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15 Best Places to Visit in Madinah – Complete Ziyarat & Sightseeing

Discover 15 best places to visit in Madinah during Umrah. Masjid Nabawi, Rawdah, Mount Uhud, Masjid Quba, Jannat al-Baqi and more. UK pilgrim guide 2026.

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Madinah isn’t just another stop on your Umrah journey — it’s the city our beloved Prophet Muhammad called home. For UK pilgrims, a few days here are a rare chance to step into living Islamic history. Most Umrah packages from the UK include 3 to 5 nights in Madinah, but honestly, many people only pray in Masjid Nabawi and miss everything else. That’s a real shame. From our Noor Umrah Travels team’s years of guiding groups from London, Manchester, and Birmingham, we know there’s so much more. So, we’ve put together this heartfelt guide to the 15 best places to visit in Madinah. Whether you want deep ziyarat, family-friendly attractions, or just the real Madinah experience, you’ll find it here. And if you need help planning, we’re just a phone call away.



places to visit in madinah aerial view masjid nabawi green dome 2026

Why Madinah Is the City of the Prophet — 15 Places Every UK Pilgrim Should Visit

Madinah shines with history and peace. It’s the second holiest city in Islam and the final home of our Prophet Muhammad . He built his mosque here, created the first Islamic state, welcomed migrants, and is buried here. The Prophet said: “Madinah is sacred. Its trees should not be cut and no heresy should be innovated in it” (Muslim 1366). If you’ve come from the UK for Umrah or Hajj, make every moment in Madinah count. Here are the 15 best places to visit in Madinah — with stories, tips, and real advice for UK travellers.

The Heart of Madinah — Masjid Nabawi and Its Sacred Sites

It all starts here. These are the most important places for every pilgrim.

1. Masjid Nabawi (The Prophet's Mosque) — The Second Holiest Mosque in Islam

This is the centre of Madinah. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ built Masjid Nabawi with his own hands after migrating from Makkah. Every UK pilgrim feels the peace here. One prayer inside equals 1,000 prayers elsewhere (Bukhari 1190). That’s huge.

What to see? The **Green Dome** — where the Prophet ﷺ, Abu Bakr (RA), and Umar (RA) rest. The old Mihrab and Minbar. The mosque is vast — over 1 million worshippers can pray here now. Don’t miss the upper floors and rooftop, especially for Fajr or Isha prayers. They’re less crowded and give you a unique view.

Practical Info: Masjid Nabawi is open 24 hours, free entry. From your hotel, it’s usually a 2-10 minute walk (most UK packages put you close). Zamzam water is available here too — see our guide. The best time for peace? Fajr. The whole mosque feels alive with faith. Our UK groups always say it’s unforgettable.

2. The Rawdah (Riyad ul-Jannah) — A Garden of Paradise

Between the Prophet’s house and his minbar is the Rawdah — a space the Prophet ﷺ called “a garden from the gardens of Paradise” (Bukhari 1195). You’ll spot it — short, green carpet in the middle of the mosque. Every UK pilgrim wants to pray here, and rightly so.

But here’s the thing: **Booking is now required via the Nusuk app**. Slots fill up fast, sometimes in hours — especially during UK school holidays. Men and women have separate timings. Book as soon as you reach Madinah. Arrive 30 minutes early. Be patient, it’s crowded but worth every second. Don’t forget your Umrah dua list to make your time count.



rawdah riyad ul jannah inside masjid nabawi madinah green carpet

Practical Info: Free entry (with booking). Enter via designated Rawdah gate, show your Nusuk QR code. Women: morning and afternoon slots. UK tip: Ask your hotel concierge or our Noor Umrah team for exact timings — they change often.

3. Jannat al-Baqi Cemetery — Where 10,000 Sahaba Rest

This ancient cemetery is right next to Masjid Nabawi. It’s the resting place of Uthman ibn Affan (RA),

many wives and family of the Prophet , and thousands of Sahaba. The Prophet used to visit and pray for those buried here.

