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the question

Is it permissible for people living outside Palestine to travel there to pray in al-Masjid al-Aqsa?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Visiting al-Masjid al-Aqsa and praying there is Sunnah when it is possible to do so, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “No journeys should be made specifically to visit any mosque except three: al-Masjid al-Haraam [in Makkah], this mosque of mine [in Madeenah] and al-Masjid al-Aqsa [in al-Quds/Jerusalem].” (Saheeh – agreed upon).

And Allah is the Source of help.