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Umrah Packages Birmingham 2026: Best Deals, Flights, Hotels & Complete Planning Guide

Plan your Umrah from Birmingham in 2026. Compare packages from £679, explore BHX flight routes, hotel tiers, Nusuk visa steps, family deals & money-saving tips. Complete guide for UK Muslims.

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Birmingham is home to the **largest Muslim population of any UK city outside London** — an estimated **340,000+ Muslims** (2021 UK Census), making up over 29% of the city's residents. It's no surprise that Birmingham is one of Britain's most important departure points for Umrah pilgrimage.

Birmingham Airport (BHX) offers strong international connectivity to Saudi Arabia, with multiple airlines operating direct and one-stop routes to Jeddah and Madinah. Combined with the city's thriving network of established Umrah travel agencies, pilgrims from the West Midlands and surrounding regions have excellent options at their doorstep.

This **comprehensive, data-driven guide** covers everything you need to plan your Umrah from Birmingham in 2026 — including **real pricing by package tier, specific airlines and flight routes**

from BHX, named hotels in Makkah and Madinah, the Saudi Nusuk visa system, family package options, last-minute deal strategies, and a full pre-travel checklist.

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Why Birmingham Is a Top UK Departure City for Umrah

✈ Flight Routes from Birmingham Airport (BHX)

Birmingham Airport offers multiple routing options to Saudi Arabia, making it one of the most practical departure points for Midlands-based pilgrims.

Airline	Route	Type	Approx. Flight Time
Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia)	Birmingham → Jeddah	Direct (seasonal, especially Ramadan)	~6.5 hours
Turkish Airlines	Birmingham → Istanbul → Jeddah/Madinah	1 stop	~9–11 hours
Emirates	Birmingham → Dubai → Jeddah	1 stop	~10–12 hours
Qatar Airways	Birmingham → Doha → Jeddah/Madinah	1 stop	~10–12 hours
Etihad Airways	Birmingham → Abu Dhabi → Jeddah	1 stop	~10–12 hours
Pegasus Airlines	Birmingham → Istanbul Sabiha → Jeddah	1 stop (budget option)	~10–13 hours

Airline	Route	Type	Approx. Flight Time
flydubai	Birmingham → Dubai → Jeddah	1 stop (budget option)	~11–13 hours

> **Pro Tip:** Saudia's direct BHX–Jeddah flights are typically available during **Ramadan and peak Umrah season (December–March)**. These sell out quickly — book 4–6 months ahead to secure seats.

□□ Who Benefits Most from Birmingham Departures?

Birmingham Airport is the natural choice for Muslims living across:

- **West Midlands** — Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Coventry, Walsall, Dudley
- **East Midlands** — Leicester, Nottingham, Derby
- **West England** — Worcester, Gloucester, Bristol
- **North Midlands** — Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford
- **South Midlands** — Northampton, Milton Keynes

For pilgrims in these areas, BHX eliminates a **2–4 hour journey to London Heathrow** — saving time, money, and energy that's better spent on spiritual preparation.

Umrah Package Pricing from Birmingham — 2026 Market Rates

The table below reflects **estimated per-person pricing** based on current 2026 market rates gathered from multiple UK-based agencies. Prices vary by season, hotel proximity to Haram, flight selection, and package duration.

Standard Packages (10 Nights: 5 Makkah + 5 Madinah)

Package Tier	Off-Peak Price (per person)	Peak / Ramadan Price (per person)	Hotel Distance to Haram
3-Star Economy	£679 – £949	£1,050 – £1,450	600m – 1.5km (shuttle usually included)
4-Star Comfort	£949 – £1,450	£1,450 – £2,100	200m – 700m
5-Star Luxury	£1,450 – £2,500	£2,500 – £4,200+	50m – 200m (Haram view rooms available)
Group Package (10+)	£579 – £849	£949 – £1,350	Varies by tier
Family Package (2 adults + 2 children)	From £2,400 total	From £3,800 total	Varies by tier

Pricing by Duration

Duration	3-Star (Off-Peak)	4-Star (Off-Peak)	5-Star (Off-Peak)
7 Nights	£579 – £799	£799 – £1,200	£1,200 – £2,100
10 Nights	£679 – £949	£949 – £1,450	£1,450 – £2,500
14 Nights	£849 – £1,200	£1,200 – £1,800	£1,800 – £3,200
21 Nights	£1,050 – £1,500	£1,500 – £2,300	£2,300 – £4,500+

> **Note:** All prices are estimates as of March 2026 and are subject to change. Always confirm the final, all-inclusive price directly with your chosen agency before booking. Prices for children (2–11) are typically 15–30% lower.