Practical Info: 2-minute walk from Masjid Nabawi’s Gate 5. Open to men after Fajr and Asr. Free entry. Women can view from outside — the policy may change, so always check. UK tip: Go after Fajr. The peace is unbelievable. Spend a moment making dua for all those who served Islam here.

Historical Islamic Sites in Madinah

Madinah is full of history beyond the mosque. Here’s where Islamic milestones happened — and you can stand right there.

4. Masjid Quba — The First Mosque in Islam

This is the very first mosque in Islamic history. The Prophet and his companions built it as soon as they arrived in Madinah. He said: “Whoever purifies himself in his house then comes to Masjid Quba and prays there, he will have a reward like an Umrah” (Ibn Majah 1412).

Today, the mosque is stunning after its recent renovation — bright white domes, peaceful courtyards, and a gentle atmosphere. You’ll see UK families here every weekend.

Practical Info: 3.5km south of Masjid Nabawi (10-minute taxi, about 20 SAR). Free entry, open all day. UK tip: Go on Saturday morning — following the Prophet’s Sunnah. And if you want to learn more about Umrah, read our step-by-step Umrah guide.



masjid quba first mosque in islam madinah after renovation

5. Masjid al-Qiblatain — Where the Qibla Changed

This is where the direction of prayer was changed from Jerusalem to Makkah. Imagine — the command came right here as the Prophet led prayer. Quran 2:144 (Quran 2:144).

The mosque once had two mihrabs. Today, only the one toward Makkah remains, but the sense of history is incredible.

Practical Info: 4km northwest of Masjid Nabawi (10-minute taxi). Free entry. You can see it in under 30 minutes. UK tip: Great stop on a guided ziyarat tour — ask your Noor Umrah guide about it.

6. The Seven Mosques (Sab'ah Masajid) — Site of the Battle of the Trench

This cluster of small mosques sits near where the famous Battle of the Trench took place. The trench, suggested by Salman al-Farsi (RA), saved Madinah from attack. Each mosque is named after key Sahaba — including Masjid al-Fath and Masjid Salman al-Farsi.

Practical Info: 2km north of Masjid Nabawi. Walkable (25 minutes) or a short taxi ride. Free entry. UK tip: Combine this with a visit to the Battlefield of the Trench and get the full story from a guide.

7. King Fahd Quran Printing Complex — Where the World's Qurans Are Printed

This is the world’s largest Quran printing facility. Millions of Qurans are printed here every year in dozens of languages. UK families especially love the free tour — and you’ll get a complimentary Quran at the end.

Practical Info: 10km north of city centre. Arrange a taxi or ask your hotel (about 30 SAR). English tours available. Free entry, plan 1-2 hours. UK tip: Children love watching the Quran printing process. A unique memory for the whole family.

Battle Sites and Mountains in Madinah

These mountains and battlefields shaped early Islam. They’re powerful to visit, especially for UK pilgrims learning Islamic history hands-on.

8. Mount Uhud — The Mountain That Loves Us

This mountain witnessed the tough Battle of Uhud in 625 CE. The Prophet said, “Uhud is a mountain which loves us and which we love” (Bukhari 4083). Seventy companions, including Hamza ibn Abdul Muttalib (RA), were martyred here.

Walk to the base, stand at the Martyrs' Cemetery, and feel the sacrifice. It's humbling. The area is quiet at sunrise — that's when we bring our Noor Umrah groups for reflection.



mount uhud madinah with martyrs cemetery shuhada uhud

Practical Info: 5km north of Masjid Nabawi. 10-15 minute taxi (about 25 SAR). Free entry. Plan 1-2 hours. UK tip: Wear comfy shoes, bring water, and go early to avoid the heat. The cemetery is very moving — make dua for those who gave everything.

9. The Martyrs' Cemetery at Uhud (Shuhada Uhud)

At the base of Mount Uhud, you'll find the Martyrs' Cemetery. This is where Hamza (RA) and 69 other Sahaba are buried. The Prophet ﷺ wept here and said, "I testify that these are martyrs in the sight of Allah" (Abu Dawud 2043).

