

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Fasting and Salaat during Journey

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The World has shrunk due to advancement in communication, and we can travel at extremely fast speed from one part of the world to the other part in a few hours. It is now time to re-define distance travel by a person to be considered as in a state of journey for Fasting and Salaat issues. There are mainly two types of vehicles we will use as a reference to understand. One is a slow moving vehicle e.g. car/train etc. as well as ships which are on land or sea. The other one is a fast moving vehicle in Space/Air e.g. Aero-plane or space craft.

For slow moving vehicles, if it is normal that a person can travel to go to work and come back on the same day, then it will **NOT** be considered as a journey on Fasting or Salaat issue. For example, if a person is travelling one way by car/train or ship for around **2** hours, then it will **NOT** be considered as a journey. So in this case that person should do regular fasting in the month of Ramadaan and offer regular Salaat if there is no danger of life from enemy.

For fast moving vehicles, if a person is travelling by air on an aero-plane for more than an hour then it will be considered as in the state of journey. So, in this case that person should skip fasting in the month of Ramadaan and he/she must offer regular Salaat (NOT Qasr) according to the local time where the aero-plane is above the land, if there is no danger of life from an enemy. Keep in mind that even one hour of a journey on an aero-plane may become over **6** hours, since one has to reach airport at least **3** hours and around one hour may take from home/hotel to airport and also at destination from airport to home/hotel. Also in fast moving vehicles one might be traveling from east to west or west to east, where it crosses many time zones and Salaat time is changed drastically.

Ramadan is the month during which the Quraan was revealed, providing guidance for the people, clear teachings, and the statute book. Those of you who witness this month shall **FAST** therein. Those who are ill or **TRAVELING** may **substitute the same number of other days**. GOD wishes for you convenience, not hardship, that you may fulfill your obligations, and to glorify GOD for guiding you, and to express your appreciation. (Al_Quraan_002.185)

And when you **TRAVEL** (during **WAR**), there is no blame on you if you shorten the **Prayers (Salaat)**, IF you **FEAR** that the disbelievers may **ATTACK** you, surely the disbelievers are your open enemy. (Al_Quraan_004.101)

For exceptional cases, where vehicle moves much faster than current speed of aero-plane and keeping track of Salaat Time is difficult, then follow **Makkah Salaat Time** and skip Fasting.

Once you reach the destination (one way), your journey is over even if you are staying there for a day.

But when our Clear Signs are rehearsed unto them, those who rest not their hope on their meeting with Us, say: bring us reading other than this, or change this, say: **it is not for me (Prophet Muhammad), of my own accord, to change it: I follow not but what is revealed unto me (as is)**: if I were to disobey my Lord, I should myself fear the Penalty of a great day (to come). Say: If Allah had willed, I should not have rehearsed it to you, nor would he have made it known to you. A whole lifetime before this have I tarried amongst you: will you not then understand? (Al_Quraan_010.015 – 016)

None argue concerning the revelations (Ayaat) of Allah BUT those who Disbelieves ... (Al_Quraan_040.004)

Then what HADEETH (Quraanic Messages), after that, will they believe in? (Al_Quraan_077.050)

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