

What to bring on Umrah

Work through this a week or two before you fly. Most of it is far easier to sort out at home than in Makkah.



Documents and money

- ☐ Passport, valid well past your return date
- ☐ Visa confirmation and your flight details
- ☐ Vaccination record
- ☐ Four spare passport photographs
- ☐ A photograph of all of the above on your phone
- ☐ Some Saudi riyals for taxis, barbers and small shops
- ☐ A bank card that works abroad



In your hand luggage

- ☐ Your ihram, if you enter it before landing
- ☐ Any medicine you take daily, in its own packaging
- ☐ A change of clothes, in case a bag is late
- ☐ Phone, charger and a power bank
- ☐ An empty water bottle to fill after security



Ihram and clothing

- ☐ Two sets of ihram, and a spare
- ☐ A belt or pouch that holds a passport
- ☐ Loose, modest clothing for a warm country

- ☐ Sandals you can walk kilometres in
- ☐ A cloth bag for your shoes, since they come off constantly
- ☐ A light layer for the aeroplane and for early mornings
- ☐ An umbrella, which is for the sun as much as the rain



Unscented toiletries

Scent is not permitted in ihram, so buy these unscented before you travel rather than hoping to find them there.

- ☐ Soap and shampoo
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Moisturiser and lip balm
- ☐ Nail clippers



Medicines

- ☐ Whatever you take at home, in enough quantity
- ☐ Painkillers
- ☐ Something for a cold and a sore throat
- ☐ Plasters, for the walking
- ☐ Rehydration sachets
- ☐ Sun cream



Worth having

- ☐ A prayer mat and a small Quran or dua book
- ☐ A local SIM, or roaming you have checked the price of
- ☐ Earplugs and an eye mask
- ☐ A notebook and a pen
- ☐ Snacks you already know you like

Do not pack

Saudi customs refuse these outright. The list is the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah's, and customs is the authority on anything not named here.

- ✗ Weapons and ammunition of any kind
- ✗ Drugs, intoxicants and any pill you cannot account for
- ✗ Chewing tobacco
- ✗ Fireworks
- ✗ Lasers of any kind
- ✗ Electric shock devices
- ✗ Listening or recording devices meant to be hidden
- ✗ Counterfeit currency
- ✗ Anything obscene, on paper or on a drive
- ✗ More than 60,000 riyals in cash, which must be declared
- ✗ Gifts worth more than 3,000 riyals, which count as commercial goods



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