Practical Info: Same location as Mount Uhud. Free entry. Men can walk among the graves; women view from nearby. UK tip: Take a quiet moment here — it's a deeply emotional place for every visitor.

10. The Battlefield of the Trench (Khandaq)

This is the site of the famous trench dug to protect Madinah in 627 CE. The trench itself is gone, but you can see plaques and signs explaining the history. The story comes alive when you stand where the

Muslims defended the city.

Practical Info: Same area as the Seven Mosques, 2km from Masjid Nabawi. Free to visit, easy access by taxi or on foot.

Modern Attractions and Shopping in Madinah

Madinah isn't just history. It's a modern, welcoming city with plenty for families, shoppers, and foodies.

11. Hejaz Railway Museum — A Journey Through Ottoman History

This restored Ottoman-era railway station once linked Damascus to Madinah. Today, it's a museum with old locomotives, carriages, and artefacts. It's perfect for families and anyone who loves history.

Practical Info: On King Faisal Road, near Masjid Nabawi. Entry is free or a small fee (5-10 SAR). English signs and guides. UK tip: Set aside 1-2 hours and bring the kids — they'll love climbing on the old trains.

12. Dar al-Madinah Museum — The Story of the City

This is the best place to learn Madinah's full story — from before Islam, to the Prophet's time, and beyond. You'll see lifelike models, archaeological finds, and interactive displays. UK families always say it's a highlight, especially for children.

Practical Info: City centre, small fee (about 25 SAR). English displays. Plan 2 hours. UK tip: It's very family-friendly and a great way to bring Madinah's story to life for kids.

13. The Madinah Dates Market (Souq al-Tamr) — The Best Dates in the World

Madinah is famous for its dates — especially Ajwa, the Prophet's favourite. He said: "Whoever eats seven Ajwa dates in the morning will not be harmed by poison or magic that day" (Bukhari 5445). You'll also find Safawi, Sukkari, and Medjool varieties. The market buzzes with locals and pilgrims alike.



madinah dates market souq al tamr ajwa safawi sukkari dates

Practical Info: 10-minute walk from Masjid Nabawi. Prices: 50-150 SAR/kg. Bargain gently. Buy vacuum-sealed boxes for UK travel. UK tip: Buy Ajwa for Sunnah, Sukkari for children. Buy dates on your last day — they're heavy. For luggage tips, see our Umrah packing list.

14. Al Noor Mall and Shopping in Madinah

Al Noor Mall is the biggest shopping centre close to Masjid Nabawi. You'll find international brands, local shops, a food court, and even prayer rooms. For groceries, try Bin Dawood. UK pilgrims often buy prayer mats, attar perfume, tasbeehs, Qurans, abayas, and Islamic books here.

Practical Info: Walking distance from many hotels. Open until midnight. UK tip: Shop in the evening when it's cooler and less crowded.