What's Included (and What's Not) in Birmingham Umrah Packages

✅ Typically Included

Inclusion	Details
Return flights	From Birmingham Airport (BHX) to Jeddah (JED) or Madinah (MED)
Hotel accommodation	In both Makkah and Madinah for the specified duration
Umrah visa	Processed via the **Nusuk platform** by your agency
Airport transfers	Private or shared transport from Saudi airport to hotel
Inter-city transport	Transfer between Makkah and Madinah (~420km, 4–5 hour drive)
Ziyarah tours	Visits to Islamic historical sites (included in many packages)
24/7 UK support	Phone/WhatsApp assistance throughout travel

❌ Typically NOT Included

Exclusion	Estimated Cost
Travel insurance	£25–£80 per person (must be purchased separately)
Meals	£10–£40/day (unless half-board or full-board specified)
Personal expenses	Shopping, souvenirs, extra food
UK airport parking	£40–£100/week at BHX (book via BHX website for discounts)
Excess baggage fees	Varies by airline — check allowance before travel
Meningitis vaccination	£30–£50 at pharmacy or travel clinic (**mandatory**)
Phone/data roaming	£5–£15/day or buy local Saudi SIM (STC, Mobily) at airport

Hotel Guide by Package Tier

□□□ 3-Star Economy Hotels

Best for: Budget-conscious pilgrims, students, solo travellers, and those who prioritise time in worship over hotel amenities.

Makkah Hotels:

Hotel	Distance to Haram	Key Features
Elaf Al Mashaer	~800m	Clean rooms, shuttle service, 24/7 reception
Al Kiswah Tower	~1km	Good value, restaurant on-site
Dar Al Eiman Grand	~600m	Decent rooms, close to local markets

Madinah Hotels:

Hotel	Distance to Masjid an-Nabawi	Key Features
Al Eman Royal Hotel	~700m	Comfortable, good breakfast
Dallah Taibah	~900m	Family-friendly, shuttle available
Al Mukhtara International	~500m	Budget-friendly, central location

What to expect: Functional rooms, basic amenities, shuttle service to Haram. Rooms may be smaller. Good for pilgrims who spend most of their time at the mosque.

□□□□ 4-Star Comfort Hotels

Best for: Families, first-time pilgrims, couples, and those wanting a comfortable base between worship sessions.

Makkah Hotels:

Hotel	Distance to Haram	Key Features
Anjum Hotel Makkah	~400m	Highly rated, excellent breakfast buffet
Al Marwa Rayhaan by Rotana	~500m	Modern rooms, family suites available
Makarem Ajyad Makkah	~350m	Great location, rooftop Haram views
Elaf Kinda Hotel	~450m	Spacious rooms, multiple dining options

Madinah Hotels:

Hotel	Distance to Masjid an-Nabawi	Key Features
Millennium Al Aqeeq	~400m	Modern, excellent facilities
Frontel Al Harithia	~600m	Good value, family-friendly
Dallah Taibah Hotel (4-star wing)	~350m	Comfortable, reliable service
Pullman Zamzam Madinah	~300m	Premium 4-star experience

What to expect: Well-appointed rooms, buffet breakfast included, family suites, reliable Wi-Fi, professional service. Walking distance to Haram without the luxury price tag.

□□□□□ 5-Star Luxury Hotels

Best for: Elderly pilgrims, those with mobility needs, special occasions, and pilgrims seeking the most comfortable spiritual experience.

