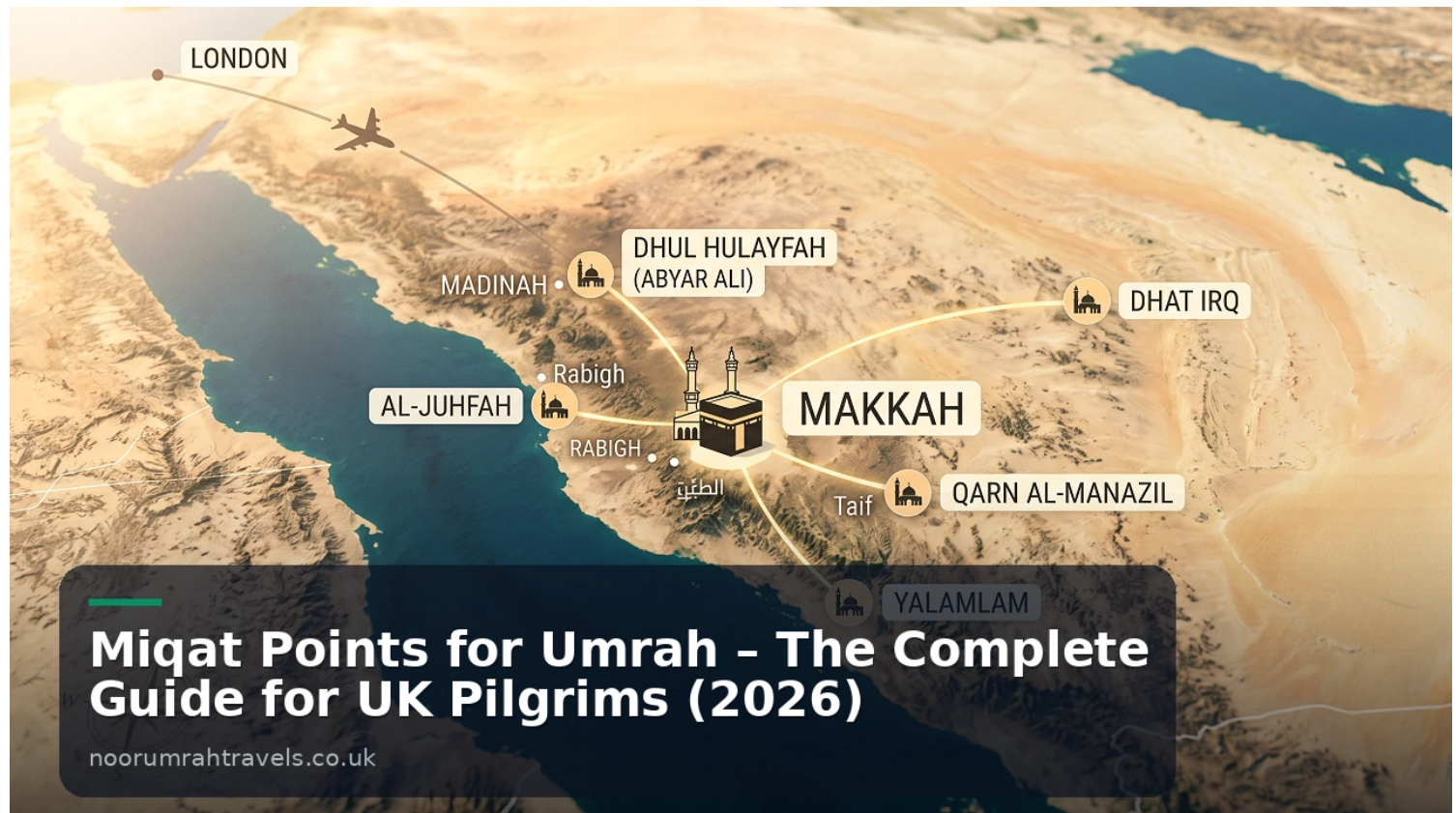


# Miqat Points for Umrah - The Complete Guide for UK Pilgrims (2026)

Where do UK pilgrims enter Ihram? Full miqat points guide — names, locations, what happens on the plane, and mistakes to avoid on your Umrah trip.

