

Viral Middle East Holidays: Ramadan Trends, Hajj Miracles & Petra's Comeback

Middle East Holidays · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which Egyptian tourist destination saw a remarkable 33.5% increase in foreign visitors in 2025, contributing to an overall surge in Egyptian tourism?

- A) The Red Sea Riviera
- B) Aswan's Temples
- C) Archaeological sites and museums (excluding NMEC and GEM)**
- D) Alexandria's Roman Amphitheatre

2. In 2025, travel trends for Eid al-Fitr in the UAE indicated a surge in airfares and hotel costs. What was the approximate percentage increase for hotel rates during this peak travel period?

- A) 5-10%
- B) 15-20%
- C) 20-30%**
- D) 30-40%

3. The ancient city of Petra experienced a significant tourism recovery in 2025. What was the percentage increase in foreign visitors compared to 2024, according to official statistics?

- A) 27%
- B) 45%**
- C) 64%
- D) 74%

4. During Ramadan 2025, social media engagement saw a significant rise. Which platform was highlighted for its increasing activity in the UAE and KSA, with 61% of consumers planning to shop on it?

- A) X (formerly Twitter)
- B) LinkedIn
- C) Facebook and Instagram**
- D) Snapchat

5. A viral story in 2025 surrounding Hajj involved a Libyan pilgrim named Amer Al Mahdi Al-Qadhafi. What was the primary reason his story gained international attention and was considered miraculous?

- A) He found a lost artifact in Mecca.
- B) He was initially denied boarding due to his surname's association with a blacklist but eventually made the pilgrimage.**
- C) He performed a record-breaking Tawaf.
- D) He converted a prominent figure to Islam during Hajj.

6. In 2025, which fashion trend, rooted in Mughal culture and characterized by floor-skimming, loose-fitting trousers, saw a resurgence for Eid al-Fitr, offering comfort and elegance?

- A) Sharara pants
- B) Farshi Shalwar**
- C) Palazzo pants
- D) Bell-bottoms

7. The Beirut Art Days event in July 2024 aimed to celebrate unity through art. Approximately how many venues participated in this first edition, showcasing Lebanon's thriving arts scene?

- A) More than 30
- B) More than 60
- C) More than 90**
- D) More than 120

8. During Ramadan 2025, consumer behavior in Egypt showed a significant increase in charitable donations. What percentage of Egyptians planned to increase their charitable giving?

- A) 55%
- B) 61%
- C) 68%**
- D) 75%

9. The Al Dhafra Festival, held in Abu Dhabi from February 14-23, 2025, is inspired by Emirati culture. Which of these is NOT typically an event featured at this festival?

- A) Camel races and auctions
- B) Traditional markets
- C) Modern electronic music performances**
- D) Falcon competitions

10. In 2025, online sales for Eid al-Fitr were predicted to break records in the MENA region. What was the forecasted percentage increase in online sales according to experts from Flowwow and Admitad?

- A) 5%
- B) 10%**
- C) 15%
- D) 20%

11. Which city in Egypt saw an exceptional 450% surge in charter flights in 2025, emerging as a fast-growing international tourism destination?

- A) Luxor
- B) Sharm El Sheikh
- C) New Alamein City**
- D) Aswan

12. The Istanbul Culture Route Festival 2025, from September 27 to October 5, aims to immerse attendees in a cultural journey. Which of these districts was highlighted as a key cultural district for the festival, featuring street art and installations?

- A) Fatih
- B) Beyoglu**
- C) Sariyer
- D) Kadiköy

13. During Ramadan 2025, mobile usage spiked. Which category of apps saw a significant 37% increase in installs in Egypt?

- A) Gaming apps
- B) Social media apps
- C) Fintech apps**
- D) News apps

14. The Cedars International Festival in Lebanon, scheduled for July 2025, featured several artists. Which internationally renowned DJ was slated to perform on July 30th?

- A) David Guetta
- B) Black Coffee**
- C) Tiësto
- D) Armin van Buuren

15. In 2025, a viral online message falsely claimed a sponsorship program for Hajj was open. Which prominent Saudi figure was falsely associated with this purported 'Mohammed Bin Salman Free Hajj Sponsorship 2025' that was later debunked as a scam?

- A) King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
- B) Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman**
- C) Prince Turki bin Faisal Al Saud
- D) The Minister of Hajj and Umrah