Makkah Hotels:

Hotel	Distance to Haram	Key Features
Swissôtel Al Maqam Makkah	~100m (Abraj Al-Bait complex)	Direct Haram access, panoramic views
Pullman ZamZam Makkah	~200m	Premium dining, Haram-view rooms

Hotel	Distance to Haram	Key Features
Hilton Suites Makkah	~150m	Spacious suites, VIP services
Makkah Clock Royal Tower (Fairmont)	~50m	Iconic tower, steps from Haram
Conrad Makkah	~300m	Modern luxury, excellent restaurants

Madinah Hotels:

Hotel	Distance to Masjid an-Nabawi	Key Features
The Oberoi Madinah	~200m	Ultra-luxury, personalised service
Dar Al Taqwa Hotel	~100m	Steps from Masjid an-Nabawi
Shaza Al Madina	~250m	Boutique luxury, Arabian design
Pullman Zamzam Madinah	~150m	Top-tier facilities, central

What to expect: World-class service, Haram-view rooms, premium dining, VIP airport transfers, private Ziyarah tours, dedicated Umrah concierge. Some hotels offer direct covered walkways to Haram.

Family Umrah Packages from Birmingham: Complete Guide

Birmingham's large Muslim community means many families travel together for Umrah. A well-designed family package addresses the unique needs of travelling with children and elderly relatives.

What to Look for in a Family Package

Feature	Why It Matters
Interconnecting or family rooms	Children stay close; elderly have private space

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Hotels within 300m of Haram	Reduces walking for children and elderly
Flexible meal plans	Children's dietary needs; elderly may need regular meals
Private transport	Safer and more comfortable than shared shuttles with young children
Stroller-friendly hotels	Essential for toddlers — check if hotel has ramps and lifts
Group Umrah guidance	Helps first-time family pilgrims perform rituals correctly
Flexible itinerary	Allows rest days for children between Makkah and Madinah

Family Pricing Estimates (10 Nights)

Family Size	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star
2 Adults + 1 Child (2–11)	From £1,800	From £2,600	From £4,200
2 Adults + 2 Children	From £2,400	From £3,400	From £5,500
2 Adults + 3 Children	From £2,900	From £4,100	From £6,800
3 Adults (e.g., with elderly parent)	From £2,100	From £3,000	From £4,800

> **Tip:** Children under 2 usually fly free or at a significantly reduced rate. Children aged 2–11 typically receive 15–30% discount on the adult package price. Always confirm child pricing with your agency.

Family-Specific Packing Tips

- □□ Baby wipes, nappies, and formula (available in Saudi Arabia but at higher prices)
- □□ Small comfort items for young children (long flights and unfamiliar environment)
- □□ Comfortable shoes for everyone (families walk 8–12km daily)
- □□ Children's medications (paracetamol, rehydration sachets — heat-related illness is common)
- □□ Download cartoons/games for children on flights (no reliable in-flight Wi-Fi on most routes)

Last-Minute Umrah Packages from Birmingham: What You Need to Know

Sometimes opportunities arise unexpectedly — a sudden holiday, a cancelled commitment, or simply the spiritual pull to perform Umrah. Here's how last-minute bookings actually work.

What Counts as "Last Minute"?

Timeframe Before Departure	Classification	Typical Price Impact
3–4 weeks	Moderately last-minute	0–10% higher than standard
1–2 weeks	Last-minute	10–25% higher OR 10–20% lower (distressed inventory)
Under 7 days	Urgent	Highly variable — can be cheapest or most expensive

How Last-Minute Pricing Works

Contrary to popular belief, last-minute doesn't always mean cheaper. Here's the reality:

When it IS cheaper:

- Hotels with unsold rooms drop prices to fill inventory
- Agencies with unsold group allocations offer discounts
- Off-peak months (Safar, Rabi al-Thani) have more availability

When it's MORE expensive:

- Peak seasons (Ramadan, December, school holidays) — hotels are fully booked
- Flight prices increase closer to departure
- Visa processing may require expedited fees

How to Find Genuine Last-Minute Deals

1. **Sign up for agency newsletters** — many send flash deals to subscribers first
2. **Follow agencies on social media** — WhatsApp groups and Instagram stories often announce deals
3. **Call directly** — phone enquiries often reveal deals not listed on websites
4. **Be flexible on dates** — shifting by 2–3 days can save hundreds
5. **Be flexible on hotel tier** — a 3-star last-minute deal may cost less than a pre-booked economy package
6. **Check multiple agencies** — compare at least 3–4 before committing

Last-Minute Checklist

If you're booking with under 2 weeks' notice:

- Is your passport valid for 6+ months from entry date?
- Can your agency process the visa in time? (Nusuk visas typically take 3–7 days; eVisa takes 24–72 hours)
- Do you have a meningitis ACWY vaccination? (Must be administered at least **10 days before travel**)
- Can you arrange travel insurance quickly? (Online policies can be purchased same-day)
- Have you arranged time off work/school?

