

STEP-BY-STEP: UMRAH GUIDE

1. Before setting off from home

- Make Ghusl (full body wash)
- Trim your nails, and remove your pubic hair.
- Whatever Salah is due at the time of travel, ensure it has been prayed in full before setting off
- Pray 2 rakaats of Travelling Salah before setting off
- when going out of your house/hotel, say:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ.

Bismillahi, Tawakkaltu, 'a-lallahi, wa laa hawla wa laa quwatta illah billah

(In the name of Allaah, I place my trust in Allah, and there is neither might nor power except with Allah)

- Read Du'aa of Travelling, before setting off in car

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ وَإِنَّا إِلَى رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ،

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar. Subhaa-nalathee, Sakha-ra-la-naa ha-thaa wa maa kunaa, lahu muq-ri-nee-na wa innaa ilaa rabbinaa la-mun-qa-le-boon

(Allaah is the greatest x3, How perfect He is, The One Who has place this (transport) at our service, and we ourselves would not have been capable of that, and to our Lord if our final destiny.)

- At a journey break, you may say:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ.

A'uthoo bi-kalimaa tillaah-hitammaa ti-min sharri maa khalaq

(I take refuge in Allaah's perfect words from the evil that He has created.)

NB. During your journey keep yourself in the remembrance of Allah (make dhikr, make dua, read Quran, read Islamic Book etc). Remember this is the start of your journey to the House of Allah, and you have been given an invitation from Málik Al-Mulk (Owner and King of all Kingdoms), so Praise and Glorify Him.

- Once you are a traveller (having left your areas of residence), and the next Salah is due, you can combine and shorten them as this is a concession from Allah.
 - Dhur (2 Rakaats) & Asr (2 Rakaats) together
 - Maghrib (3 Rakaats) & Isha (2 Rakaats) together
 - Read as many sunnah/nawafil as you like, there is no restriction.

2. Before passing the Meeqat – (the place where the Umrah starts, and one enters the state of Ihram)

- **Men to get changed into their Ihram (2 pieces of white cloth), preferably after one of the 5 daily prayers**
- Make niyyah (intention) for Umrah

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِعُمْرَةٍ

Labbaik Allaahumma 'Umrah

(Here I am O Allah making 'Umraah)

- **If one fears** that they are likely to be subjected to illness or anything else that might obstruct their Umrah, one may add the following, by doing so if one cannot complete the Umrah for whatever reason; then they simply cut their hair and do not have to pay the ransom.

اللَّهُمَّ مَجِّلِي حَيْثُ حَبَسْتَنِي

Allaahumma mahillee haithu habastanee

(I come out of the state of Ihraam from the place You prevent me from continuing).

- Make the Talbiyah (**men to raise their voices**) and continue making the Talbiyah until you reach the Kaba and start your Tawaf

كَيْبَكِ اللَّهُمَّ كَيْبَكِ، كَيْبَكِ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ كَيْبَكِ، إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

Labbayk Allaahumma labbayk, labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk,

innal-hamda wan-ni'mata laka wal-mulk, laa shareeka lak

(Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am. You have no partner. Here I am.

Surely all praise, grace and dominion is yours, and you have no partner.)

3. Entering Masjid Al Haram - (in Makkah, Saudia Arabia)

- Enter with your right foot
- Make duaa of the Masjid

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَسَلِّمْ، اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

Bismillahi, Allallahumma salli 'alaa muhammadin wa sallim - allaahumma aftah lee abwaaba rahmatika

(In the name of Allah! O Allah! Exalt the mention of your Messenger. O Allah! Forgive my sins, and open the gates of Your mercy for me).

4. Tawaf (7 rounds around the Ka'bah) - You must be in Wudu (ablution)

- **Men to leave their right shoulder bare ONLY** during the entire Tawaf, this is called Idtiba'a, after the tawaf men need to cover both shoulders.
- Start at the Black Stone, either
 - Kiss it if you can, if not
 - Touch it with your right hand, if not
 - Face the Black Stone and point at it with your right hand
- Say **Bismillah, Allahu Akbar** (just before kissing it/or just before or whilst touching/pointing)
- For men, to Raml (hasten/briskly walk) during the first 3 rounds of Tawaf and walk normally during the other 4 rounds.
- Once you reach the Yamani corner, either
 - Touch it with your right hand (do not kiss it), and say **Bimsillah Allahu Akbar**
 - or if unable, then continue without gesturing or saying anything
- From the Yamani corner to the Black Stone recite

﴿رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ﴾

Rabbanaa aatinaa fid-dunyaa hasanatan wa feel aakhirati hasanatan wa qinaa 'adhaaban naar

(Our Lord, grant us good in this life and good in the hereafter and save us from the punishment of the Hellfire.

[Quran; 2:201])

- Once you return back to the Black Stone, you have completed 1 round, and you need to repeat the above steps 6 more times.