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Let's talk about **miqat points for umrah** in a way that actually helps you on a UK flight. Because the truth is, most articles online tell you the names, then stop. But you're sat there thinking, "Okay... so when do I *actually* put on ihram on a London to Jeddah flight?"

We get it. Our team briefs groups before departure every week, and this is one of the biggest stress points for first-time pilgrims. So we wrote this for the 2026 Umrah season with real, practical details from UK routes.

If you'd like us to help plan your Umrah trip (flights, hotels, and the whole timing of ihram), you can browse our [Umrah Packages UK 2026](#). No pressure. Just options.



## Why miqat matters more than most people think

It's a line you can't ignore.

Miqat is not a “nice to have”. It's a rule tied to entering the sacred state of ihram (the special state for Umrah). And once you cross it, the clock has sort of started.

We've seen pilgrims do everything right in Makkah, then panic on the plane. Not because they don't care. It's because no one explained it in plain words.

So, we'll keep this simple. We'll also keep it honest. And we'll show you what to do if you make a mistake.

## What Is a Miqat?

Miqat is a set boundary.

It's the point where you must be in ihram before you enter the Haram area for Umrah. “Haram” here means the sacred zone around Makkah. It's not about something being forbidden in a casual way. It's a holy boundary.

There are two types people talk about:

- **Miqat of place:** the physical points around Makkah.
- **Miqat of time:** mostly discussed for Hajj. For Umrah, it's open all year.

For UK pilgrims, we're nearly always dealing with the **miqat of place**. That's the one linked to your flight path.

If you want the full rules for men and women, including what invalidates ihram, read our [ihram rules](#) post. It clears up a lot of common confusion.

## The 5 Miqat Points for Umrah

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There are five main miqat points.

Each one serves people coming from a certain direction. And yes, you can cross a "miqat line" in the air. That's why flights matter.

### 1) Dhul Hulayfah (Abyar Ali) — miqat for Madinah

This is the miqat for people who start from Madinah.

You'll also hear it called **Abyar Ali**. It's the most used miqat for UK pilgrims who land in Madinah first, then travel to Makkah.

- **Where it is:** just outside Madinah
- **Who uses it:** pilgrims leaving Madinah towards Makkah
- **Why it's famous:** it's linked to the route of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

It's close. That helps.

You can reach it by coach or taxi from your Madinah hotel. Many groups stop there as part of the coach transfer.

If you're planning a Madinah stay, you may also enjoy our guide to [15 Best Places to Visit in Madinah – Complete Ziyarat & Sightseeing](#). It's a lovely way to plan your days.

### 2) Al-Juhfah — miqat for the Levant and some coastal routes

Al-Juhfah is linked to people coming from the north-west.

These days, many people refer to it via **Rabigh** (a nearby area), because it's easier to locate on modern roads.

- **Where it is:** near Rabigh, north-west of Makkah
- **Who uses it:** travellers coming from Syria, Egypt, and that direction
- **UK relevance:** less common for direct UK flights, but still appears in route talk

Most UK pilgrims won't physically stop at Al-Juhfah.

But you may hear the name in lectures. So it's worth knowing.

### 3) Qarn al-Manazil — miqat for Najd (often the “UK flight” talk)

Qarn al-Manazil is a big one for our UK flyers.

It's also known as **As-Sayl al-Kabir** in many guides. It sits near the Ta'if side.

- **Where it is:** near Ta'if, east of Makkah
- **Who uses it:** people coming from Najd and the east
- **UK relevance:** many London/Manchester/Birmingham to Jeddah routes pass near this line in the air

Now, here's the thing. Flight paths vary.