> **Important:** The meningitis vaccination requirement is often the biggest blocker for last-minute travel. If you don't already have it, you need **minimum 10 days** before departure. Plan accordingly.

The Saudi Nusuk Visa System: What Birmingham Pilgrims Need to Know (2026)

Since 2023, Saudi Arabia has centralised Umrah travel through the **Nusuk platform** (nusuk.sa) — a digital system for visa processing, Umrah permits, and itinerary management.

Visa Options for UK Passport Holders

Visa Type	Cost	Processing Time	How to Apply	Valid For
Umrah Visa (via Nusuk)	Usually included in package	3–7 working days	Through licensed travel agency	Umrah + limited tourism
Saudi eVisa (Tourist)	~£120 (SAR 535)	24–72 hours	Online at visa.visitsaudi.com	Tourism + Umrah permitted
Visa on Arrival	~£120 (SAR 535)	At Saudi airport	Present UK passport at immigration	Tourism + Umrah permitted

> **Source:** Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Nusuk Platform, 2025/2026 guidelines

Document Requirements

Requirement	Details
Passport	Valid for at least **6 months from your date of entry into Saudi Arabia**
Passport photo	White background, recent, biometric-style
Nusuk registration	Completed online (if applying via Umrah visa route)
Meningitis ACWY certificate	**Mandatory** — must be administered at least **10 days before arrival**
Proof of accommodation	Hotel booking confirmation
Return flight booking	Confirmed return ticket
COVID vaccination	No longer mandatory as of 2024, but recommended — check latest Saudi MOH updates

For Non-British Passport Holders Living in the UK

If you hold a passport from Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Somalia, or another country and live in the UK, additional requirements may apply:

- Valid UK residence permit (BRP) or valid UK visa
- Your travel agency processes the Umrah visa through the Saudi embassy
- Processing may take longer (7–14 working days)
- Additional documentation may be required

> **Always confirm** your specific visa requirements with your travel agency based on your nationality and UK immigration status.

Birmingham vs Manchester vs London: Departure City Comparison

Many UK pilgrims weigh up which airport offers the best value and convenience. Here's an objective, data-backed comparison:

Factor	Birmingham (BHX)	Manchester (MAN)	London (LHR/LGW)
Muslim catchment population	~340,000 (city) + Midlands region	~250,000+ (Greater Manchester + North)	~1.3 million+ (Greater London)
Airlines to Saudi Arabia	6–7 (seasonal direct via Saudia)	5–6 (seasonal direct via Saudia)	10+ (year-round direct via Saudia, BA)
Direct flights to Jeddah	Seasonal (Ramadan/peak)	Seasonal (Ramadan/peak)	Year-round
Average 4-star package price	£949 – £1,450	£999 – £1,500	£899 – £1,400

Factor	Birmingham (BHX)	Manchester (MAN)	London (LHR/LGW)
Airport size & congestion	Medium — easier navigation	Medium-large	Large — longer check-in queues
Airport parking (per week)	£40 – £80	£50 – £90	£70 – £150
Best for residents of	West & East Midlands	North West & Yorkshire	London & South East
Number of local Umrah agencies	High (large Muslim community)	Growing	Highest in UK

Verdict

If you live in...	Best departure city
West Midlands, East Midlands, or Central England	**Birmingham** □
North West England, Yorkshire, or North East	**Manchester** □
London, South East, or South England	**London** □
Equidistant between cities	Compare flight prices and package deals — the best value varies by date

> **Bottom line:** Don't assume London is always cheapest. Birmingham and Manchester packages are often price-competitive, and the savings on domestic travel (fuel, train tickets, airport parking, overnight hotel) can make BHX the most cost-effective choice for Midlands residents.

How to Save Money on Umrah from Birmingham — 8 Proven Strategies

1. Book 4–6 Months in Advance

Early booking secures lower flight prices and first pick of hotel rooms. For **Ramadan 2026**, book by September–October 2025 for best rates.