NB. There is no specific duaa's that must be read during the Tawaf. Make as many supplications from your heart, for that which will benefit you. Recite whatever you wish, supplicate to Allaah by asking for good, recite the Quran, anything you wish.

5. After Completing Tawaf, proceed to Maqaam-e Ibraaheem - (Prophet Ibraaheem's station)

- Recite this verse (which means):

﴿وَاتَّخِذُوا مِنْ مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مُصَلًّى﴾

Wattakhidhoo min-maqaami ibraaheema musalla

(And take you (people) the Maqaam (place) of Ibraaheem as a place of Prayer. [Quran; 2:125])

- Pray two short Rak'ahs, as close as conveniently possible behind Maqaam-e Ibraaheem. If it is not possible then you can pray them anywhere in the sacred mosque.
 - It is preferred to recite during the first Rak'ah (after Surah Al-Fatiha), Surah Al-Kafiroon and
 - during the second Rak'ah (after Surah Al-Fatiha) Surah Al-Ikhlās

6. Go to Zam Zam Wells

- Make dua before drinking
- Drink Zam Zam water
- Pour water over your head
- Return to the Black Stone touch it with your right hand (as before), if it is not convenient **do nothing**, and proceed to do Sai.

7. Sai (7 circuits) - having wudu is highly recommended, but not compulsory

- As you leave the boundary of the Masjid, you can say (as prescribed for all Masaajid):

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ
فَضْلِكَ، اللَّهُمَّ اعْصِمْنِي مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ.

Bismillahi was-salaatu was-salaamu 'alaa rasoolillahi,

Allahum-ma inee a'-aluka min fadhlika, Allahum-ma a'simnee minash-shaitaanie-rajeem

(In the name of Allah, and prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah.

O Allaah, I ask you from your favour. O Allaah, guard from the accursed devil.)

- Upon approaching Mount Safaa, the following ayaat (verse) is recited

﴿إِنَّ الصَّفَا وَالْمَرْوَةَ مِنْ شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ فَمَنْ حَجَّ الْبَيْتَ أَوْ
اعْتَمَرَ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يَطُوفَ بِهِمَا وَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاكِرٌ عَلِيمٌ﴾

Innas-safaa wal marwata min sha'aa'irillaahi faman hajjal baita 'awi'tamara falaa janaaha 'alaihi an yattawwafa bihimaa wa man tatawwa'a khiran fa'innallaaha shaakirun 'aleemun

(Verily, As-Safaa and Al-Marwah are from the symbols of Allah. So it is not a sin on him who performs Hajj or 'Umrah of the house (ka 'bah) to perform the going (tawaaaf) between them. And whoever does well voluntarily, and then verily, Allaah is the All-Recognizer, All-Knower. [Quran; 2:158])

أَبْدَأُ بِمَا بَدَأَ اللَّهُ بِهِ.

Abda'u bima bada'Allahu bihi

(I begin with what Allah began with.)

- Then ascend upon Mount Safaa**, face the Qiblah, raise your hands and recite 3 times:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ.

Allaahu akbar allaahu akbar allaahu akbar.

(Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest.)

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْخِمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ،
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ أَنْجَزَ وَعْدَهُ، وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ وَهَزَمَ الْأَحْزَابَ وَحْدَهُ.

Laa ilaaha illa Allah, Wahdahu laa Sharika lah, Lah ul-Mulk, Wa lah ul-Hamd, Wa huwa 'ala Kulli shay'in Qadeer, Laa ilaaha illa Allah, Anjaza wa'dah, Wa Nasara 'abdah, Wa hazam al-Ahzaba wahdah

(There is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, Alone. He has no partner, To Him belongs the kingdom, & all praise belongs to Him, & He has power above all things, There is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, He fulfilled His promise, Granted victory to His servant, And alone He defeated the allied army.)

- Then you Praise Allah, Send Salaam upon Muhammad (sa) and then make as much personal Du'as as you like. Pray for anything from the goodness of this life and the next, pray for both yourself and others.
- Then descend from Mount Safaa and go walking towards Mount Marwah
- **When you reach the green sign, men are to hasten their walk for a while, but do not run. Then return to your normal phase of walk at the next green sign.**
- Upon reaching Mount Marwah repeat the same procedure as when ascending Mount Safaa (face the Qibla, raise your hands and repeat what was said on Mount Safaa.) **This completes one circuit.**
- Continue and complete in total 7 circuits, ending the last one on Mount Marwah.

Enjoy the process. You've come all this way, open your heart in glorification and Dua to Allah!

NB. There are no particular supplications to be recited between Safaa and Marwah. It is up to the worshipper to praise Allah or supplicate Him in his own words, or he may recite portions of the Qur'an.

8. After Completing Sai, Trim/Cut the hair

- **It is recommended for men are to shave all their hair, but they can trim it all the way round**
- Women are to shorten their hair by a finger tip.

Now all Ihraam rules are lifted, and your Umrah is completed. May Allah accept your Umrah, Ameen!!