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Fatwa No. (2506):

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

A: It is permissible for Muslims to travel to 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 (Prayers) elsewhere with the exception of Al-Masjid Al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque in Makkah). 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 Madinah solely to visit the grave of the Prophet (peace be upon him) or any other graves for he (peace be upon him) said in an authentic Hadith: (Do not undertake a journey except to three Masjids [mosques]: Al-Masjid Al-Haram, this Masjid [mosque] of mine, and Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa [Al-Aqsa mosque, i.e. Jerusalem].)(Related by Ahmad, Al-Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawud, Al-Nasa'y, and Ibn Majah).

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

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