

Flights to Jeddah from UK - Airlines, Routes & Cheap Flight Tips

Flights to Jeddah from UK compared. Direct routes from London, Manchester & Birmingham. Flight times, airline reviews, cheap booking tips & Umrah flight advice.

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Flights to Jeddah from UK are available direct from London, Manchester, and Birmingham, or with one stop from almost any major UK airport. The fastest route is London Heathrow to Jeddah, which takes about 6 hours 15 minutes on Saudia or British Airways.

Off-peak return fares can start at around £250 to £300. In Ramadan or close to Hajj, that can jump to £600, £900, or more. So timing matters a lot.

We've booked these routes for families, couples, and solo pilgrims across the UK for years. And the same questions always come up. Which airline is best? Is direct worth paying more for? Should you land in Jeddah or Madinah first? We'll break it all down in plain English. If you also need help after landing, our [Jeddah airport to Makkah guide](#) will help with the next step.

If you'd rather keep things simple, our team can also arrange [Umrah packages UK](#) with flights, hotels, and ground travel included. That saves a lot of back and forth.



Flights to Jeddah from UK Airlines Umrah

Flight Time to Jeddah from UK - Every Airport

Let's start with the quick answer.

If speed is your top concern, direct wins every time. London is the fastest. Manchester and Birmingham are close behind.

UK Airport	Direct Flight Time	1-Stop Flight Time	Direct Airline(s)
London Heathrow (LHR)	6h 15min	9-12 hours	Saudia, British Airways
Manchester (MAN)	6h 30min	9-12 hours	Saudia
Birmingham (BHX)	6h 15min	9-13 hours	Saudia

UK Airport	Direct Flight Time	1-Stop Flight Time	Direct Airline(s)
Edinburgh (EDI)	No direct	9-13 hours	Connect via London, Istanbul, or Dubai
Glasgow (GLA)	No direct	9-13 hours	Connect via London, Istanbul, or Dubai
Gatwick (LGW)	No direct	9-12 hours	Connect via Istanbul, Dubai, or Doha

The fastest route is Heathrow to Jeddah. It's about 6 hours 15 minutes. That's the one many of our London clients choose.

Now, here's the thing. A one-stop flight may look much cheaper at first. But once you add a long layover, tired children, or late-night transfers, the saving can feel a lot smaller. That's why we usually tell older pilgrims and families to choose direct if they can.

If you're still deciding when to travel, our [best time to perform Umrah 2026](#) guide can help you avoid the busiest and most expensive periods.

London to Jeddah Flights - Direct Routes, Airlines & Prices

London has the most choice.

And that's good news. If you're based in London, Luton, Slough, East London, Croydon, or nearby, Heathrow is usually your best starting point.

Airline	Airport	Frequency	Departure	Flight Time	Price Range (Return)
Saudia	Heathrow T4	1-2 daily	About 14:40 / 22:10	6h 10-15min	£260-£450
British Airways	Heathrow T5	1 daily	About 22:30	6h 15min	£350-£550

There are no regular direct flights from Gatwick, Stansted, or Luton to Jeddah. So if you don't want Heathrow, you'll need a stop. Most common routes connect through Istanbul, Dubai, or Doha.

For London pilgrims, Saudia is often the best mix of speed and price. It's direct. It's usually cheaper than BA. And it tends to suit Umrah travellers better.

British Airways is still a solid option. The service is usually dependable, and some travellers prefer Terminal 5, lounge access, or Avios points. But BA economy baggage can be less generous than Saudia, and that's a real factor when you're packing for two holy cities.

We've also found that Turkish Airlines can be one of the cheapest one-stop options from London. It often undercuts direct fares by £50 to £100. But you need to be happy with a longer total trip.

So what do we recommend? For most people, Saudia from Heathrow. For comfort loyalists, BA. For strict budget travellers, Turkish Airlines via Istanbul.

Direct Flights to Jeddah from UK Route Map London Manchester Birmingham

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If you're flying from the capital and want the wider trip planned too, see our [Umrah Packages from London 2026 - Flights, Hotels Near Haram & Visa](#) page for route ideas and package options.

