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

A: It is permissible for Muslims to travel to Al-Madinah to perform Salah (Prayer) at Al-Masjid Al-Nabawy. In fact, doing so is Mustahab (recommended) as the performance of one Salah in it is better than a thousand Salahs elsewhere with the exception of Al-Masjid Al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque). However, if the questioner is in Makkah, performing Salah at Al-Masjid Al-Haram is better than traveling to perform it at Al-Masjid Al-Nabawy, because one Salah at Al-Masjid Al-Haram is equal to a hundred thousand Salahs elsewhere. Moreover, it is not permissible to travel to Al-Madinah solely to visit the grave of the Prophet (peace be upon him) or any grave for he (peace be upon him) said in an authentic Hadith, [«Do not travel on a journey except to three mosques: Al-Masjid Al-Haram, this Masjid of mine, and Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa \(the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem\)»](#) Related by Ahmad, Al-Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawud, Al-Nasa'y, and Ibn Majah.

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