



## For Immediate Release

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### Resumption of Umrah 1442: Phase 3

After successfully resuming Umrah in a phased approach. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has advised of the following procedures to welcome International Pilgrims from 01 November under Phase 3 of The Kingdom's plan.

The following information has thus far been received for all arriving Pilgrims from foreign countries:

1. Travel agents and tour operators are obliged to contract with a local Saudi Umrah Operator to apply for an Umrah Visa and other services.
2. Only persons between the ages of 18 & 50 years old will be allowed to enter The Kingdom to perform Umrah.
3. All passengers into KSA must hold a PCR COVID negative test not older than 72 hours upon arrival.
4. Quarantine for three days in a hotel including breakfast, lunch & Supper.
5. Only two persons per room will be accommodated.
6. Travel in a group of 50 persons only (no individual travel) always accompanied by a guide of the Umrah Company.
7. All transfers between points i.e. Airport to Hotel, Madinah to Makkah & vice versa
8. Comprehensive travel insurance.
9. Pre booking of all salah for The Haramain on a mobile application as well as a date and time for the performance of Umrah.
10. All pilgrims to hold conformed reservations and return air ticket.
11. Social distancing protocols, including the wearing of masks and had sanitizing will be mandatory.

SAMTOA accredited agents are currently finalizing contracts to ensure that all arrangements are in place for intending Pilgrims to travel.

Continuous updates and directives are expected to be received from The Ministry of Hajj & Umrah in the coming days. All developments will be made available by The South African Muslim Travel Operators Association to the public.

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