So we never promise one exact miqat for every airline. But in our day-to-day work, Qarn al-Manazil comes up a lot for Jeddah-bound flights.

For more on routes and airlines, our [Flights to Jeddah from UK – Airlines, Routes & Cheap Flight Tips](#) post is a helpful read before you book.

### 4) Yalamlam — miqat for people coming from the south

Yalamlam is south of Makkah.

It's the miqat for people coming from Yemen and the southern direction. But it also matters in the air, because some flight paths cross that side.

- **Where it is:** south of Makkah
- **Who uses it:** travellers from Yemen and the south
- **UK relevance:** sometimes relevant depending on approach into Jeddah

So yes, you might hear “Yalamlam” on a plane announcement.

Don’t panic. It just means you’re nearing the boundary.

## 5) Dhat Irq — miqat for the north-east

Dhat Irq is for the north-east side.

It’s less talked about in UK Umrah chats. But it’s one of the five, and it appears on miqat maps.

- **Where it is:** north-east of Makkah
- **Who uses it:** people coming from Iraq and that direction
- **UK relevance:** rare for direct UK routes, but still part of the core list

Knowing all five gives you confidence.

And confidence helps you worship with calm.

## Comparison table of all 5 miqat points

Let’s put it in one place.

Distances can vary by road route. So think “about”, not exact to the metre.

| Miqat name      | Other name(s)    | General location           | Distance to Makkah (about) | Who usually uses it                         |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Dhul Hulayfah   | Abyar Ali        | Outside Madinah            | ~420 km                    | Anyone going Madinah → Makkah               |
| Al-Juhfah       | Near Rabigh      | North-west of Makkah       | ~180 km                    | Levant/Egypt direction routes               |
| Qarn al-Manazil | As-Sayl al-Kabir | Near Ta’if, east of Makkah | ~75-95 km                  | Najd/east routes; common for Jeddah flights |
| Yalamlam        | —                | South of Makkah            | ~90-110 km                 | Yemen/south routes; sometimes air routes    |

| Miqatname | Other name(s) | Generallocation      | Distance to Makkah (about) | Who usually uses it    |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Dhat Irq  | —             | North-east of Makkah | ~90–100 km                 | Iraq/north-east routes |

If you want to understand the Umrah steps after you arrive, keep our main ritual guide open too: [How to Perform Umrah Step by Step - The Complete Guide for UK Pilgrims](#).

## Which Miqat Points for Umrah Apply to UK Pilgrims?

This is the part you came for.

UK pilgrims usually travel in one of two ways:

- **UK → Jeddah → Makkah** (direct or via a short stop)
- **UK → Madinah → Makkah** (Madinah first, then coach/train)

And the miqat can change based on that.

### If you fly into Jeddah first

Most UK flights into **Jeddah King Abdulaziz International Airport** cross a miqat line in the air.

In our experience, the two names you’ll hear most are:

- **Qarn al-Manazil**
- **Yalamlam**

Which one applies depends on the approach direction.

And yes, it can differ between the same cities. A London flight and a Manchester flight can have different tracks on different days.

So what should you do?

Do the safe thing. Be ready early.

That means you should be dressed in ihram (or at least able to dress fast) well before the airline says anything. We’ll show you how in the next section.

If you're still choosing a route and want a smooth transfer to Makkah, our [Jeddah Airport to Makkah – Complete Guide for Umrah Pilgrims](#) breaks down taxis, private cars, and what to expect after landing.

## If you fly into Madinah first

Your miqat is clear.

It's **Dhul Hulayfah (Abyar Ali)**. You'll enter ihram there when you leave Madinah for Makkah.

This route is popular for a reason. It's calmer.

Many pilgrims love starting with Masjid an-Nabawi. It softens the heart. Then they go to Makkah with focus.

And when it's time to travel between the two cities, the train is often the easiest option. Read our [Makkah to Madinah – Complete Distance and Haramain High Speed Railway Guide for UK Pilgrims](#) for timings and tips.