Manchester to Jeddah Flights - Direct Route & Best Options

Manchester is a strong option.

In fact, many northern families prefer it over travelling down to Heathrow. It saves time, train fares, and a lot of stress.

Airline	Type	Frequency	Flight Time	Price Range (Return)
Saudia	Direct	6-7x/week	6h 30min	£280-£500
Turkish Airlines	1-stop via Istanbul	Daily	9-11 hours	£220-£400
Emirates	1-stop via Dubai	Daily	10-12 hours	£350-£550
Qatar Airways	1-stop via Doha	Daily	10-12 hours	£300-£500

Airline	Type	Frequency	Flight Time	Price Range (Return)
EgyptAir	1-stop via Cairo	Several/week	9-11 hours	£200-£350

Yes, there are direct flights from Manchester to Jeddah. Saudia usually operates this route 6 to 7 times a week. Flight time is about 6 hours 30 minutes.

That's why this route is so popular. You can leave from the North West and land in Jeddah without dragging the family through a stopover.

To be honest, we tell most Manchester clients to choose Saudia direct unless the price gap is huge. Saving £60 sounds nice. But losing four more hours, changing terminals, and managing hand luggage in transit isn't always worth it.

That said, EgyptAir and Turkish Airlines can work well for budget travellers. Turkish tends to offer a smoother transit. EgyptAir can be cheaper, but aircraft quality and connection times can vary.

If you're based in Oldham, Bolton, Blackburn, Leeds, or Sheffield, Manchester can still be easier than London. That's one reason our [Umrah packages from Manchester](#) remain one of our most requested options. You can also read our route-specific guide here: [Best Umrah Packages from Manchester 2026: Deals & Planning Guide](#).

Birmingham to Jeddah Flights - Direct Route & Alternatives

Birmingham works well too.

And for many Midlands families, it's the sweet spot. Less hectic than Heathrow. Easier parking. Shorter check-in queues on many days.

Airline	Type	Frequency	Flight Time	Price Range (Return)
Saudia	Direct	About 3x/week	6h 15min	£280-£500
Turkish Airlines	1-stop via Istanbul	Daily	9-13 hours	£220-£400
Qatar Airways	1-stop via Doha	Daily	10-12 hours	£300-£500

Saudia offers direct Birmingham to Jeddah flights on selected days each week. The direct journey is about 6 hours 15 minutes. That's excellent for pilgrims who want a simple trip.

If the direct day doesn't fit your plan, Turkish Airlines is often the best backup. It's usually cheaper than Qatar and can be easier on the wallet. But it does add hours.

One common mistake we see is people picking the cheapest fare first, then realising the layover is six hours overnight. That's hard enough for one person. With children or older parents, it's much harder.

So if your dates are flexible, pick a direct Saudia departure day. It usually gives the best overall value, not just the lowest headline fare.

If you're travelling from the Midlands, our [Umrah packages from Birmingham](#) page is worth a look. We also break down city-specific planning in [Umrah Packages Birmingham 2026: Best Deals, Flights, Hotels & Complete Planning Guide](#).



Saudia Airlines UK Flights to Jeddah Direct

Edinburgh & Glasgow to Jeddah - Best Connecting Routes

Scotland needs a stop.

There are no regular direct flights from Edinburgh or Glasgow to Jeddah at the moment. So you'll need to connect through London, Istanbul, Dubai, or sometimes Doha.

Route Option	Airlines	Via	Total Time	Price (Return)
Edinburgh to London to Jeddah	BA + Saudia or BA	London Heathrow	9-11 hours	£300-£550
Edinburgh to Istanbul to Jeddah	Turkish Airlines	Istanbul	10-12 hours	£250-£450
Edinburgh to Dubai to Jeddah	Emirates	Dubai	12-14 hours	£350-£550
Glasgow to Istanbul to Jeddah	Turkish Airlines	Istanbul	10-12 hours	£250-£450

For Scottish pilgrims, Turkish Airlines is often the best value. Heathrow connections can be faster in some cases, but they also bring the risk of tighter transfers and more moving parts.

