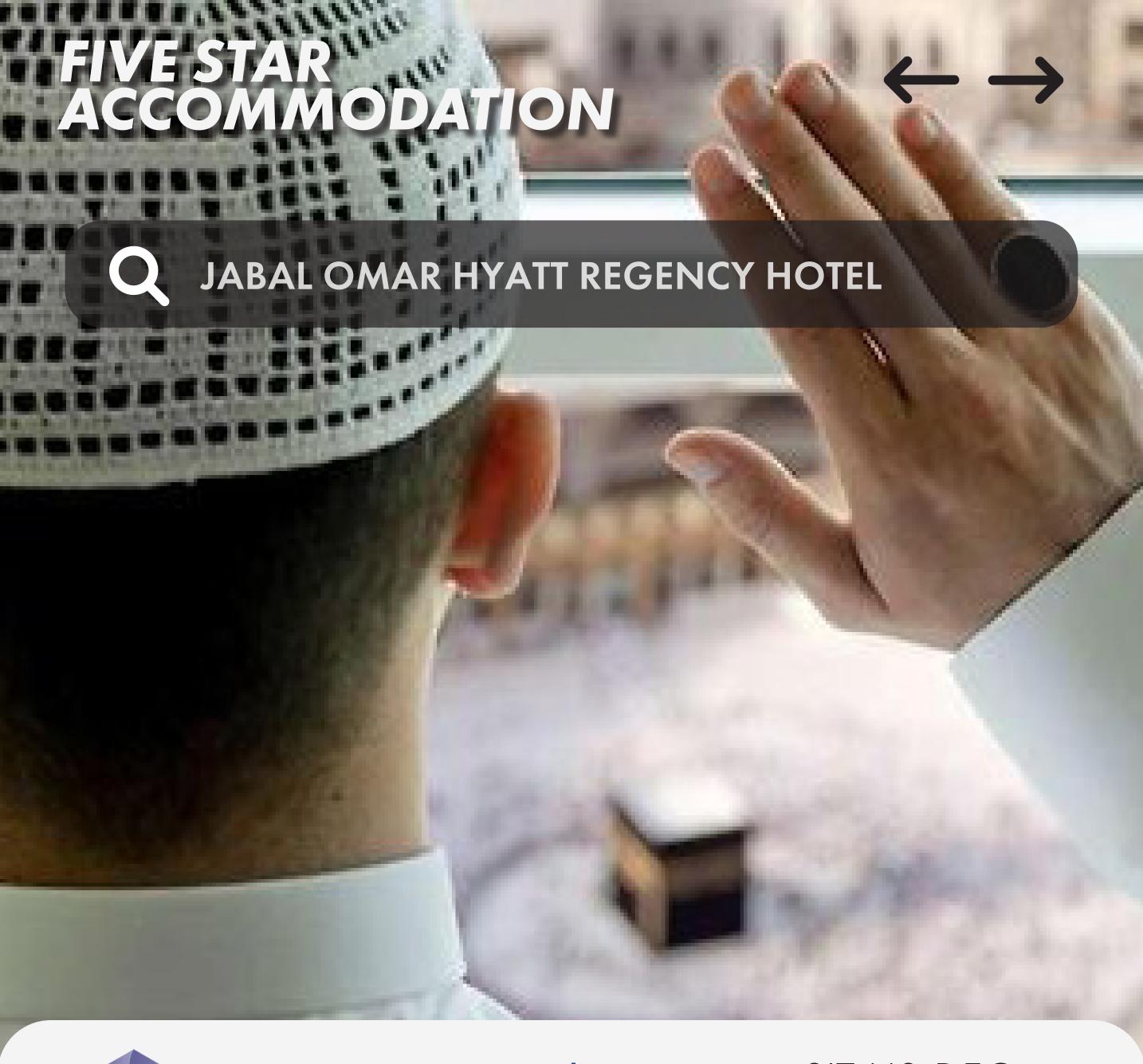






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#### UMRAH TRAVEL ITINERARY



Please note that our Umrah itineraries are subject to potential change due to circumstances beyond our control; these include but are not limited to airline schedules, hotel arrangements, and the monthly Islamic calendar. In the unlikely event of any changes to this itinerary, we shall endeavour to give you as much notice as possible, terms and conditions apply.



Day 1

TUE 19 DEC



Check-In at JFK-Terminal 1 at 08:00am.

Depart from JFK by Saudi Airlines SV022

at 11:00am.



Day 2

WED 20 DEC



Arrive at RUH at 07:00am



Depart from Riyadh by Saudi Airlines SV1461 at 01:05pm.



Arrive at Madinah at 02:45pm and collect baggage.



