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Makkah weather guide for UK Umrah pilgrims. Monthly temperatures, best time to visit, what to wear, Madinah comparison & tips for dealing with the heat.

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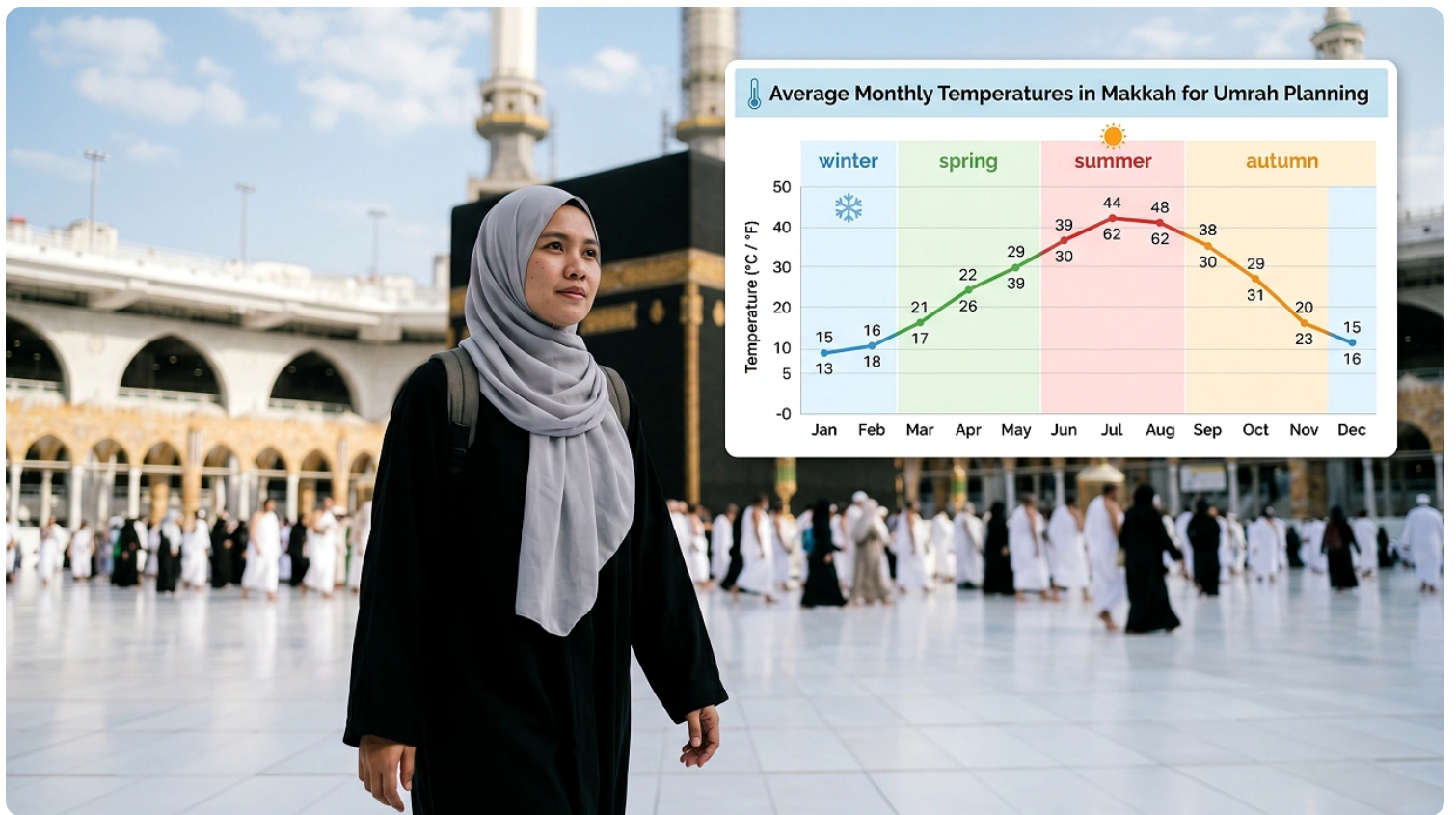
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Makkah weather is hot all year, but not all heat feels the same. There's a huge gap between a pleasant 32°C in December and a draining 44°C in July. And when you're doing Tawaf, walking to the Haram, or heading out for Fajr, that gap matters more than most people expect.

