



Who is this trip open to?

The Umrah trip is open to all Al Rawdah students and their immediate family members.

Immediate family members include parents, siblings and grandparents. Uncles, aunts and other cousins and relatives are not permitted to apply for this trip.

If a student's mother has no Mahram within the household, then she will be allowed to bring only one male family member as her Mahram.

The trip is also open to all Al Rawdah teachers and their immediate families.

Conditions on applying

- **Any student traveling alone must be at least 18 years of age on 26th October 2023**
- **Any student under the age of 18 traveling alone must be accompanied by an immediate family member who is at least 18 years of age on 26th October 2023**
- **There is no minimum age for students travelling with immediate family members**
- **A toddler must be 3 years of age up until the return date of 5th November 2023**
- **Any child who is subject to custody dispute, must provide proof of permission to travel from the court or solicitor**

Umrah Trip overview:

At Al Rawdah we have been working very hard in planning Islamic trips and tours for the benefit of our students and their families. We cannot think of a better way to announce this programme than to take our students for an Umrah trips first.

A trip to the holy lands is always an experience of spirituality and emotions, as it is a moment where one connects directly to the creator at the very focal point of Qiblah and the birthplace of our religion.

In this short time we will do our best in providing our students, their families and our teachers the best experience and in particular for those travelling for the first time, a trip never to forget.

The time split is as follows:

Makkah: 5 days

Madinah: 3 days





Activities – Makkah

Perform rituals of Umrah: Upon entering into the Holy city of Makkah we will perform Umrah. The Umrah may be performed individually or as a group assisted by the group leader.

Ziyaarah of Makkah and its historical sites: Many of the historical sites within Makkah have become difficult to access or even removed, mainly due to the expansion work currently at the Masjid Al Haram and re-development in the road and transport infrastructure. We will visit as many places as possible and learn of its's historical relevance and importance in Islam.

Visit Kiswah Factory & Makkah Museum: The Kiswah (Ka'bah cloth) which is placed as a covering on the Holy Ka'bah is made in Makkah at a facility established for this service. The Kiswah factory allows tours and pilgrims to visit, however with conditions; such as in groups from within KSA, or pilgrims but with a minimum number visiting at one time. We will insha Allah visit the factory, get to see at first hand how the cloth is made, which materials are used and appreciate the time and effort required to produce this masterpiece.

Adjoining to the factory is the Makkah museum which holds many relics and early Islamic artefacts. The Museum boasts pieces of the early wooden pillars used in the Ka'bah, doorways and even the ZamZam well.

Visit to the Kiswah factory is subject to availability and current visiting guidelines. Due to our very limited time in Makkah it is possible that we may not be offered a suitable timing. We will do our best to book our group as soon as possible.

Activities – Madinah

Detailed Ziyaarah of Madinah and its historical sites: Madinah Al Munawwarah includes many landmarks and locations of huge significance in the Muslim world and the Islamic faith. We will visit and learn about the locations where revelations were received, an important event took place, where the Sahaba lived and even visit the remains of what still exists till today.

Ziyaarah of the interior of Al Masjid Al Nabawi (Only open to males): We will visit places of significance within the Prophet's Mosque.





Walking tour around the Prophet's Mosque: We will visit places of significance just outside of the Prophet's Mosque, which once may have been considered outside of Madinah.

Traditional meal experiences: To experience the Arab way of culinary life, we will provide 3 unique meals for supper in Madinah.

1. Arabian Mandi
2. Camel Meat with rice
3. Arabian & Turkish cuisine

These meals will either be eaten at the restaurants or at another location.

Please note – all of above may be subject to change due to circumstances and any limitations beyond our control.

Please also note that the Saudi way of life is very relaxed and maybe not what we are used to in the West. For this reason, you may feel tested and patience will be required to deal with this. Please refrain from any action which could result in issues with authorities or land you in trouble, and most importantly results in losing all the reward achieved by visiting the Holy Mosques and carrying out your worship.

Pre-Umrah seminar

Since we will be travelling to Makkah first, an Umrah seminar will be held at the Madrasah in Aston prior to travelling. This will offer an opportunity to recap our knowledge, and for those travelling for the first time explain in how to perform the Umrah and its rulings etc...

Accommodation:

Makkah: Fri 27th October 2023 – Wed 1st November 2023

Le Meridien Towers

Accommodation will be provided at Le Meridien Towers in Makkah, Kudai district and is a 5* International standard hotel. The hotel is **NOT** at walking distance from Masjid Al Haram, however a FREE shuttle service is available to transport to/from 24 -hrs a day.

The shuttle service takes approximately 3 mins to travel between the hotel and Masjid Al Haram avoiding the rush at hotels and the heat.





Collect and drop off point for the shuttle service at the Haram is under the Fairmont Hotel which is outside of Masjid Al Haram.

The collect and drop off point for the shuttle service at the hotel is at the hotel entrance.

The hotel is equipped with free WIFI throughout. Hotel will offer a buffet breakfast each day.

Note: This hotel is not at a walking distance, however it is probably the best choice of hotel available and better than staying at a hotel nearer to the Haram.

Madinah: Wed 1st November 2023 – Sun 5th November 2023

Shakireen Golden Tulip or Golden Tulip Al Ansaar

Accommodation will be provided at either Shakireen Golden Tulip or Golden Tulip Al Ansaar. Both hotels are owned by the same company along with other hotels and are Saudi standard 3/4*, and at a short distance from the Prophet's mosque.

The hotel is equipped with free WIFI throughout. Hotel will offer a buffet breakfast each day.