Our advice is simple. If you're travelling with elderly parents, choose the smoothest route, not just the cheapest. A slightly higher fare can save a lot of strain.

If you want flight-inclusive help from Scotland, see our [Umrah packages from Edinburgh](#) and [Umrah Packages from Glasgow 2026 - Flights, Hotels Near Haram & Visa](#) pages.

Jeddah or Madinah Airport - Which Should You Fly Into?

This choice matters.

And booking tools rarely explain it well. They show prices. They don't tell you what makes sense for your Umrah trip.

Factor	Fly to Jeddah (JED)	Fly to Madinah (MED)
Nearest city	Makkah, about 80km away	Madinah city centre

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Best for	Makkah-first Umrah plan	Madinah-first plan
Direct flights from UK	Yes	Limited but available on some routes
Airport size	Large and modern	Smaller and easier
More flight options	Yes	No
Usually cheaper	Yes	Sometimes higher

Most UK pilgrims fly into Jeddah first. It's closer to Makkah. It usually has more flight choice. And it often costs less.

There is no airport in Makkah. That's a key point. The nearest main airport to Makkah is King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah, which is about 80km away.

But Madinah can still be a smart choice. Some pilgrims love starting in the calm of Masjid Nabawi, then moving to Makkah later. That route feels gentler for many people. Especially first-timers.

We often arrange open-jaw trips too. That means you arrive in one city and leave from the other. For example, land in Madinah and return from Jeddah. Sometimes it's more practical. Sometimes it's even cheaper.

If you're planning that part next, our guides on [Makkah to Madinah - Complete Distance and Haramain High Speed Railway Guide for UK Pilgrims](#) and [15 Best Places to Visit in Madinah - Complete Ziyarat & Sightseeing](#) will help.

Best Airlines for Umrah - Reviewed for UK Pilgrims

Not all airlines feel the same.

And for Umrah, the small details matter. Baggage. Prayer comfort. Transit ease. How staff react when you're in Ihram (the white cloth worn during Umrah). It all counts.

Airline	Our Rating	Direct from UK	Baggage	Umrah-Friendly	Price Range
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Saudia	★★★★	Yes	2x23kg + Zamzam	Very good	£260–£500
British Airways	★★★★	Yes, from LHR	1x23kg in economy	Good	£350–£550
Turkish Airlines	★★★★	No, 1-stop	2x23kg	Good	£200–£400
Emirates	★★★★★	No, 1-stop	2x23kg	Very good	£350–£600
Qatar Airways	★★★★★	No, 1-stop	2x23kg	Very good	£300–£550
EgyptAir	★★★	No, 1-stop	2x23kg	Decent	£200–£350

Why Saudia often comes first for Umrah:

- Direct flights from Heathrow, Manchester, and Birmingham
- Usually 2 checked bags of 23kg each in economy
- Zamzam allowance on return on many fares
- Halal meals as standard
- Cabin crew are used to pilgrims travelling in Ihram
- Arrival into Jeddah Terminal 1, which many Umrah travellers use

Our groups often fly Saudia when possible. It's not perfect. Customer service can be mixed at times. But for Umrah, it usually makes the most sense.

British Airways is best for travellers who want a more familiar UK airline setup. Turkish is great for value. Emirates and Qatar are excellent if comfort matters more than speed. EgyptAir is often the low-cost compromise.

If you need help with what to wear before boarding, read [What to Wear for Umrah – Complete Guide](#) [Ihram for Men & Women](#) and our full [Ihram Rules for Umrah and Hajj - Complete Guide for Men and Women](#).

Cheap Flights to Jeddah - How to Get the Best Price from UK

This is where people save money.

And yes, there are patterns. We've watched fares for years, and some booking habits work much better than others.

Timing	Return Price (Approx)	Example
Off-peak	£250-£350	March, June, September, November
Standard	£350-£500	Most of the year
Peak Ramadan	£600-£900+	High demand dates
Hajj season	£800-£1,200+	Most expensive period
School holidays	£450-£650	Easter, October half-term, Christmas

Prices above reflect typical market checks as of mid-2026. They move fast. So always recheck before you book.