We've planned Umrah trips for families, couples and elders from London, Birmingham, Manchester and across the UK. And this comes up all the time. People ask us, "Will it be too hot when we go?" The honest answer is: it depends on the month, your health, and how well you prepare.

In this guide, we'll break down Makkah month by month, compare it with Madinah, and help you decide the best time to travel. If you'd like help after reading, you can also browse our [seasonal Umrah packages](#) and speak to our team.



Makkah Weather Month by Month Temperature Chart Near Masjid Al Haram

Makkah Weather Month by Month - Complete Temperature Guide

Let's start with the quick view.

If you're comparing months, this is the table most readers need first. We've kept it simple, because when you're planning Umrah, clear beats clever every time.

Month	Avg High	Avg Low	Rain	Crowd Level	Our Verdict
January	31°C	19°C	Rare	Medium	Excellent — coolest month
February	33°C	20°C	Rare	Medium	Excellent — comfortable
March	36°C	22°C	Very rare	Medium-High	Good — warming up
April	39°C	24°C	Very rare	Medium	Hot but manageable
May	42°C	26°C	None	Low	Very hot — early mornings best

Month	Avg High	Avg Low	Rain	Crowd Level	Our Verdict
June	44°C	28°C	None	Low	Extreme heat
July	44°C	29°C	None	Low	Hottest — avoid if possible
August	44°C	29°C	None	Low	Hottest — avoid if possible
September	42°C	27°C	Rare	Low-Medium	Still very hot
October	39°C	25°C	Rare	Medium	Cooling down — manageable
November	35°C	22°C	Rare	Medium-High	Good — pleasant
December	32°C	20°C	Rare	High	Excellent — best weather

For UK travellers, here's the easiest way to picture it:

- **December and January in Makkah** feel like a very hot UK summer day, but drier.
- **Makkah weather April** is already hotter than almost anything the UK gets.
- **July and August** are not just hot. They can be harsh.

And that's the key point. The UK rarely goes above 30°C for long. Makkah can sit above 40°C for weeks. So if you're booking for children, older parents, or anyone with health concerns, month choice matters a lot. If you're still deciding, our guide on the [best time to perform Umrah](#) is worth reading too.

Best Time to Visit Makkah for Umrah - Weather Guide

This part is simple.

If weather is your main concern, the best time to visit Makkah for Umrah is from **November to February**. These months bring the most comfortable mix of warm days, easier walking, and better nights for worship.

Season	Months	Temperature	Our Rating
Best	November - February	31-35°C	★★★★★ Most comfortable
Good	March, October	36-39°C	★★★★ Warm but manageable

Season	Months	Temperature	Our Rating
Hot	April, May, September	39–42°C	★★★ Doable with care
Extreme	June, July, August	44°C+	★★ Very challenging

Now, here's the thing. The best weather doesn't always mean the best overall time for you. School holidays, work leave, cost, and Ramadan all affect the choice.

Spiritually, many people still prefer Ramadan. That's understandable. But if Ramadan falls in a hotter period, you'll need to prepare well. Our [Ramadan Umrah guide](#) explains that side in more detail.

If you're flexible, winter is easiest. If budget matters most, hotter months can be cheaper. We often see lower prices in late spring and summer, especially on some [10 days 3 star Umrah package](#) options and off-peak deals. You can also compare wider options on our [Umrah Packages UK 2026](#) page.

Makkah Weather by Season - What to Expect Each Month

Here's the fuller picture.

