



# Traveller's Prayer

## صلاة المسافر

### Objectives >>>

#### Students should:

- Learn some of the etiquettes of travel in Islam
- Be introduced to the fact that when we travel under certain conditions, we must shorten our prayer

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In this lesson, we will learn about some of the things we as Muslims should do when we are travelling.

These recommendations are meant to make our lives easier and simpler when we travel, and to keep us and the people travelling with us comfortable.

### Class Discussion

What do you think are some of the things we should do when we are travelling?

Your teacher will split you into four groups, and each group should think of the following:

- 5 things to do before travelling
- 5 things to do while travelling, to help ourselves
- 5 things to do while travelling, to help others
- 5 things to do when coming back from a journey

Now that we have discussed this, let's look at some of the recommendations that our Prophet and Imams have given us.

## JURISPRUDENCE

## LEVEL 2

### THE ETIQUETTE OF TRAVEL

The following have been recommended to us by the Ahlul Bayt (as)<sup>1</sup>:

- Asking Allah (SWT) to protect us and look after us during our journey
- Taking good quality food and provisions with us for our journey
- Sharing our provisions, like our food and water, with whoever is with us
- Avoiding arguments with our fellow travellers
- Being humorous and joking as much as we can without saying or doing ḥarām
- Making sure we have good manners
- Keeping the secrets of people that you travelled with after you part ways with them
- Making sure we travel with good people who will benefit us
- Remembering Allah (SWT) at every stage of our journey

### SHORTENING THE PRAYER

Sometimes when we travel, we must shorten our prayer. This is a mercy from Allah (SWT). We call the shortened prayer 'qasr prayer'. We will learn some of these conditions of this prayer in future years.

#### WHICH PRAYERS ARE SHORTENED?

The following prayers are shortened when we travel:

- Ḍuhr prayer is shortened from 4 rak'āt to 2 rak'āt
- 'Aṣr prayer is shortened from 4 rak'āt to 2 rak'āt
- 'Ishā' prayer is shortened from 4 rak'āt to 2 rak'āt

The Fajr and Maghrib prayers remain the same.

<sup>1</sup> Biharul Anwar, Book of the Rules of Cleanliness and Perfume, Chapter 49