



Umrah requirement



Applications for Umrah visa will not be considered if the following requirements are not met:

1. The applicant must have a passport with a validity of at least six (6) months and acceptable both for entry to Saudi Arabia and entry to the next destination; the passport should have at least two empty visa pages adjacent to each other.
2. Each applicant must submit one (1) recent passport size color photograph with a white background. The photograph must be a full-face view in which the visa applicant is facing the camera directly. Side or angled views are NOT accepted.
3. A completed application form filled-out with black ink or printed; the form must be signed and stamped by the authorized travel agency.
4. The Mahram should write his complete information on the application forms of his spouse and children or any relative with whom he is traveling. He should also provide copies of marriage or birth certificates; if these documents were issued outside the US, he should then provide copies translated and notarized by a certified translation office.
5. All women are required to travel for Umrah with a Mahram. Proof of kinship must be submitted with the application form. Women over the age of forty-five (45) may travel without a Mahram with an organized group, They must, however submits a no objection letter from her husband, son or brother authorizing her to travel for Umrah with the named group. This letter should be notarized.
6. The applicant must be in possession of a non-refundable roundtrip ticket with confirmed reservations.
7. The applicant must submit proof of vaccination for meningitis and ACYW135. For infants and children up to fifteen (15) years of age, a vaccination report is required for polio as well as meningitis and polio. Children over fifteen (15) years of age should present the same vaccinations requested for adults.
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 - b. The seasonal (or common) flu, which should be taken two weeks before applying for the visa.
 - c. The H1N1 flu, if a vaccine is made available before Hajj season, and should be taken two weeks before applying for the visa.
 - d. Infants and children up to fifteen (15) years of age should provide a vaccination report for meningococcal and polio.
 - e. Children above fifteen (15) years of age should present the same vaccinations requested for adults.



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- f. Health experts advise the following groups to postpone their plans for Hajj and Umrah this year for their own safety: The elderly, the terminally ill, pregnant women, and children.
8. Umrah visas will only be granted once the competent authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have approved the applicant's request.
 9. The validity of the Umrah visa is one month. The length of stay in the Kingdom will depend on the duration of the Umrah program chosen by the applicant.
 10. Any applicant visiting the United States who has legally spent more than two (2) months in the United States country may apply for an Umrah visa through an authorized travel agency.
 11. Women with Mahrams residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia can apply for an Umrah visa provided that they include -- with their application -- proof of their relationship with the Mahram. They must also provide proof that they will be met at the port of entry once they arrive in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
 12. Male applicants under the legal age of eighteen (18) will not be granted an Umrah visa if not accompanied by their family.
 13. If the applicant has converted to Islam, he/she should provide an Islamic certificate notarized by an Islamic Center.

For more information about licensed Saudi companies and different offers for performing Umrah and visiting Madinah, please visit the Ministry of Hajj's website at <http://www.hajjinformation.com/>

General Guidelines for Umrah Pilgrims:

- Travelers must carry vaccination certificates with them for inspection by the Saudi Authority at port of entry.
- No food products are allowed into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Pilgrims will be authorized to visit any city besides the Holy Sites, if they request permission from the Authorized Saudi Passport Offices.
- Their travel agency should be informed of such intention. The travel agency should then provide and arrange for transportation.
- Umrah pilgrims should not overstay their visas.