

Islam Question & Answer

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22328 - The one who takes a short trip to a city where he has a relative is considered to be a traveler

the question

If a person travels from one city to another, and on the way he passes through a city where some of his relatives live and he stays with them for two days, is he considered to be a traveler or a resident?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

He is considered to be a traveler so long as that is not his home, even if he has a relative there such as a brother, sister, etc. But he should not pray on his own, rather he should pray with the jamaa'ah and pray four rak'ahs with them, because it is obligatory to pray with the jamaa'ah. But if there are one or more others with him, then they may either pray the shortened prayers, or they may pray with the jamaa'ah in that city and pray the full prayers.

But if he intends to stay more than four days, then he has to pray the four-rak'ah prayers in full, whether he is traveling alone or they are a group.