1. **Book 6 to 8 weeks early.** That's often the sweet spot.
2. **Avoid Ramadan and Hajj if price matters.** Fares can double or even triple.
3. **Fly midweek.** Tuesday and Wednesday are often cheaper.
4. **Check one-stop options.** Turkish Airlines via Istanbul is often cheaper than direct.
5. **Be flexible with airports.** Heathrow may beat Manchester one week, then reverse the next.
6. **Try open-jaw tickets.** Arrive in Jeddah and leave from Madinah, or the other way round.
7. **Compare total value.** A cheap fare with poor baggage can cost more in the end.

Look, this is the part many people miss. A flight that is £40 cheaper but includes less baggage, a bad layover, and no good return time isn't really cheaper. Not once you add everything up.

Also think about your full Umrah budget, not just airfare. Our [How Much Does Umrah Cost from UK? Complete Price Breakdown for 2026](#) guide breaks that down clearly, and our [Cheap Umrah Packages UK: How to Book Including Flights & Save Thousands in 2026](#) article shows where real savings usually come

from.



Cheap Flights to Jeddah from UK Price Comparison

Direct Flights to Jeddah from UK - Complete List

Here is the full list.

Only three UK airports currently offer regular direct flights to Jeddah.

UK Airport	Airline	Frequency	Flight Time
London Heathrow	Saudia	1-2 daily	6h 10-15min
London Heathrow	British Airways	1 daily	6h 15min
Manchester	Saudia	6-7x/week	6h 30min
Birmingham	Saudia	About 3x/week	6h 15min
Edinburgh	None	-	-
Glasgow	None	-	-

UK Airport	Airline	Frequency	Flight Time
Gatwick	None	-	-
Stansted	None	-	-
Luton	None	-	-

So if you want the shortest trip, choose Heathrow, Manchester, or Birmingham. Everyone else will need a stop.

For many UK Muslims, that simple fact shapes the whole plan. It can affect when you leave home, how much baggage you take, and whether you go straight to Makkah or rest first.

If this is your first trip, our [Planning Umrah? Read This Complete Umrah Guide Before Booking Your Trip](#) and [How to Perform Umrah Step by Step - The Complete Guide for UK Pilgrims](#) are a good next read.

Practical Umrah flight tips most people only learn later

These tips help a lot.

And they come from real trips, not theory. We've seen what makes journeys smoother and what causes stress.

- **Keep one change of clothes in hand luggage.** Delays happen.
- **If you're entering Ihram before the miqat, plan that early.** Don't leave it to a cramped airport loo.
- **Carry basic medicine in your hand bag.** Especially for children and older travellers.
- **Print hotel details.** Your phone battery may die after landing.
- **Know your arrival plan from Jeddah.** Taxi, private transfer, or coach should be sorted before you land.
- **Have some Saudi riyals ready.** Small cash still helps in some situations.

For currency planning, our [Saudi Arabia Currency Guide for UK Pilgrims – SAR to GBP Exchange Rates](#) is useful. And if you're picking hotels near the Haram, these guides help too: [Best Hotels Near Haram Makkah – Complete Guide for Umrah Pilgrims](#) and [Best Hotels Near Masjid Nabawi Madinah – Complete Guide for Umrah Pilgrims](#).

For official UK travel advice, it's also wise to check [Saudi Arabia travel advice on GOV.UK](#) before you fly.



Jeddah or Madinah Airport Umrah Which Airport Fly Into

Frequently Asked Questions - Flights to Jeddah from UK

We get asked these a lot.

How long is the flight from London to Jeddah?

A direct flight from London Heathrow to Jeddah takes about 6 hours 15 minutes. One-stop flights usually take 9 to 12 hours in total. The exact time depends on the stop and layover length.

Which airlines fly direct from UK to Jeddah?

Saudia flies direct from London Heathrow, Manchester, and Birmingham. British Airways flies direct from London Heathrow only. At the time of writing, there are no regular direct flights from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Gatwick, Stansted, or Luton.