## Wearing Ihram on the Plane - Step by Step

This is where most stress happens.

And to be honest, it's not your fault. Plane cabins aren't built for changing clothes. Plus, the seatbelt sign always seems to come on at the worst time (trust us, we've seen it happen).

So here's what we tell our UK groups.

## Step 1: Decide where you'll change (home, airport, or plane)

You've got three main options.

1. **Change at home** (then travel to the airport in ihram)
2. **Change at the airport** (Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, etc.)
3. **Change on the plane** (in the toilet or a quiet area)

Here's our real-world take.

- **Best for ease:** change at the airport.
- **Best for nerves:** change at home if you're travelling by car with family.
- **Most risky:** changing on the plane.

Why is the plane risky?

Because you might be told to sit down mid-change. And then you're stuck.

One common mistake we see is leaving it too late. People plan to change "when the announcement happens". But the announcement is often close to the miqat line.

So you want to be ready before that.

If you're unsure what to wear, especially for women, read [What to Wear for Umrah – Complete Guide Ihram for Men & Women](#). It answers questions people feel shy asking.

## Step 2: Do ghusl and pray if you can

Cleanliness helps the heart.

If you can do ghusl (full wash) before ihram, do it. If not, wudu is fine.

Many pilgrims also pray two rak'ah before making intention. It's a good habit. But don't turn it into a panic if you can't.

Keep it simple.

## Step 3: Put on ihram clothing (and set your boundaries)

Men's ihram is the two white cloths.

Women's ihram is normal modest clothing. There's no special colour. The key is modesty and avoiding perfume.

Pack smart items in hand luggage:

- ihram belt or waist pouch
- unscented wipes and soap
- small scissors (in checked bag, not cabin)
- flip-flops that don't cover the ankle bone (for men)

For a full checklist, save our [Umrah Packing List from the UK | Complete Checklist](#). It's built for UK airports and baggage rules.

## Step 4: Wait for the miqat timing, then make niyyah

This part is key.

You can **wear** ihram early. That's allowed. But you should make the **niyyah** (intention) for Umrah when you are at the miqat, or just before crossing it.

Niyyah is an intention in your heart.

You don't need a long speech. You don't need to say it out loud. But many people do say a simple intention quietly. That's fine.

So what about the **miqat announcement on plane**?

Many airlines do announce it. Some don't.

When they do, it's often around **45-75 minutes** before the miqat line. It depends on speed and route. Use it as a reminder, not as your first action.

## Step 5: Start the Talbiyah after intention

Talbiyah is the chant of Umrah.

You begin it after you enter ihram with intention. It's a beautiful moment.

## Dua for Entering Ihram (Talbiyah)

## ARABIC

كُلُّ مَلَأَوْكَ لَمْ يَنْحَلْ أَوْ دَمَحْلَانِ، كَيْبَلْ كَلْ كَيْ رَشْ أَلْ كَيْبَلْ، كَيْبَلْ مُهْلَلْ كَيْبَلْ  
كَلْ كَيْ رَشْ أَلْ

## TRANSLITERATION

*Labbayk Allahumma labbayk, labbayka la shareeka laka labbayk, innal hamda wan-ni'mata laka wal-mulk, la shareeka lak*

## TRANSLATION

Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am. Indeed, all praise, grace and sovereignty belong to You. You have no partner.

## REFERENCE

# Sahih al-Bukhari

If you want more duas for Tawaf, Sa'i, and the rest of the trip, keep our [Complete Umrah Dua List with Arabic, English and Transliteration](#) open on your phone.

And yes, you can use an eSIM to access it in Saudi. Our [eSIM Saudi Arabia – Best SIM Card Guide for Umrah Pilgrims](#) explains what works well for UK travellers.



## Madinah First? Your Miqat Is Different

This route is simpler.

If you land in Madinah, settle in, pray in Masjid an-Nabawi, then travel to Makkah later, your miqat is **Dhul Hulayfah (Abyar Ali)**.

