

Short Vacation Course 2005

In the Islamic Republic of Iran

Organized by Al-Asr London UK

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What?

- Ziyarats of Holy Shrines in Iran (Mashhad, Qum, etc.)
- One month of learning, sightseeing, and travel in Iran
- Lessons in the Religious Sciences (*Fiqh, Aka'aid, Akhlaq etc.*) taught in English by Ulema from Qum

Why?

- Experience Shi'ism as practiced in an Islamic atmosphere
- Make lifetime friendships with Shia Muslims in Iran
- Discover the rich Persian culture and values

When?

- This Summer ! (**July 24, 2005 - August 21, 2005**)

Who?

- Youths between the ages of **15 – 25** are welcome to register as soon as possible (**Deadline: June 15, 2005**)
- Madrassah students & teachers are encouraged to participate

Cost?

- US \$ 1200 plus cost of return airfare from your hometown to London UK (for non-UK residents)

Read the travelogue of SVC Alumni:

Composed by Br. Fazle Abbas Kanji http://www.coej.org/jamaats/trip_to_iran.htm

Muslim Youth Association is pleased to announce that **Al-Asr London UK** will host the 13th annual Short Vacation Course (SVC) in the Islamic Republic of Iran this summer. The cost mentioned above covers everything from transportation, accommodation, and food (3 meals per day). This is a great opportunity for Muslim Youths to experience the summer of a lifetime! If you want to visit the 8th Holy Imam [a] in Mashhad, if you have been wondering how women are really treated in the Islamic Republic, if want to visit the Hawza in Qum, if you have a thirst for knowledge and adventure, and if you also want to do some shopping ☺, then the **SVC 2005** is precisely for you...

REGISTER TODAY!!!

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Al-Asr SVC Description

The Short Vacation Course is a summer course for youth in the Islamic Republic of Iran. It was started with the objective of providing our youth with a more suitable environment to learn Islam. Our experience has shown that it is challenging to teach the truths and moral values presented by Islam living in a decaying society like the West with all its influences. Hence the **Al-Asr Organization** with the support of the Islamic Republic of Iran came up with the simple idea of taking western Shia Youths to a more healthy and Islamic environment and let them learn about their religion. By the grace of the Almighty [a], it has proven to be immensely successful.

Since 1993 the SVC has been held annually, and this year will be the 13th course we will be conducting. Over 650 youth have participated from United Kingdom, Ireland, Scotland, France, Canada and United States. Not only do the youth learn about Islam, they feel it and they live it. Many hearts are humbled at the mausoleum of Imam 'Ali ar-Ridha [a], many are moved at the shrine of Hazrat Ma'suma [a], and tears often flow at the cemetery of martyrs in Tehran. Other than the classes which are held almost everyday, and the *Ziyarats* and the sightseeing, SVC gives our youth the opportunity to meet Muslim friends from around the world. These friendships and memories last a lifetime.

Accommodation, food, transportation (within Iran) are taken care of by Al-Asr Organization, i.e. covered by the course registration fee. The group visits Mashhad, Tehran and Qum, and depending on the travel conditions, SVC also visits other places such as Neshapur, Isfahaan, Shiraz, and northern Iran near the Caspian Sea.

Hujjatul-Islam Mawlana Syed Sabzwary, the director of the Al-Asr Organization in London UK, is in charge of this caravan. He stays with the group from start to finish taking care of the participants and their needs. Other than the Iranian convoy which accompanies the group, the group is also accompanied by medical staff as well as SVC supervisors. The SVC is limited to 60 participants and will last from the end of July to the end of August. **Registration will take place on a first come first serve basis. Register early to avoid disappointment.**

For registration, please contact:

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