2. Travel During Off-Peak Months

Islamic Month	Gregorian Equivalent (2026 Approx.)	Demand	Savings vs Peak
Safar	August – September 2026	Low	30–40% cheaper
Rabi al-Awwal	September – October 2026	Medium (Mawlid season)	15–25% cheaper
Rabi al-Thani	October – November 2026	Low	25–35% cheaper
Jumada al-Ula	November – December 2026	Medium	10–20% cheaper
Ramadan	Late February – Late March 2026	Very High	Most expensive
Shawwal	Late March – April 2026	High (post-Eid rush)	5–15% cheaper than Ramadan

3. Choose the Right Hotel Tier for Your Needs

The difference between 3-star and 5-star can be **£800–£2,500+ per person**. If you plan to spend most of your time at the Haram, a comfortable 3-star hotel with shuttle service may be all you need.

4. Book as a Group

Most agencies offer **10–15% group discounts** for 10+ pilgrims. Organise with your local mosque, community centre, or extended family.

5. Fly Mid-Week

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday departures are typically **£50–£150 cheaper** per person than weekend flights.

6. Consider Budget Airlines for Connections

Pegasus Airlines and flydubai offer lower fares from Birmingham via Istanbul and Dubai respectively. The trade-off is longer layovers and fewer luggage allowances.

7. Use Payment Plans Wisely

Many UK agencies offer **0% instalment plans** over 3–6 months. This doesn't save money directly but makes budgeting easier and avoids the need to delay booking.

8. Compare at Least 3–4 Agencies

Price differences of **£100–£400 per person** for essentially the same package are common across agencies. Spend 30 minutes comparing before committing.

Choosing a Trustworthy UK Umrah Agency: Your Complete Checklist

✅ Essential Criteria

Criterion	Why It Matters	How to Verify
ATOL Protection	Legal financial protection if agency goes bankrupt	Check at caa.co.uk/atol

Criterion	Why It Matters	How to Verify
Licensed with Saudi MOH/Nusuk	Legal authorisation to process Umrah visas	Ask for licence number; verify on Nusuk
Named Hotels	You know exactly where you'll stay	Reject "or similar" without specifics
Transparent, Itemised Pricing	No hidden fees or surprise charges	Request written breakdown before paying
Verified Customer Reviews	Real pilgrim experiences	Check Trustpilot, Google Reviews, Islamic forums
Physical UK Office	Accountability and face-to-face support	Visit or verify the address
24/7 Support During Travel	Help available if problems arise in Saudi Arabia	Confirm UK phone number + WhatsApp
Flexible Payment Plans	Manageable budgeting	Ask about 0% instalment options
Clear Cancellation Policy	Know your rights if plans change	Get cancellation terms in writing

□□ Red Flags — Walk Away If You See These

Red Flag	Risk
No ATOL number on website or materials	Your money is unprotected
"5-star hotel near Haram" without naming the property	Could be any hotel, any distance
No physical UK office address	Difficult to hold accountable
Pressure to book immediately	Legitimate agencies don't pressure
Full payment upfront with no instalment option	Increases your financial risk

Red Flag	Risk
No written contract or itinerary	No legal recourse if things change
Unusually low prices (e.g., £350 for 10 nights including flights)	Likely a scam or bait-and-switch
No cancellation or refund policy	You could lose everything if plans change

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Complete Pre-Travel Checklist for Birmingham Pilgrims

□□ Documents & Admin (4–8 Weeks Before)

- Passport valid for 6+ months from Saudi entry date
- Umrah visa confirmed (via agency or self-applied eVisa)
- Meningitis ACWY vaccination (at least **10 days before travel** — book at GP, Boots, or Superdrug travel clinic)
- Travel insurance purchased (ensure Saudi Arabia is covered)
- Hotel and flight confirmations saved (printed + digital copies)
- Airport parking booked at BHX (pre-booking saves 40–60% vs drive-up rates)
- Travel money arranged (Saudi Riyals or travel card)