Instead of repeating the same advice twelve times, we've grouped the year into seasons. It's easier to use when you're planning.

Makkah Weather in Winter (November - February)

This is the sweet spot.

Makkah weather November, December, January and February is the most comfortable for most UK pilgrims. Daytime highs sit around 31°C to 35°C, and evenings feel much easier for Tawaf, Sa'i and walking back to your hotel.

Makkah weather December is one of the best times to go. Days are warm, not cold. Nights are cooler, but still mild by UK standards. **Makkah weather February** is also a strong choice, with pleasant days and very little rain.

What does winter in Makkah feel like? To be honest, it feels more like a British heatwave than winter. But it's a dry heat. That helps.

- Best for older pilgrims

- Best for families with young children
- Best for more outdoor worship
- Best for first-time Umrah travellers

One common mistake we see is people packing as if "winter" means cool all day. It doesn't. You'll still want light clothes, sandals, sunglasses and sun cream. For more on clothing and basics, see our [Umrah packing list](#).

Makkah Weather in Spring (March - April)

This is the changeover.

March is still manageable. April gets much hotter. And yes, **Makkah weather April** catches some people out because they assume spring means mild. It doesn't.

Average highs reach about 39°C in April. That's serious heat for anyone coming from the UK. You can still do Umrah well. But you need better timing.

We usually advise clients travelling in April to:

- do Tawaf later in the evening
- rest in the hotel after Dhuhr
- keep a refillable bottle with them
- avoid long walks in midday sun



What Makkah Weather Looks Like in Spring with Pilgrims Using Shade Near the Haram

If you're landing via Jeddah, remember the heat starts there too. Jeddah is often more humid. Our [Jeddah airport to Makkah guide](#) can help you plan that first leg well.

Makkah Weather in Summer (May - August)

This is the hard season.

From May onward, heat becomes a real test. June, July and August often reach 44°C in the day. Outdoor surfaces can feel even hotter. The marble around the Haram reflects heat strongly. So does the sun off nearby buildings.

And yes, people still go. Many do well. But summer Umrah needs a different pace.

In our experience, the people who cope best in summer are the ones who accept that they can't move as they would in winter. They slow down. They plan around prayer times. They rest more. They drink more. They don't try to do everything at noon.

Night helps. A lot.

After Isha, conditions are usually far better. Not cool, of course. But easier. We've had clients tell us their whole trip changed once they switched from daytime walking to late-evening worship.

- Do outdoor Tawaf at night if possible
- Use covered routes where you can
- Take breaks in air-conditioned areas
- Carry electrolyte sachets, not just plain water

If you're trying to balance cost and comfort, you may want to compare deals on our [5 Star Umrah Packages](#) or [3 Star Umrah Packages](#). Better hotel distance can make a huge difference in summer, because a short walk to the Haram matters more in 44°C heat.

Makkah Weather in Autumn (September - October)

Still hot. But easing.

Makkah weather September is still very warm, with highs around 42°C. October improves, but it can still feel intense in the afternoon. So don't think of autumn as cool weather. Think of it as slightly less punishing than peak summer.

October is often a decent middle ground. Heat is still there, but evenings start to feel more comfortable. If you can't travel in winter, late October can work well for many people.

And if you're choosing between dates, our [how much does Umrah cost from UK](#) guide explains how month and season affect price too.

Madinah Weather vs Makkah - What's the Difference?

This surprises many people.

Madinah weather is often cooler than Makkah, especially in winter and at night. So if your package includes both cities, don't assume they'll feel the same.