15. Wadi al-Jinn — The Valley Where Cars Move on Their Own

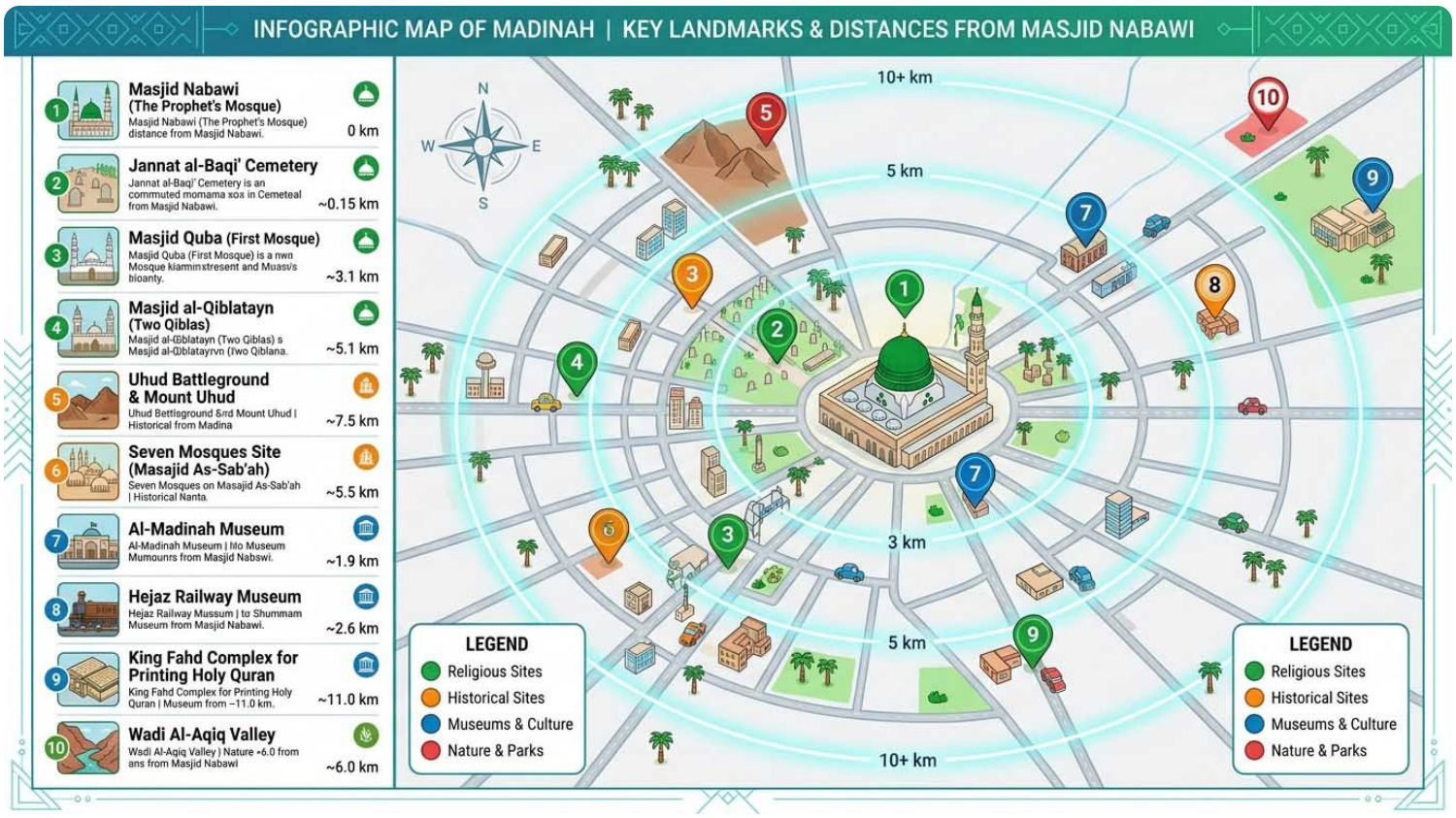
This is a quirky spot 30km outside Madinah. Cars in neutral seem to roll uphill — it's a gravity hill illusion, but locals have many stories! It's a fun half-day trip if you have time to spare.

Practical Info: 30km from Madinah. Hire a taxi (about 80-100 SAR return) or join a group. Free to visit, plan half a day. UK tip: Only do this if you have a full free day. Bring snacks and water for the trip.