Here's how it usually works for UK pilgrims in 2026:

- You're in Madinah in normal clothes.
- On the day you leave for Makkah, your group stops at Abyar Ali.
- You make ghusl if you can, change into ihram, and pray.
- You make niyyah for Umrah and start Talbiyah.

Abyar Ali is around **9 km** from Masjid an-Nabawi, depending on the exact route. So it's close. That's why this route feels less rushed.

Many people then travel to Makkah by coach. Others take the Haramain Railway.

If you're debating between coach and train, read [Makkah to Madinah – How to Travel by Train, Bus & Taxi](#). It's written for real travellers, not theory.

# Crossing the Miqat Without Ihram - What to Do

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First, breathe.

We've had UK pilgrims call us from Jeddah Airport in tears. They missed the miqat. Or they weren't sure if they made intention in time. It happens.

What matters is what you do next.

## 1) If you realise before landing (still on the plane)

Act right away.

If you're not in ihram clothes, put them on if you can. If you can't, then at least make intention and start Talbiyah immediately. Then fix the clothing as soon as possible.

It's not ideal. But it's better than waiting.

## 2) If you realise after landing in Jeddah

This is the common case.

In fiqh (Islamic law), if you crossed the miqat without ihram, you should return to the miqat if you can. Then enter ihram from there.

But if returning is not possible, or it would cause serious hardship, many scholars mention a compensation (often called **dam**). Dam is a sacrifice. It's usually arranged in Makkah via trusted channels.

We're not a fatwa site. And we won't pretend to be.

But we will say this: don't hide it out of shame. Ask a scholar with your exact details. Then act on it.

If you want a scholarly discussion, you can read relevant answers on [islamqa.info](https://islamqa.info). Keep your question specific.

## 3) Can you put ihram on in Jeddah airport?

You can put the cloth on, yes.

But if you already crossed the miqat line, you're late. So you may still need to return to miqat, or deal with dam, based on your case.

This is why we push "be ready early".

## **A gentle reminder about Allah's mercy**

Allah knows your intention.

Fix what you can. Repent for what you missed. Then continue your Umrah with hope.

And if you're still learning the steps of Umrah itself, keep our main guide open: [How to Perform Umrah Step by Step - The Complete Guide for UK Pilgrims](#).

## **Miqat Mistakes We See UK Pilgrims Make**

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These are very common.

We've helped 2,000+ families from London, Manchester, Birmingham and beyond. And the same miqat problems come up every season.

### **1) Waiting for the announcement, then rushing**

This is the big one.

Some airlines announce miqat late. Some don't announce at all. And sometimes the cabin crew are busy with service.

So, be dressed early. Or at least be ready to dress fast.

### **2) Changing in the plane toilet at the worst time**

It sounds simple. It isn't.

The toilet is tiny. The floor gets wet. And turbulence can start at any time. Also, the queue forms fast.

If you must change on board, do it early in the flight. Not near descent.

### 3) Using scented products without realising

Many UK toiletries are scented.

That includes wipes, hand gel, and even “fresh” tissues. In ihram, perfume is an issue. So pack unscented items.

Our packing list helps here: [What to Pack for Umrah – Complete Umrah Packing List for Men & Women](#).

### 4) Thinking niyyah needs a special phrase

Niyyah is in the heart.

Yes, you can say it quietly. But don’t overcomplicate it. Keep your focus on Allah.

### 5) Not planning the Jeddah → Makkah transfer

After landing, you’ll be tired.

And if your transfer is messy, it adds stress. So plan it. Especially with elderly parents or kids.

Our [Jeddah Airport to Makkah – Complete Guide for Umrah Pilgrims](#) explains the usual steps after passport control.

### 6) Mixing up Nusuk bookings with miqat

Nusuk is a platform for permits and bookings.

Miqat is a boundary rule for ihram. They’re different things.