Month	Makkah High	Madinah High	Makkah Low	Madinah Low	Difference
January	31°C	24°C	19°C	12°C	Madinah much cooler
April	39°C	34°C	24°C	20°C	Madinah cooler
July	44°C	44°C	29°C	29°C	Almost the same

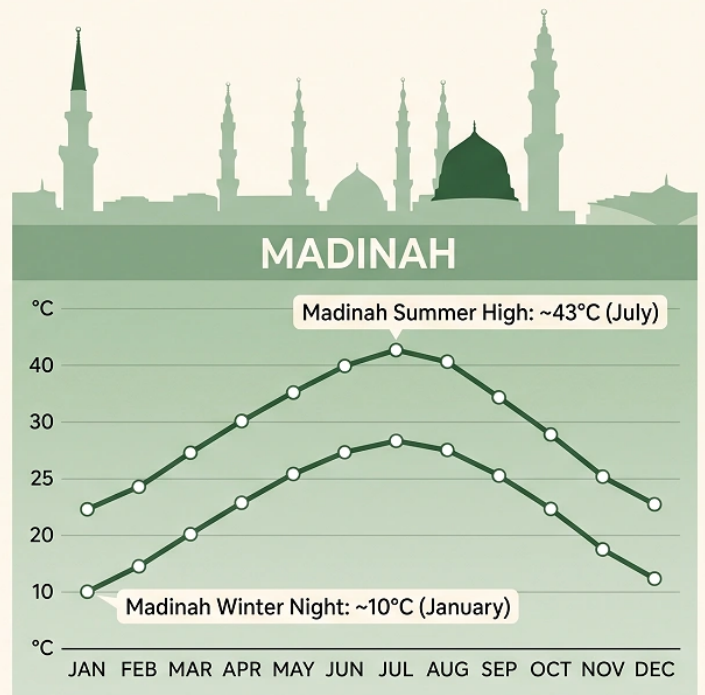
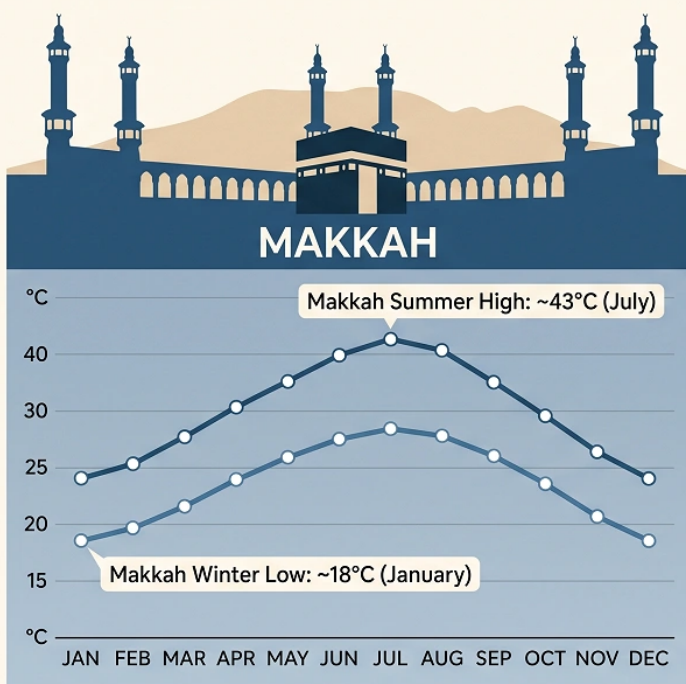
Month	MakkahHigh	MadinahHigh	MakkahLow	MadinahLow	Difference
October	39°C	36°C	25°C	22°C	Madinah slightly cooler
December	32°C	25°C	20°C	13°C	Madinah clearly cooler

The biggest difference shows in winter. In December and January, Madinah evenings can feel genuinely cool, especially at Fajr near Masjid Nabawi. We've had clients from the UK say they didn't expect to need a light jacket there, but they were glad they packed one.

In summer, though, both cities are tough. No real shortcut there.

If you're staying in Madinah too, our guides to [hotels near Masjid Nabawi](#) and [places to visit in Madinah](#) can help you plan better. And if you're moving between the two cities, the [Haramain high speed railway](#) is often the easiest option.

