

Ihram — entering the state

Two unsewn cloths, an intention, and a short list of ordinary permitted things that stay forbidden until the rites are done.



★ The fixed boundaries

He ﷺ set Dhul-Hulayfah for the people of Madinah, al-Juhfah for Sham, Qarn al-Manazil for Najd and Yalamlam for Yemen — and for whoever passes through them.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1524 · 1529

★ What a muhrim does not wear

لَا يَلْبَسُ الْقُمُصَ وَلَا الْعَمَائِمَ وَلَا السَّرَاوِيلَ وَلَا الْبُرَانِسَ

No shirt, no turban, no trousers, no hooded cloak — and no leather socks unless he has no sandals, and then cut below the ankle.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1542

★ Nothing scented

The same answer forbids clothes touched with saffron or wars — the dyes that were worn as perfume.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1542 · 1838

★ The talbiyah starts it

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ، لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ

“Here I am, O Allah, here I am. You have no partner; praise and favour are Yours, and the dominion. You have no partner.”

Sahih al-Bukhari 1549

★ Nothing coarse

فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ

“No sexual relations, no disobedience and no disputing during hajj.” The marriage contract and intimacy both wait.

Qur'an 2:197

★ No hunting on land

وَحَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ صَيْدَ الْبَرِّ مَا دُمْتُمْ حُرُمًا

“Lawful to you is game from the sea... but forbidden to you is the game of the land as long as you are in ihram.”

Qur'an 5:96

★ If the head must be shaved

“Whoever among you is ill or has an ailment of the head — a ransom of fasting, or charity, or sacrifice.” The Qur'an names the three kinds and leaves the measure to the sunnah.

Qur'an 2:196

★ A woman in ihram

Her ihram is her ordinary covering dress. The same hadith adds that she does not wear a face-veil or gloves; the schools differ on how she screens her face when men pass.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1838 · fiqh: the schools differ

★ If you are prevented

فَإِنْ أُحْصِرْتُمْ فَمَا اسْتَيْسَرَ مِنَ الْهَدْيِ

“But if you are prevented, then whatever can be obtained with ease of sacrificial animals.” Being stopped has a named way out.

Qur'an 2:196