Question 581) - Is there a specified time for 'Umrah as in Hajj?

A: No. One may perform 'Umrah whenever one wishes, except that it is Makruh Tahrimi from the 9th Zul Hijjah until the last day of Tashriq. There is greater reward for 'Umrah during Ramadan. 'Umrah then earns the reward like that of Hajj.*

*Ibn 'Abbas 'RDI.narrates that Rasulullaah SAW.said,"An 'Umrah in Ramadan equals a Hajj." [Muslim]

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