CLIMATE COMPARISON: MAKKAH & MADINAH



Madinah Weather Vs Makkah Weather Comparison for Umrah Pilgrims

What to Wear in Makkah - Clothing Guide by Temperature

Pack light. But pack smart.

What you wear won't change the temperature, of course. But it can make your trip far more comfortable.

Season	Men (Outside Ihram)	Women	Ihram Tips
Winter (Nov–Feb)	Light trousers and shirt, thin layer for night	Light abaya and scarf, cardigan for evenings	Standard Ihram is usually fine
Spring (Mar–Apr)	Very light cotton clothes	Breathable abaya, lighter colours help	Lightweight Ihram works better
Summer (May–Aug)	Ultra-light, loose, pale colours	Lightest modest fabric possible	Thin cotton Ihram, spare set useful
Autumn (Sep–Oct)	Similar to spring	Light abaya, breathable layers	Standard or lightweight Ihram

Cotton and linen usually work best. Polyester traps heat. That's the truth. And dark colours absorb more sun, which matters more than people think during long walks.

For men, if you're in Ihram (the two white cloths worn during Umrah), fabric choice matters. It matters a lot. In hotter months, a lighter cotton Ihram is often easier to manage than a thick towel-style one. For women, breathable modest wear makes a big difference on travel days and walks outside the Haram.

You'll find more detail in our guides on [ihram rules](#) and [what to wear for Umrah](#).

How to Stay Cool in Makkah - Heat Survival Tips for Umrah

This part really matters.

If you're travelling in a hotter month, don't just hope for the best. Have a plan. We've seen pilgrims struggle because they underestimated the sun, not the rituals.

1. **Do Tawaf at night.** After Isha is often far easier than midday.
2. **Drink often.** Aim for steady hydration through the day.
3. **Use shade.** An umbrella is normal there. Really.
4. **Rest from 11am to 3pm.** These are the hardest hours.
5. **Use sun cream.** Reapply it. Don't do it once and forget.
6. **Carry a cooling towel or small fan.** Small things help.

7. **Watch for heat illness.** Dizziness, confusion and fast heartbeat need urgent attention.

Zamzam helps too. It helps spiritually and physically. But don't rely on short sips only. Keep proper water intake going. Our [Zamzam water guide](#) explains more about its place and benefits.

Look, one of the biggest summer mistakes is this: pilgrims leave the hotel after breakfast, stay out for hours, and only realise they're drained when it's already too late. A better plan is to split your day. Worship early. Rest in the hottest hours. Go back out later.

And if you're still learning the rites, our [how to perform Umrah step by step](#) guide can help you pair worship planning with weather planning.

Is Masjid al-Haram Air Conditioned? - Temperature Inside

Yes, it is.

The indoor areas of Masjid al-Haram are air-conditioned and usually comfortable all year. This includes the main prayer halls, many indoor spaces, and covered areas around Sa'i between Safa and Marwah.

But outdoor areas are different. The Mataf can feel intense in hot months. Rooftop Tawaf is fully exposed. In summer, it can feel much hotter than the air reading suggests.

So if you're travelling in heat, choose your timing well. Choose your level well too. And if staying close to the Haram is a priority, our guide to [best hotels near Haram Makkah](#) can help.

Helpful duas for heat, travel and worship

A little spiritual prep helps.

Weather planning is practical. But Umrah is still an act of worship. So along with bottles, hats and light clothes, it helps to keep the right duas close to hand.

Dua for Travel

ARABIC

نُؤَبِّلِقُنْمَلِ اَنْبَرَ عَلِيَّ اِنْ اَوْ نِي نَرْقُمُ هَلْ اُنْكَ اَمَوْ اَدَهْ اَنْ لَرَخَسْ يَدِّلَا نَا حُبْسْ

TRANSLITERATION

Subhanalladhi sakhkhara lana hadha wa ma kunna lahu muqrineen, wa inna ila rabbina lamunqaliboon

TRANSLATION

Glory be to Him who has subjected this to us, and we could never have it by our efforts. And to our Lord we shall return.