Package Detail:

Service	Included Not included	
	✓ x	
	Makkah	Madinah
Accommodation – night of	Fri – Sat – Sun – Mon - Tue ✓	Wed – Thu – Fri – Sat ✓
Breakfast	Sun – Mon – Tue - Wed ✓	Thu – Fri – Sat ✓
Lunch	x	x
Supper	x	Thu – Fri – Sat ✓
Excursions & trips – Ziyaarah of historical sites in both Holy cities, inclusive of entry fees if applicable	✓	✓
Pre Umrah seminar – in the UK	✓	
Complimentary drawstring bag with goodies	✓	✓
Transfers – Makkah – Madinah	✓	✓
*Transfers – Jeddah airport – Makkah hotel Madinah hotel – Madinah airport	T&C Apply	
*Flights	x	
*Visa	x	





Cost:

Cost per traveller in each room type	Room type: 2 single beds	Room type: 3 single beds
Teachers	£590	£520
Students	£640	£570
Family Members 4yrs +	£690	£620
Toddler family member upto 3yrs old and sharing bed	£150 – If sharing bed	

*Transfers – Transfer between Makkah and Madinah is included and offered to all. Transfers for Ziyaarah and visits to holy sites is also included.

However, to qualify for a free transfer from and to the airports, you must arrive and leave at the below timings:

- Arrival flight must have landed at Jeddah airport no later than Saturday 28th October 10.30am
- Departure flight must be no later than 12pm from Madinah Airport on Sunday 5th November

If you have selected a flight time other than the above then you will be responsible for arranging and paying for your own transport, though we will assist in finding transport for you.

*Flights - Flights are not included in the cost and each passenger/family must arrange for their own flights.

Though you are free to select your own flight, we would suggest the below flight on Egyptair which will get you to Makkah on Saturday 28th October and leave from Madinah on Sunday 5th November, and arriving back in the UK on Sunday evening.

****Outbound**





Depart: Fri 27th Oct 22:10 from London Heathrow

Arrive: Sat 28th Oct 10:10 at Jeddah International

Return:

Depart: Sun 5th Nov 11:50 from Madinah airport

Arrive: Sun 5th Nov 21:00 at London Heathrow

The above flight is currently £640 - £680 (Dated: 31st March 2023)

****In order to arrive at London Heathrow 3hrs prior to flight time, you must leave from Birmingham no later than 4.15pm on Friday 27th October.**

If a good number of travellers have booked onto the same flight, then we will arrange a coach/mini bus to take us to the airport together from Birmingham and this will incur an additional cost.

*Visa – Visas are not included in the cost and each passenger/family must arrange for their own visas. UK citizens are now able to travel for Umrah on a tourist visa which we would advise you apply for online, or get on arrival in KSA. We will assist and guide you in how to obtain your visa. Tourist Visa cost is approximately £110 online, and approximately £20/£30 more if getting on arrival at Jeddah airport.

Payment & Application Information

Please fill in and submit application form online

If submitting application on/before Sunday 14th May 2023 - 1pm, you will be eligible to pay a deposit of £400 per person at time of applying, with the balance to be paid by Sunday 28th May 2023

If applying after 14th May 2023 - 1pm, the full amount must be paid at time of applying

The last date to submit application will be Sunday 28th May 2023 1pm, no applications will be accepted after this date and time

Deposit for toddler will not be required online, this can be cleared with the remainder of the balance on condition that you are applying no later than 14th May 2023 – 1pm.

Application link - <https://al-rawdah.org.uk/umrah-application-form-october-2023/>





Refund Policy:

1. To secure your place on the trip, you must pay a minimum deposit of £400, along with the application on condition that you are applying before 14th May 2023
2. If you wish to pull out of the trip and be eligible for a refund of the deposit, then you must notify us via email within 14 days of submitting your application, on condition that you did not apply after 14th May 2023
3. If you are applying after 14th May 2023, then the full amount must be paid at time of applying
4. If applying after 28th May 2023, no refund will be issued even if you decide not to travel as all applications made thereafter will be confirmed travellers immediately with our partners in KSA
5. Once the 14 days cooling off period has ended for eligible travellers, your travel confirmation will be sent to our partners in KSA along with hotel payments etc... this will confirm that you are travelling
6. Any Mahram travelling must apply at the same time as to whom they will be a Mahram for
7. Due to the nature of Umrah bookings, including hotel, transfers, visas etc...all bookings are subject to KSA rules & regulations and may change without notice.
8. If you qualify and wish to opt out of the trip, you must notify Al Rawdah of your decision **only** by email at – admin@al-rawdah.org.uk
9. Notification to opt out via text or phone call will not be accepted
10. We, Al Rawdah are within our rights to notify of increase in any cost and charge that difference from you after application if our partners in KSA increase in their costs
11. If any student leaves Al Rawdah Madrasah after making application to join on the trip, they along with the family will still be able to travel, however the cost will increase by £250 for each member travelling which we will have to enforce. The costs provided in this document are exclusively for Al Rawdah students, teachers, and their families.
12. If the difference in cost is not cleared, then any payments already made will not be reimbursed and we will have to cancel your hotel booking and you will be required to arrange for this and all other internal arrangements in KSA.

How to sign up?

- Fill in and submit application form online
- Pay deposit of £400 with application if eligible, or full amount to secure your place
- Wait for us to get back with go ahead on booking flight
- DO NOT BOOK FLIGHT TILL WE HAVE GIVEN GO AHEAD