□□ Packing Essentials

- Ihram clothing — 2 sets (for men)
- Comfortable, broken-in walking shoes (you'll walk **10–15km daily**)
- Modest, comfortable clothing (for women)
- Prayer mat (lightweight, foldable)
- Small backpack/day bag for Haram visits
- Sunscreen SPF50+ (Makkah temperatures can exceed 40°C in summer)
- Reusable water bottle (ZamZam water stations are everywhere)
- Medications with doctor's note (Saudi customs may question unlabelled medication)
- UK plug adapter — **not needed** (Saudi Arabia uses Type G, same as UK □□□□)

- Portable phone charger (long days away from hotel)
- Umbrella (for sun protection during Tawaf and Sa'i)

□□ Essential Apps to Download Before Travel

App	Purpose	Download
Nusuk	Visa management, Umrah permits, itinerary	iOS & Android
Al Haramain	Prayer times, Haram navigation, crowd levels	iOS & Android
Uber	Reliable transport in Makkah and Madinah	iOS & Android
Careem	Local alternative to Uber (widely used in Saudi)	iOS & Android
Wise	Excellent GBP → SAR exchange rates	iOS & Android
Revolut	Fee-free spending abroad	iOS & Android
Google Translate	Arabic ↔ English (download offline Arabic pack)	iOS & Android
Maps.me	Offline maps (works without data in Saudi Arabia)	iOS & Android
XE Currency	Real-time currency conversion	iOS & Android

Birmingham-Specific Travel Tips

Getting to Birmingham Airport (BHX)

Method	Details	Approximate Cost
Driving + parking	Long-stay parking at BHX	£40–£80/week (pre-book online)
Birmingham Airport train station	Directly connected to terminal via Air-Rail Link	£2–£15 depending on origin

Method	Details	Approximate Cost
National Express coach	Services from across the Midlands	£5–£25
Taxi/Private transfer	Door-to-door convenience	£15–£50 from central Birmingham
Family/friend drop-off	Free drop-off zone (max 10 minutes)	Free

> **Tip:** The **free drop-off zone** at BHX is a 10-minute walk from the terminal. For closer drop-off, the **premium set-down** area charges £5 for 10 minutes. For families with luggage and elderly passengers, this is worth the small fee.

BHX Terminal Tips for Umrah Travellers

- **Arrive 3 hours early** for international flights — especially during Ramadan when Umrah passenger volumes are high
- **Prayer room** available airside (after security) — ask staff for directions
- **Halal food options** are limited airside — eat before arriving or pack snacks
- **ZamZam water** cannot be carried in hand luggage (liquid restrictions) — pack in checked baggage, well-wrapped
- **Ihram can be worn** from Birmingham — some pilgrims enter Ihram at home before departing

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Spiritual Preparation: Making the Most of Your Umrah

While logistics matter, Umrah is fundamentally a **spiritual journey**. Here's how to prepare your heart and mind:

Before You Travel

Preparation	Resources

Learn the Umrah rituals step by step	islamicfinder.org/umrah-guide
Memorise key duas	Dua for entering Ihram, Tawaf, Sa'i, and drinking ZamZam
Make sincere intention (niyyah)	Your Umrah is for Allah alone — renew this intention daily
Seek forgiveness	Resolve disputes, repay debts, ask forgiveness from those you've wronged
Learn basic Arabic phrases	Labbayk, Allahu Akbar, SubhanAllah — these will be part of your daily experience
Read about the history of Makkah and Madinah	Deepens your spiritual connection to the places you'll visit

Umrah Ritual Summary

Step	Location	Description
1. **Ihram**	Before entering Makkah (at Miqat)	Enter state of consecration, make intention, recite Talbiyah
2. **Tawaf**	Masjid al-Haram, Makkah	Circumambulate the Kaaba 7 times counter-clockwise
3. **Sa'i**	Between Safa and Marwa	Walk 7 times between the two hills (~3.15km total)
4. **Halq/Taqsir**	Makkah	Men shave or trim hair; women trim a small portion
5. **Umrah complete**	—	Exit Ihram, Umrah is fulfilled

> **First-time pilgrims:** Consider booking a package that includes a **group guide or scholar** who walks you through each ritual. This removes uncertainty and allows you to focus entirely on worship.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much do Umrah packages from Birmingham cost in 2026?

