

SUNNATS OF THE HAIR

1. The length of the hair of Rasulallah (ﷺ) reached up to the middle of the ear. According to another narration the hair reached up to the ear and yet, in another narration it is mentioned that it reached up to the ear-lobes. There are also narrations where it is mentioned that the hair was close to the ear-lobes. (Shamaile Tirmidhi)
2. To keep all the hair upto the ear -lobes or a little lower is Sunnat. Similarly to shave all the hair off is also Sunnat. If a person wishes to trim his hair , then it should be trimmed equally on all sides. To keep the front hair of the head long while shortening the back of it, which is known as the “English hair” (Square cut- translator), is not permissible. Similarly to shave part of the head while leaving the rest is not permissible. May Allah Ta’ala protect every Muslim from this. (Behishti Zewar- Vol. 11, pg. 115)
3. The command to grow the beard and trim the moustache has been recorded in the Hadith. (Bukhari, Muslim). To trim the beard less than the length of one fist or to shave it off is declared haraam. (Behishti Zewar- Vol. 11, pg. 115) May Allah Ta’ala protect every Muslim from this. It is Waajib (compulsory) to keep the beard one fist length, and the length of one fist is established from the Sunnat. (Bukhari- Vol. 2, pg. 875)
4. It is Sunnat to trim the moustache as finely as possible. There are severe warnings in the Ahadith for eeping very long moustaches. (Aujazul-Masalik, Vol. 14)
5. The hair below the navel, armpits, the moustaches,as well as the nails should be cut and kept clean. It is sinful to allow 40 days to pass without doing so. (Behishti Zewar- Vol. 11, pg. 116)
6. To wash the hair, oil it and comb it is Sunnat, but a few days should be skipped in -between, if there is no necessity. (Mishkaat, Bazlul Majhood, commentary of Abu Dawood)
7. When combing the hair start from the right hand side. (Bukhari- pg. 61)
8. When combing one’s hair or whenever the need arises to look into the mirror recite the following Dua:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ حَسَّنْتَ خَلْقِي فَحَسِّنْ خُلُقِي (Hisne Haseen)

Trans: O Allah, as You have beautified by external form, so make my character beautiful as well.