

BAHJAT AL-MANĀZIL

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TITLE. CONTENTS. *Bahjat al-manāzil* 'Joy of the stages'. A full account of the author's pilgrimage between Rajab 1193/July 1779 and Rabī' II 1194/April 1780. Before the text (ff. 1b-8a) is a complete table of contents in the author's hand (stages in red).

The account begins with general notions on the condition of pilgrimage (ff. 9b-25a). After leaving Constantinople (Scutari) the road runs over Kartal, Iznik (Nicaea), Söyüt, Sidi-Ghāzi, Bulavadin, Aq-Shehir, Ilghin, Qoniya, Eregli, Ulu-qishla, Adana, Payas, Antiochia, Ḥamā, Qatifa, to Damascus, which latter town is given a full description (ff. 43b-50b).

Thence over 'Ayn Zurqā, Balqā, Ma'an, Dhāt al-ḥajj, Dār al-Hamrā, Zūmrūd-qal'asī, Wādī al-qurā to Medina, which is described on ff. 65b-107a. The road to Mekka (ff. 107a-111b); rites and conditions of the ḥajj (ff. 111b-124a); continuation of the road over Rābiḡh-'Asfān-Wādī-Faṭīma (ff. 124a-133a); description of Mekka and the Ka'ba (ff. 133a); Minā (f. 198a); Muzdalifa (f. 199a); Jabal 'Arafāt (f. 199b); return from Mekka (f. 204a); quotations from the Qor'ān on the pilgrimage (f. 294b); some legal points of the ḥajj in the form of queries and answers (ff. 207b-217a).

The original text ends on f. 217a after which (in the author's own hand) follows the Annex (*dihayl*): a table of the 265 days and 835 march hours necessary for a complete ḥajj (ff. 217b-218b); a description of Jerusalem and its sanctuaries (ff. 219b-231b); the road from Damascus to Jerusalem (f. 231b); some of the places of pilgrimage in Egypt (f. 232a); the road from Egypt to Mekka (f. 233b).

SIZE. FOLIOS. 19.9 × 13 cm.; written surface 13.7 × 7 cm.; 19 lines; 235 folios.

BINDING. Red leather, gold 3-centre design and borders, flapped. Inside, paper.

SCRIPT. PAPER. Turkish nasta'liq within gold rules. Thin, deep-cream, polished paper.

SCRIBE. DATE. The last 17 pages were written by the author himself and concluded on 20 Dhul-qa'da 1204/31 August 1790.

PROVENANCE. The author's seal on f. 239b ('O, Lord, render easy the affairs of Muḥammad Adib').

MINIATURES. ILLUMINATION. F. 9b, a narrow headpiece of gold flowers on gold, in light-blue border, this and the opposite page having a broad gold rule to script. Miniatures: of Medina—light flaming up from Muḥammad's tomb (f. 90a), Mekka (f. 176a), and Jerusalem (f. 219a), in ovals with coloured flower corner pieces on gold ground.