How much is a return flight from UK to Jeddah?

Off-peak return fares can start from around £250 to £300. A more typical fare is £350 to £500. In Ramadan and Hajj season, prices often rise to £600 to £900 or more.

Are there direct flights to Jeddah from UK cities outside London?

Yes. Manchester and Birmingham both have direct Saudia flights to Jeddah. That's a big help for pilgrims outside the South East.

What is the cheapest way to book flights to Jeddah from UK?

Book around 6 to 8 weeks ahead if you can. Travel midweek, avoid peak Islamic seasons, and compare one-stop routes as well as direct ones. Turkish Airlines often gives good value on this route.

Should I fly to Jeddah or Madinah for Umrah?

Most pilgrims choose Jeddah because it is the nearest main airport to Makkah. Madinah is a good choice if you want to visit Masjid Nabawi first. Both can work, but your itinerary should decide the airport.

What is the nearest airport to Makkah?

The nearest main airport to Makkah is King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah. It is about 80km away. The drive usually takes around one hour, depending on traffic and your transfer type.

Can I wear Ihram on the flight to Jeddah?

Yes, you can. Many pilgrims put on Ihram before boarding or at the airport. Saudia staff are very used to this, so it tends to feel straightforward.

How much baggage can I take on flights to Jeddah?

It depends on the airline and fare. Saudia often includes 2 checked bags of 23kg each in economy, while British Airways economy is often 1 checked bag of 23kg. Always check the exact fare rules before payment.

When are flights to Jeddah cheapest?

The cheapest months are often outside Ramadan, Hajj, and UK school holidays. March, June, September, and November are often better value. Midweek departures also tend to be cheaper than Friday or Sunday flights.

Final thoughts

So, what's the bottom line?

Flights to Jeddah from UK are simple enough once you know the route options. Heathrow gives the most choice. Manchester and Birmingham are excellent direct options. Scotland usually means a stop.

If you want the easiest Umrah journey, direct is usually worth it. If price matters most, one-stop routes can save money. It really depends on your group, your budget, and how much travel stress you want to avoid.

And if you'd rather not piece it all together yourself, browse our [Umrah packages](#) or [get a free Umrah quote](#). We can sort the flights, hotels, and transport in one go. Simple. And much less hassle.

Helpful next steps for UK pilgrims

If you want to turn this advice into a clear plan, the pages below will help you go one step further. They cover the wider rules, package choices, checklists, and practical travel points that usually come up after you finish a guide like this one.

- [Hajj Packages UK 2026](#) This pillar page gives you the full background, key rules, and step-by-step context around this topic. It is the best place to go if you want the bigger picture before you make any travel decisions. It is especially helpful if you are looking for hajj packages uk.
- [Birmingham 4 Star Non-Shifting Hajj Hajj Package from UK](#) This page is useful when you want real options, package details, hotel information, and practical UK departure planning. It helps you compare what is available instead of staying at the research stage.
- [Umrah Packages UK from London: Cheap & Best Umrah Packages 2026](#) This supporting guide answers a closely related question and adds more detail, examples, or travel tips. It works well as your next read if you want a narrower answer after this main article. It is especially helpful if you are looking for Discover the best Umrah packages UK from London for 2026. Compare cheap, 7-day

& 14-day Umrah packages with flights, hotels & visa included.

- [Best Ramadan Umrah Packages UK 2026: Full Month vs Last 10 Nights](#) This supporting guide answers a closely related question and adds more detail, examples, or travel tips. It works well as your next read if you want a narrower answer after this main article. It is especially helpful if you are looking for Discover the best Ramadan Umrah Packages UK 2026. Compare full month vs last 10 nights, prices, and travel tips for UK pilgrims.
- [Birmingham 4 Star Shifting Hajj Hajj Package from UK](#) This page is useful when you want real options, package details, hotel information, and practical UK departure planning. It helps you compare what is available instead of staying at the research stage.
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Reading a few of these pages together will give you a fuller view than relying on one article alone. That matters even more when you are comparing routes, costs, rituals, and timing from the UK.