Clear border control



Transfer to Movenpick Anwar Al Madinah supported by the SIT liaison team.



Assisted check into 5\* Movenpick Anwar al-Madinah



Welcome and Orientation (Room Assignment)



Day 3 THU 21 DEC



Prayers at Masjid An-Nabawi



Walking tour around Masjid An- Nabawi



Day 4

FRI 22 DEC



Perform Salatul Jummah in Masjid An-Nabawi



Dhikr after Salatul Fajr\*\*\*



Ziyarah trip around Madinah\*\*\*: Visits to Masjid Quba, Masjid Al-Qiblatayn, The Seven Masaajids, Uhud etc.



Day 5

SAT 23 DEC



Prayers at Masjid An-Nabawi



Dhikr after Salatul Fajr\*\*\*



Dars on the performance of Umrah and logistics after Salatul Asr

\* \* \* if permission granted by the hotel

\* \* \* \* if permitted by the Ministry of Hajj & Umrah



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#### UMRAH TRAVEL ITINERARY





Day 6 SUN 24 DEC



Prayers in Masjid An-Nabawi



Assisted check out of 5 \* Movenpick Anwar al-Madinah at 1pm



Travel to Makkah via Haramain Speed Train



Assisted check into 5 \* Jabal Omar Hyatt Regency Makkah



Perform Umrah assisted by SIT pilgrim liaison team



Day 7 MON 25 DEC



Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram



Day at Leisure



Day 8

Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram





Ziyarah trip around Makkah: Stations of Hajj, Jabal Al-Rahma Masjid Al-Jinn, & Jannatul Ma'ala.



Performance of the 2nd Umrah (optional)



Day 09 WED 27 DEC



Prayers at Masjid Al-Haram



Send luggage to hotel lobby at 10:00pm



Leave for Jeddah Airport at 10:30pm



Day 10 THU 28 DEC



Arrive at Jeddah International Airport and complete the check-in formalities for the return to New York.



Depart from Jeddah by Saudi Airlines SVO21 at 03:25am (Non-stop Flight from JED to JFK)



Arrive at JFK at 09:00am











#### AWARD WINNING UMRAH EXPERIENCE





HAJJ & UMRAH FACILITATED FOR OVER 30,000+ PILGRIMS



OVER 28+ YEARS OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE



99% OF OUR PILGRIMS RECOMMEND US



## PRE-TRAVEL WEBINAR

Our pre-departure webinar will answer all your questions about your upcoming journey of a lifetime. This will help you prepare you for visiting the Prophet , as well as performing Umrah, and unlock valuable logistical information.



#### GROUND STAFF SUPPORT

Our multilingual, well cultured, and local Makkan and Madinan ground staff are available during the six most important days of your trip. This includes: being on-hand during airport transfers, and inter-city transfer between the haramain; assisting with hotel check-in and check-out; providing a pilgrim-first personal escorted Umrah; privately guided Ziyarah in Makkah and Madinah; and accompanied trips to shopping malls, markets, and date farms.



#### TRAVEL GOODIES

Includes an Ihram for men; a shoe bag; a copy of our best selling Hajj book; an exclusive Ottoman style Umrah certificate, a prayer mat, and a bottle of 51 Zamzam. Please note, items may vary due to seasonal availability.



#### 24/7 VIRTUAL ASSISTANCE

Round the clock support is available from our UK and USA based staff, ensuring total peace of mind throughout your visit to the blessed lands.

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# PRE TRAVEL PACKING SUGESSTIONS





PASSPORT & VISA DOCUM-ENTATION

Have a photocopy of your passport, as well as your airline ticket and visa— in BOTH digital and paper form.

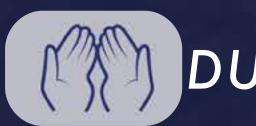


Credit cards are accepted at most merchants. Visa tends to be the preferred type of card. Your debit card can be used to withdraw money from an ATM machine if your cash runs out.



MONEY

Take a sufficient amount of money to cover your expenditure. Draw up a budget before departure. Take a minimum of about 400 SAR (about \$100), which will help you with your immediate expenses upon arrival in Saudi Arabia, until you become familiar with getting your money exchanged locally.



DU'A LIST

Make a collection of supplications you'd like to make during your Umrah, in a notepad in your native language (especially for family and friends). Feel free to use the Dua guide book that will also be provided via WhatsApp.



Although copies of the Qur'an will be available in the mosque, it's more convenient to have your own.

Supplication Prayer Book

There are many pocket-sized books which contain supplications from the Qur'an and Sunnah which can be recited throughout your journey.