REFERENCE

Quran

This is a good one for the journey itself. Keep it close.

Dua for Drinking Zamzam

ARABIC

اَدِلُّكَ نَمَّءَافِشَوَافِعَسَاوَأَقْزَرَوَأَعْفَانَأَمْلَعَكُلِّأَسَأَيِّنِإِمُّهَلَلِا

TRANSLITERATION

Allahumma inni as'aluka ilman nafi'an wa rizqan wasi'an wa shifa'an min kulli da'

TRANSLATION

O Allah, I ask You for beneficial knowledge, plentiful provision, and cure from every illness.

REFERENCE

Sunan Ibn Majah

If you'd like a fuller set for Tawaf and Sa'i, our [complete Umrah dua list](#), [dua for Tawaf](#) and [dua for Safa and Marwa](#) are useful to save before you travel.



What to Wear in Makkah Weather by Season for Men and Women

Frequently Asked Questions - Makkah Weather for Umrah

These are the questions we get asked most.

What is the weather like in Makkah?

Makkah is hot throughout the year. Summer often reaches 44°C, especially from June to August. Winter is milder, with daytime highs around 31°C to 35°C. Rain is rare.

What is the best time to visit Makkah for Umrah?

For weather, November to February is best. These months are warmer than the UK, of course, but far easier than summer. They suit first-time pilgrims well.

How hot is Makkah weather April?

April is hot. Average daytime highs are about 39°C, with nights around 24°C. It's manageable if you plan around the heat and avoid long midday walks.

What is Makkah weather December like?

December is one of the best months for Umrah. Days are warm at about 32°C, and nights are comfortable at around 20°C. Many UK pilgrims find this the easiest month to handle.

Is Madinah cooler than Makkah?

Yes, especially in winter. Madinah can be several degrees cooler, and nights can feel surprisingly brisk near Fajr. In peak summer, both cities are very hot.

Does it rain in Makkah?

Very rarely. Most of the year is dry. There can be a few rainy days between November and January, and flash flooding is possible, though uncommon.

Is Masjid al-Haram air conditioned?

Yes. Indoor areas are air-conditioned and much more comfortable. Outdoor Tawaf spaces and rooftop areas are the parts that feel hardest in summer.

Can you do Umrah in summer?

Yes, you can. But it is challenging. You need to slow your pace, drink more, avoid peak sun, and shift outdoor worship to the evening where possible.

What should I wear in Makkah heat?

Choose light, breathable fabrics. Cotton and linen are best. Light colours help. Men should think about lighter Ihram cloth in hotter months, and women often find breathable abayas far more comfortable than heavier synthetic ones.

What is the temperature in Makkah at night?

Nights are mild in winter and hot in summer. In December and January, they sit around 19°C to 20°C. In June to August, nights can stay around 28°C to 29°C.



How to Stay Cool in Makkah Heat During Umrah with Hydration and Night Tawaf Tips

Final thoughts before you travel

Timing changes everything.

Makkah is always warm, but the right month can make your Umrah feel far easier. For most UK pilgrims, November to February gives the best balance of comfort, worship and energy. Summer can still work, but only with good planning.

Whichever month you choose, we'll help you prepare properly. You can explore our [seasonal Umrah packages](#), compare options like [4 Star Umrah Packages](#), or contact our team through [our contact page](#) if you'd like honest advice on dates, hotels and travel from your city.

And before you go, don't forget to review your [Umrah packing list](#) and save our [complete Umrah guide](#). Small prep now makes a big difference later.

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.
- [Bradford Economy 3 Star 10 Nights Umrah 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.
- [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.
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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.

Small planning details make a big difference. A stronger plan usually means fewer rushed decisions, fewer missed steps, and a calmer journey overall. That is why we always suggest reading the core pillar guide, one practical package page, and a few narrower support articles before you book or travel.