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Mecca



Those who have performed the <u>Umrah</u> or <u>Hajj pilgrimages</u> are likely to have noticed the coolness of the surface area. Some suspect the coolness of the floor at Mecca stems from a series of cold water pipes beneath the surface. Not true according to the office of the General Presidency for the Affairs of the Two Holy Mosques. Temperatures during Saudi Arabia's summer are searing!

Yet the floor is cool to the touch!

If it is not the cold water pipes,
what keeps the floors cool?

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There is an explanation for the cool surface at Mecca in the Grand Mosque and around the Holy Kaaba during the day time. For the flooring at Mecca, Saudi Arabia imports from Greece a rare material called: <u>Thassos marble</u>. Reflective properties of the rare Thassos marble is what actually keep the surface of the flooring cool in spite of the searing Saudi heat during the day.



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