

Travelling to Madinah to pray in Al-Masjid Al-Nabawee

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Question: Is it permissible for someone to travel to visit Al-Masjid Al-Nabawee (the Prophet's Noble Mosque) in Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah while living in Makkah?

Answer: It is permissible for Muslims to travel to Al-Madinah to perform Salaah (Prayer) at Al-Masjid Al-Nabawee. In fact, doing so is Mustahab (recommended) as the performance of one Salaah in it is better than a thousand Salaahs elsewhere with the exception of Al-Masjid Al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque). However, if the questioner is in Makkah, performing Salaah at Al-Masjid Al-Haram is better than travelling to perform it at Al-Masjid Al-Nabawee, because one Salaah at Al-Masjid Al-Haram is equal to a hundred thousand Salaahs elsewhere. Moreover, it is not permissible to travel to Al-Madinah solely to visit the grave of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) or any grave for he (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ said in an authentic Hadeeth, **Do not travel on a journey except to three mosques: Al-Masjid Al-Haram, this Masjid of mine, and Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa (the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem).**²

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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