15 Places to Visit in Madinah — Quick Reference Guide

#	Place	Category	Distance from Masjid Nabawi	Time Needed	Difficulty	Cost
1	Masjid Nabawi	Sacred Site	0 km	Flexible	Easy	Free
2	Rawdah (Riyad ul-Jannah)	Inside Masjid Nabawi	0 km	30-60 min	Moderate (crowds)	Free (booking needed)
3	Jannat al-Baqi	Sacred Site	0.2 km	30 min	Easy	Free
4	Masjid Quba	Historical Mosque	3.5 km S	45-60 min	Easy	Free
5	Masjid al-Qiblatain	Historical Mosque	4 km NW	30 min	Easy	Free
6	Seven Mosques	Battle Site	2 km N	45 min	Easy	Free
7	King Fahd Quran Printing Complex	Modern Islamic Site	10 km N	1-2 hrs	Easy	Free
8	Mount Uhud	Battle Site	5 km N	1-2 hrs	Moderate (uneven ground)	Free
9	Martyrs' Cemetery (Uhud)	Battle Site	5 km N	30 min	Easy	Free
10	Battlefield of the Trench	Battle Site	2 km N	30 min	Easy	Free
11	Hejaz Railway Museum	Modern Attraction	1 km E	1-2 hrs	Easy	Free/Small fee
12	Dar al-Madinah Museum	Modern Attraction	3 km S	2 hrs	Easy	Small fee

#	Place	Category	Distance from Masjid Nabawi	Time Needed	Difficulty	Cost
13	Madinah Dates Market	Shopping	0.7 km NW	30-60 min	Easy	Varies
14	Al Noor Mall	Shopping	2 km E	1-2 hrs	Easy	Free
15	Wadi al-Jinn	Natural Wonder	30 km NW	Half day	Easy	Taxi fare



15 places to visit in madinah map infographic with distances from masjid nabawi

How to Plan Your Madinah Ziyarat as a UK Pilgrim

Here’s how to make the most of your time in Madinah, based on what works best for UK families and groups.

A Suggested 3-Day Madinah Ziyarat Itinerary for UK Pilgrims

- **Day 1 — Masjid Nabawi and Nearby:** Pray all five daily prayers in Masjid Nabawi. Book your Rawdah slot with the Nusuk app (ask our Noor Umrah team if you need help). Visit Jannat al-Baqi after Fajr. In the evening, stroll through the Dates Market — perfect for gifts to take back to the UK.
- **Day 2 — Historical Sites:** Take a morning taxi to Masjid Quba (pray 2 rakah). Next, visit Masjid al-Qiblatain and the Seven Mosques/Battlefield of the Trench area. In the afternoon, visit King Fahd Quran Printing Complex or Hejaz Railway Museum.
- **Day 3 — Mount Uhud and Free Time:** Visit Mount Uhud and the Martyrs' Cemetery early in the morning. In the afternoon, relax at Dar al-Madinah Museum or do last-minute shopping at Al Noor Mall. End with final prayers in Masjid Nabawi.

UK tip: Most packages include 3-4 nights here. This plan lets you see everything — and gives you time for reflection. Noor Umrah Travels arranges full ziyarat tours in every package, so you won't miss a thing.

Practical Tips for UK Pilgrims Visiting Madinah Attractions

- Download the Nusuk app before you leave the UK. You'll need it for Rawdah booking.
- Use Careem or Uber — both work well in Madinah and are affordable.
- Madinah is cooler than Makkah but still gets hot (especially from May to September). Visit outdoor places early.
- Most Islamic sites are free. Museums may charge a little (10-25 SAR).
- The city is smaller and more walkable than Makkah — most sites are within 5km.
- Buy dates on your last day to avoid carrying extra weight.
- Noor Umrah Travels includes guided ziyarat in all our Umrah packages. No stress about taxis or timings.

Want a complete Makkah guide? See our Makkah must-see blog here.

Common Mistakes UK Pilgrims Make When Visiting Madinah

We see these mistakes every year — avoid them and your trip will be much richer.

1. Only visiting Masjid Nabawi and missing the other incredible Madinah attractions.

2. Not booking Rawdah access via the Nusuk app — you won’t get in without a slot.
3. Skipping Masjid Quba. Praying two rakah there is equal to an Umrah in reward.
4. Visiting Mount Uhud in the afternoon heat. Go early morning instead.
5. Buying dates on the first day and carrying them for the rest of your trip.
6. Missing Jannat al-Baqi after Fajr — it closes by mid-morning.
7. Thinking Madinah is just a stopover. It’s the Prophet’s city. Stay, reflect, and give it the respect it deserves.