Prices range from approximately **£579 per person** for short 7-night economy packages during off-peak months to **£4,200+ per person** for 5-star luxury packages during Ramadan. The most popular choice — a **10-night, 4-star package** — typically costs **£949–£1,450 per person** in off-peak season.

Are direct flights available from Birmingham to Jeddah?

Yes. **Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia)** operates seasonal direct flights from BHX to Jeddah, primarily during **Ramadan and peak Umrah season**. Year-round one-stop options are available via Turkish Airlines (Istanbul), Emirates (Dubai), Qatar Airways (Doha), and Etihad (Abu Dhabi).

How far in advance should I book Umrah from Birmingham for 2026?

For the best prices and hotel availability, book **4–6 months ahead**. For **Ramadan 2026**, we recommend booking **6–8 months in advance** as both flights and premium hotels sell out quickly.

Do I need a separate Umrah visa, or can I use a tourist eVisa?

UK passport holders can perform Umrah with either a **dedicated Umrah visa** (processed via the Nusuk platform, usually included in your package) or a **Saudi tourist eVisa** (~£120), which also permits Umrah. Verify the latest requirements at nusuk.sa.

Is the meningitis vaccination mandatory for Umrah?

Yes — this is non-negotiable. Saudi Arabia requires all Umrah and Hajj pilgrims to have an **ACWY meningitis vaccination** administered at least **10 days before arrival**. Available at your GP, Boots, Superdrug, or any UK travel vaccination clinic. Cost: approximately £30–£50.

Can families book Umrah packages from Birmingham?

Absolutely. Many agencies offer dedicated **family Umrah packages from Birmingham** with interconnecting rooms, child-friendly hotels near Haram, private transport, and flexible itineraries. A typical family package for 2 adults + 2 children (10 nights, 4-star) starts from approximately **£3,400**.

What happens if my travel agency goes bankrupt?

If your agency is **ATOL-protected**, the UK Civil Aviation Authority legally guarantees a full refund or alternative travel arrangements. **Always verify ATOL status** at caa.co.uk/atol before making any payment.

Are last-minute Umrah packages from Birmingham cheaper?

Sometimes, but not always. Last-minute deals depend on hotel and flight availability. During off-peak months, agencies may discount unsold inventory. During Ramadan or school holidays, last-minute prices are typically **higher**. Flexibility on dates and hotel tier is key to finding genuine last-minute savings.

Is travel insurance required for Umrah?

While not always mandatory for Saudi entry, **travel insurance is strongly recommended** and should be considered essential. It covers medical emergencies (hospital costs in Saudi Arabia can be very high), trip cancellations, lost luggage, and flight disruptions. Ensure your policy specifically covers Saudi Arabia. Cost: approximately £25–£80 per person.

What should I do if I hold a non-British passport but live in the UK?

You can still book Umrah packages from Birmingham. You'll need your **valid passport, UK residence permit (BRP) or UK visa**, and your agency will process the Umrah visa through the Saudi embassy. Processing may take **7–14 working days** — allow extra time compared to British passport holders.

Final Thoughts

Birmingham is uniquely positioned as one of the UK's best departure cities for Umrah — home to the country's largest Muslim community outside London, served by an international airport with strong Saudi

Arabia connectivity, and supported by a mature network of experienced Umrah travel agencies.

Whether you're a **first-time pilgrim** seeking guidance, a **family** planning a shared spiritual experience, a **budget-conscious traveller** looking for the best value, or someone responding to a **last-minute spiritual calling**, there is a Birmingham Umrah package designed for your needs.

Your key takeaways:

1. □□ **Book 4–6 months early** — 6–8 months for Ramadan
2. □□ **Compare 3–4 ATOL-protected agencies** before committing
3. ✈ **Check Saudia's direct BHX–Jeddah flights** during peak season
4. □□ **Choose the right hotel tier** — don't overpay for amenities you won't use
5. □□ **Use the Nusuk platform** for visa and itinerary management
6. □□ **Get your meningitis vaccination** at least 10 days before travel
7. □□ **Verify ATOL protection** — this is non-negotiable
8. □□ **Prepare spiritually** — the journey is about worship, not tourism

May Allah accept the Umrah of every pilgrim who sets out from Birmingham on this blessed journey, and may He make their travel smooth, their worship sincere, and their return safe. □□