### MEDICATION & TOILETRIES

Pack medications and toiletries such as—toothbrush, miswak, shampoo, soap, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, shaving equipment, deodorant, perfume, itr, sanitary pads, toiletries bag, current/regular medication, travel sickness tablets, moisturizing cream, throat lozenges and cough syrup, vaseline, anti-diarrhea medication, etc.

Please be mindful that while in a state of Ihram, scented products cannot be used - (non-scented products are permitted).



WAIST POUCH

Keep your valuables such as money, documents, debit / credit cards and keys in a good quality waist pouch.



SAUDI SIM CARD

You can purchase an international package through T-Mobile, AT&T or Verizon— which may be a bit more convenient, however, if you would like, you may purchase a Saudi SIM card upon arrival.

(Please contact your mobile carrier to inquire about international packages).

## PRE TRAVEL PACKING SUGESSTIONS



A tasbih or digital counters are very convenient.



#### SUITCASE

A good quality suitcase with a hard case and a built-in locking system is recommended.



#### IHRAM

One ihram will be provided to you complementary from Sara International Travel however, take an extra set on your own just in case of emergency need.



#### COMFORTABLE CLOTHES

For men, the Saudi Thobe/ Jubbah and the Indo-Pak Shalwar Qameez are ideal. For women, the Abaya is the best option.



#### ELECTRONICS

It is recommended to travel with a universal travel adapter, portable powerbank along with an extra phone charger.



#### PRAYER MAT

It can prove very useful during travel and can double up as a sun shield.



#### BACKPACK

pack a lightweight backpack or travelling bag for your stay and journey that you can keep necessities in like medicine, phone chargers or power banks.



#### SAFETY PINS/ CLIPS FOR IHRAM

A safety / pin clip can be used to fasten the upper garment of the Ihram so it does not fall from the shoulders.



#### SANDALS

For men, whilst in you're in Ihram, your ankles and the top part of your foot (near shoelace area) need to remain uncovered. A pair of sandals is recommended.



#### APPS

Recommended apps for the Umrah trip:

- Nusuk
- Any VPN app of your choice

#### STAFF GRATUITY



OUR MAKKAN AND MEDINAN GROUND STAFF ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR UMRAH EXPERIENCE, OFTEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO ENSURE OUR PILGRIMS HAVE A HASSLE-FREE JOURNEY TO

THE BLESSED LANDS.

As a token of appreciation, we recommend a nominal tip of \$25 (100 SAR) per pilgrim to recognise exceptional service, hospitality, and the little extras that really helped turn your pilgrimage into the trip of a lifetime.

In Saudi Arabia, tourism from Umrah and Hajj has brought about significant economic change and helped impoverished communities to improve their situation.

So, think not of this gratuity as a tip, but rather a form of sadaqa (charity) that is bequeathed in the way of Allah.



## THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A TOURIST VISA FOR UMRAH

- It is recommended pilgrims are vaccinated against Covid-19.
- Pilgrims must have a passport valid for at least 7 months or more (from date of return)

A high-resolution PDF of your passport details page must be submitted to us.

Pilgrims must submit a high resolution, recent passport size colour digital photograph

This can be a scanned copy of an actual passport picture, or a "selfie" taken against a white or grey background.



#### MAKE YOUR UMRAH 2023 BOOKING TODAY

#### Step 1 - Turn to Allah and make your intention for Umrah

Beseech Allah to accept your intentions.

#### Step 2 - Speak to one of our expert Umrah facilitators

Whether you want to book with us, or if you need help or advice, you'll find our friendly USA based team on hand to support you every step of the way.

#### Step 3 - Secure your booking with a deposit payment

Once your requirements are finalised, secure your booking via the following simple steps:

- >> Pay the deposit (cost of flights + service fee)
- >> Digitally sign the booking terms and conditions
- >>> Review and approve your booking form

All deposit payments are non-refundable as airlines operate a no refund policy for passenger related cancellations. If you are booking within 45 days of departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. See our booking terms and conditions for further details.

#### Step 4 - Start preparing for the journey of a lifetime

The road to Makkah has now begun. Learn what is required with our three-stage Umrah preparation plans.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

#### Zelle

Send Zelle payments to: 5165829233 (Sara International Travel Inc).

#### Checks

Please make all checks payable to: Sara International Travel Inc. Also, scan and send copy of the check via email to info@sarainternationaltravel.com, or via WhatsApp to +1 (516) 662-3957.

#### **Bank Transfer**

Account Name: Sara International Travel Inc.

Bank Routing Number: 021000021 Account Number: 608285166

Bank Name: JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA. Bank Address: 111-18, Liberty Ave, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419 Swift Code: CHASUS33XXX

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