That said, Nusuk still matters for your trip planning. Here’s our help page: [Nusuk App Guide – How to Register for Umrah from UK](#).

If you’re still choosing the right type of trip, start with our main [Umrah Packages UK 2026](#) page. It’s the easiest way to compare dates and hotel levels.



## FAQ

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These are the questions we hear the most from UK pilgrims.

### What is a miqat in Umrah?

A miqat is a set boundary where you must enter ihram for Umrah. That means you should be in the state of ihram before crossing it. For UK pilgrims, this often happens in the air on the way to Jeddah. If you're travelling via Madinah, you usually go to Dhul Hulayfah (Abyar Ali) before heading to Makkah.

### What are the 5 miqat points for umrah?

The five miqat points for umrah are Dhul Hulayfah, Al-Juhfah, Qarn al-Manazil, Yalamlam, and Dhat Irq. Each one serves travellers coming from a different direction. You don't "choose" randomly. Your route decides it. Flights can cross these boundaries in the air.

### What miqat do you cross flying from the UK to Jeddah?

Many UK to Jeddah flights cross near Qarn al-Manazil or Yalamlam, depending on the approach path. It can change by airline and day. So don't rely on one name only. The safest plan is to be dressed in ihram

early and make intention when the crew announces miqat, or a little before if you're confident of timing.

## **Do airlines announce the miqat on the plane?**

Some airlines do, and some don't. Even when they do, the timing can vary. In our experience, announcements often happen around 45–75 minutes before crossing. Treat it as a reminder, not your first step. If you're worried, change at the UK airport so you're ready.

## **Can I wear ihram from home or the airport in the UK?**

Yes, you can wear ihram clothing before you reach the miqat. Many UK pilgrims change at Heathrow or Manchester because it's easier than changing on board. The key point is the intention (niyyah). You should make it at the miqat, or just before crossing, not hours earlier without need.

## **What happens if I cross the miqat without ihram?**

If you cross the miqat without ihram, the general rule is to return to the miqat and enter ihram properly if you can. If you can't return, many scholars mention a compensation (dam). The best step is to ask a qualified scholar with your exact travel details. Don't ignore it out of embarrassment.

## **Which miqat is used when flying to Madinah first?**

If you fly to Madinah first, your miqat is Dhul Hulayfah, also known as Abyar Ali. You usually go there when leaving Madinah for Makkah. It's close to Madinah, so it's often a calm stop. Many groups change, pray, make intention, and then continue the journey.



## Final thoughts from our team (and a calm plan you can follow)

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Keep it simple.

For most UK routes, the best plan is this: change into ihram at the airport, stay comfortable on the flight, then make niyyah when you're near the miqat and start Talbiyah. If you're going Madinah first, you'll do it at Abyar Ali before you travel to Makkah.

And if you're still deciding your route and hotel level, you can look at our [Umrah Packages from London](#) page. If you're travelling from another city, tell us. We'll guide you.

May Allah accept your Umrah, make it easy, and write it as a turning point in your life. Ameen.

**Helpful official note:** For Saudi travel updates and official guidance, you can also check the Saudi portal at [haj.gov.sa](https://haj.gov.sa).

# Helpful next steps for UK pilgrims

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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.
- [Planning Umrah? Read This Complete Umrah Guide Before Booking Your Trip](#) 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 this complete Umrah Guide for UK Muslims. Learn how to plan, book, prepare and choose the right Umrah package before travelling.
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- [Bradford Economy 3 Star 14 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.
- [Bradford Economy 3 Star 21 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.

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.

# Why this matters for your planning

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If you are searching for an miqat points for umrah, you usually want one thing: clear guidance you can trust before you travel. That means the information needs to be practical, easy to follow, and tied to the real questions UK pilgrims ask before they leave.

A strong miqat points for umrah should not just repeat key terms. It should help you understand what to do next, which pages to read after this one, and how to move from general research to a real travel plan with fewer gaps.