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FAQ — Frequently Asked Questions About Places to Visit in Madinah



uk muslim pilgrims in madinah asking questions guidance

Do you need to wear ihram in Madinah?

No. Ihram is not required in Madinah. You only wear ihram when entering the state for Umrah or Hajj in Makkah. In Madinah, you can wear your normal modest clothing. There are no ihram restrictions in Madinah. You are free to wear sewn clothes, use perfume, and trim your nails as normal. For more, see our Ihram rules guide.

How do you book Rawdah access through the Nusuk app?

Download the Nusuk app from the App Store or Google Play. Create an account using your passport details. Once in Madinah, open the app and select the Rawdah visit option. Choose your preferred date and time slot. Confirm the booking and receive a QR code. Show the QR code at the designated mosque entrance at your allocated time. Slots fill quickly so book as soon as you arrive in Madinah.

Can women visit Jannat al-Baqi cemetery?

Currently, women are not permitted to enter Jannat al-Baqi cemetery. However, women can view the cemetery from the wall outside and make dua from there. The policy may change over time so

check the latest rules when you visit. Inside Masjid Nabawi, women have full access to all prayer areas and allocated Rawdah times.

Is Madinah visit compulsory for Umrah?

No. Visiting Madinah is not a compulsory part of Umrah. The rituals of Umrah (ihram, tawaf, sai, halq) all take place in Makkah. However, visiting Madinah is highly recommended and most UK Umrah packages include it. The Prophet encouraged visiting his mosque and said a prayer there equals 1,000 prayers elsewhere.

How many days do you need to see everything in Madinah?

You can comfortably see all 15 major attractions in 3 to 4 days. Most UK Umrah packages include 3 to 5 nights in Madinah. Use our suggested 3-day itinerary above to make the most of your time. If you have 5 or more days, add the Wadi al-Jinn day trip and spend extra time in Masjid Nabawi.

What is the best time of year to visit Madinah from the UK?

November to February is the most comfortable season with temperatures around 15 to 25°C. Summer months (June to August) can reach 45°C making outdoor visits to mountains and cemeteries very uncomfortable. Ramadan is spiritually ideal but extremely crowded. UK school holidays (October half-term, Christmas, Easter) are popular with UK families for Umrah and Madinah visits.

Can non-Muslims visit Madinah?

Non-Muslims can visit Madinah city and its modern attractions, museums, and markets. However, non-Muslims are not permitted to enter Masjid Nabawi (the Prophet's Mosque). This is different from Makkah where non-Muslims cannot enter the entire city. If travelling with non-Muslim family members, they can explore Madinah's museums, markets, and restaurants.

What are the famous dates to buy in Madinah and where?

The most famous dates from Madinah are Ajwa (the Prophet's favourite, known for health benefits, premium price), Safawi (dark, soft, mid-range price), Sukkari (golden, very sweet, popular with UK families), and Medjool (large, soft, widely known). Buy them from the Dates Market (Souq al-Tamr) near Masjid Nabawi. Prices range from 50 to 200 SAR per kg depending on variety. Buy vacuum-sealed boxes for easy transport home.

Madinah is not just a city — it’s the city the Prophet chose. When he arrived from Makkah, exhausted and pursued, Madinah opened its arms. He built his mosque here with his own hands. He taught, prayed, laughed, and wept here. He is buried here. Every street you walk in Madinah, he may have walked. Every prayer you offer in his mosque reaches the heavens with multiplied reward. Don’t rush through Madinah.

Sit in Masjid Nabawi at Fajr and feel what it means to be in the Prophet’s city. May Allah grant you the honour of visiting, praying, and standing before his blessed resting place. Ameen.

Noor Umrah Travels includes Madinah ziyarat tours in every UK Umrah package, so you never miss a single sacred site. See our Umrah packages here or get a free quote today.