

# Islam: The Three Most Important Muslim Holy Places

1 The Ka'aba is a cube-shaped building in the city of Mecca, reputedly built by the Prophet Abraham. It contains the Black Stone, which is believed to have been given by the Angel Gabriel to Abraham and which pilgrims come to kiss on the Hajj, the pilgrimage that Muslims are expected to make, if they have enough money and the health to undertake it, at least once in their lives (10 percent achieve it). The Ka'aba is the holiest place

in the holiest city as Mecca is where Muhammad was born  
2 Medina is the second most holy city of Islam as it is where Muhammad lived for many years and is buried. The Prophet's Mosque contains his tomb and is the site of the first mosque

3 Jerusalem: The Dome of the Rock was built 685–691 as a shrine for pilgrims on the place from where Muhammad ascended to heaven

